

Garner Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
White Deer Park  
August 7, 2017  
9:00 AM

- 1) Call meeting to order: Jeff Hicks, Chairman at 9:03 am.
  - a. Attending: Jeff Hicks, Charles Scott, Don Searles, Terry Chatfield, Katie Spencer, Richard Ripley, Keith Darlington
  - b. Excused: Ronnie Williams, Rob Smith, Spencer Cardwell, Bob Carter, Willis McKoy
  - c. Absent: none
  - d. Public: none
- 2) Adoption of Minutes from June 5, 2017
  - a. Committee Reviewed Minutes, Minutes adopted unanimously
- 3) Report from Standing Committees
  - a. Observances
    - i. Salute to Troops May xx, 2018 (Tim Stevens lead). Avesboro Baptist Church 1800.
      - o Tours at GVM
    - ii. Memorial Day, May 28, 2018, GVM, 1330.
      - o Tours at GVM
    - iii. Independence Day, July 3, 2018
      - o Tours at GVM
    - iv. Veterans Day, Nov 11, 2017 1100 Aversboro Baptist Church
      - o Tours at GVM
      - o Go over plan/speakers/etc. Oct 2017 meeting
    - v. Wreaths and Gold Star Tree, Dec xx, 2017
      - o Keep the Garner observance local and not national.
  - b. Tours at Veterans Memorial
    - i. NTR
  - c. Maintenance of Memorial
    - i. 18 bricks sold to date.
    - ii. Close sales on Sep 4, 2017
- 4) Reports from Local Organizations:
  - a. VFW, Auxiliary (Terry): NTR
  - b. AL, SAL, Riders (Terry):
    - i. VA Benefits gathering at Cary (AL post hosting Federal, State, local VA) for vets to meet face to face with service officers and raters.
      1. 14-16 Sep 2017, (9-4 R,F; 9-3 Sa)
      2. 101 Wilkinson Ave, Cary
  - c. 40 & 8. Garner selected as City of the Year by State level. Presentation at Sep 5, 2017 Town Council meeting, 7:00 pm
- 5) Old Business:

- a. Tara (ToG web designer) met with Jeff in May. Jeff needs to contact Tara.
  - i. Site updated and running.
- b. Recall roster update. Rob Smith next meeting.

6) New Business:

- a. Next meeting to be held on Oct 2, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. White Deer Park nature center

7) Adjourned 0930.