

Garner Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
White Deer Park
Dec 4, 2017 9:00 am

- A) Call meeting to order: 0905
- a. Attending: Jeff Hicks, Charles Scott, Richard Ripley, Katie Spencer, Keith Darlington, Terry Chatfield, Rob Smith, Willis McKoy
 - b. Public: Helen Carter, Tim Stevens
 - c. Absent:
 - d. Excused: Don Searles, Spence Cardwell, Ronnie Williams, Bob Carter
 - e. Minutes from Oct 2, 2017 meeting - unanimously approved
- B) Report from Standing Committees
- a. Observances (Terry, Bob, Katie)
 - Salute to Troops, May 19 or 20, 2018, 1800 hrs, GMHS Stadium or Lake Benson Park
 - Marine Silent Drill team requested
 - Local singers
 - Tours at GVM from 4-8 pm
 - Memorial Day May 28, 2018, 1330 hrs
 - Tours at GVM from 11-3
 - Independence Day Jul 3, 2018
 - Tours 1630-2000
 - Can AL/VFW sell water at the memorial?
 - No. Must be in food truck area of park.
 - Veterans Day Nov 11, 2017, 1100 hrs
 - Tours 1000-1100 (Charles Phillips, AL), 1200-1400 (Jeff & Don)
 - MG Scott - Master of Ceremonies
 - 9 years running organizing and emceeing. Katie extended the Town's gratitude for his service
 - Col (ret) B. Hignite
 - Presentation of medals to family of Cpl Allen Stroud, KIA - Jeff
 - Garner Police/Fire honor guard
 - Invitation to VIPs (Katie) - town did not send out
 - Veterans Day Nov 11, 2018
 - ARBC reserved for noon - 5 pm by Charles Scott
 - Time at 1500 due to a Sunday date
 - Need to organize guest speaker, emcee, performances
 - Gold Star Families Dec 16, 2017 1000
 - Tim Stevens presented
 - 66 stars for Garner KIAs, 19+ stars for those killed in Garner
 - Gold stars for families if they wish. They can label them.
 - Optimist Club donating tree. ToG PW to pickup Weds before and erect
 - Tim has decorations and will pass to Jeff for the tree as he is unavailable 12-15 Dec

- Wreaths for the 5 services to be set at GVM. PW will raise the wreaths following the ceremony
 - ToG color guard. Bag piper.
- b. Tours at Veterans Memorial (Spence, Katie)
- Name Tags for 4 more docents delivered.
 - Katie will provide updated brick finder list at 16 Dec event at GVM
- c. Maintenance of Memorial (Charles, Rob)
- Sales and installation of Bricks
 - 1021 total bricks now installed
- C) Report from Local Veterans Organizations
- a. VFW, Aux - Helen
- b. AL, SAL, Riders, Aux - Terry.
- AL Christmas party 21 Dec at 1830, Garner Masonic Lodge on Main St. Maybe the Fire/Police of the year recognized. Terry coordinating. If so, VFW and AL will be present, Mayor invited.
- D) Old Business:
- a. Website posting for agendas and minutes (Katie)
- b. Website brick finder, etc. hopefully up within a week
- E) New Business:
- a. New Member:
- Willis McKoy introduced
 - 919-321-6231
 - willismckoy@yahoo.com
- b. Proposed change to meeting schedule
- Motion passed to amend bylaws as follows
 - Have VAC meetings on the 2nd Monday of the following months (March, June, Sep, Dec) at 0900 White Deer Park. Bylaws to be submitted to Katie/Rob for Town Council consideration
- c. Proposal made to create Gold Star family memorial in Garner.
- There are set national rules for such
 - Example memorial is at NC NG center at 1636 Gold Star Dr, Raleigh NC
 - Staffing to follow in 2018
- d. On Feb 19, 2018 the United States Air Force Heritage Brass Band will perform at GPAC for free, Monday, 7-9 pm.
- e. Adjourn 1003. Next meeting on Feb 5, 2018, 0900 (current bylaws) or March 12, 2018 0900 (proposed bylaws)