

Patriotic and Special Events Committee 2021, Minutes for Wed 7 Apr 2021.

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Who : Members of the P&SEC, SVPP, Veterans and the general public

When: Wed 7 Apr, 2021, 12 Noon

Where: Zoom meeting address:

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VucHNadz09Attendees: Mark McGrath__X__Xavier Shellman__X__

Joe Colavito__X__ Dave Kaplan__X__

Guests: Alan Gerard, Pat Parry, Colleen Harkey, Chris Munger, Steve Fischer

Agenda:

- ~~1. A Quorum was not met for the 3 Feb meeting, so a meeting was held Tuesday 9 Feb at 10 AM. The agenda and zoom address will be the same.~~
2. P&SEC events for 2021 - Discussion of several names for speakers for future events. – Several names mentioned by Pat Parry (Joey Jones, **Jason Redman- Booked elsewhere**, Gen. Don Bullduck, James Hatch) , **Allan Gerard (Ct Adjutant General or Asst General(s) – Awaiting answer**, Groton Admirals or Captains available), **and Colleen Harkey (Electric Boat retired Navy Personnel)**. Colleen, Pat and Allen will convene among themselves to get a speaker and present options for the 7 April meeting. **Pat Parry suggested: Tod Labreco, Ms Kiesser – Peterson.**
3. Memorial Day Speaker, Patricia Parry has a suggestion. – **See #2**
4. Pat Buzzeo along with Dan Eddinger National Commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart, will address the City of Stamford effort to be a Purple Heart City. Probable Date of celebrating Stamford as a Purple Heart City – Saturday 7 Aug, 2021. Advertisement to solicit Purple Heart (PH) recipients or family members, may be done via the Stamford Advocate, the City website, Veterans Park Partnership (VPP) website, social media. **M.McGrath needs to verify the NEW City website contains meeting agendas, minutes and the City Purple Heart initiative.**
 - a. Forms needed for;
 - i. Registering – Steve Fischer and Colleen Harkey put their efforts together to create one form with the disclaimer to allow use of the information in a public forum.
 - ii. And a waiver form for our ability to release the information publicly – Action Item Colleen Harkey. - see 'I' above.
5. Memorial Day - Joe Colavito has reserved the Army quintet for that function- **confirmed.**

- a) A possible parade from Latham Park / Forrest St. to Veterans Park on Sunday 30 May at 11:30, show time 11 AM followed by the ceremony at Veterans Park at 12 noon. All dependent on the Governor's rules
 - b) Gold Star Monument will be Unveiled
 - c) Flags and bunting throughout the City to be put up
 - d) Joe Colavito to sing the National Anthem
 - e) Archie Elam to MC the event
 - f) M. McGrath to get invites out to VIPS, Tom Sadi Comm. Of Vets Affairs.
 - g) Stamford Police Honor Guard, Fairfield Fyfe and Drum and the Police Chief notified of a possible parade
 - h) Gold Star Families to be the Grand Marshals (GM)
 - i) GM sashes. – M. McGrath
 - j) Flags – size and quantity to be verified
 - k) Steve Fischer will reach out to Video Streaming Company.
 - l) Alan Gerard will reach out to YouTube person.
6. P&SEC calendar update – Xavier Shellman verifying the update was sent. M.McGrath will verify Taylor Gray, City webmaster, has received and posted it. – Done. **Need to circle back and get historical records on the new website - M McGrath**
 7. Time Capsule – Patricia will reach out to Future 5 to get the database and results of their efforts. **Date - TBD**
 8. Official Opening – TBD. **The park is expected to be finished 30 June, 2021**
 9. The Veterans organization and the VPP have voted and support that Mary Nurney, name will be added to the war dead monument. A ceremony to follow with Stamford Hospital, American Red Cross to participate, as she was a member of both, during her service to the nation. – Questions of who has the authority for additions to the monolith in Vets Memorial Park for additional names to be verified. VPP developing their process. **Event Date - TBD**

10. Tony Pavia will be asked to participate to assist P&SEC. – To be asked 3/3 at the Veterans committee meeting. **Tony responded; he would like to assist from the afar.**
11. A parade was suggested by S Fischer. M. McGrath will call previous participants to see their availability and cost. **Calls went out, all schools will not participate. Some organizations are willing.**
12. M. McGrath will verify P&SEC budget. - **Pending**
13. M. McGrath will verify the Cashier and Permitting Veterans budget line. – **Pending**
14. Alan Gerard will attempt to get an inventory of gravestone marker flags for Memorial Day. The P&SEC will purchase the needed delta quantity. **Tony Panera to purchase graveside flags**

The meeting concluded at __1:04____. **Our next meeting is scheduled for**

28 Apr, 2021 at 12:00 PM.

- Send agenda and minutes to: Diane Pesiri, & Boards and Commissions