

Town of Hope Mills  
Veterans Affairs Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 25, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 1800 by Grilley Mitchell.
2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call:

Members

Grilley Mitchell  
Meghan Freeman  
Jean Clark  
Ron Maury  
Jessie Bellflowers  
Jim Blevins  
Jim Morris  
Bill Greene

Guests

Doris Graham

Not present: John Cook, Elizabeth Cooper, Clinton Murray, Al Ferri & Greg Dickerson.

4. Agenda was approved with the following changes:
  - a. Discussion of the Deceased Checklist was added to paragraph 7.i.
  - b. Paragraph 7.m., was added as a reminder for future meetings regarding the bench.
  - c. Paragraph 7.n., was added to discuss purchase of VAC Polo Shirts.
5. Meeting minutes from the June 27, 2019, meeting were approved with the following change:
  - a. Bill Greene's name was added to the attendee list.
6. Old Business:
  - a. Hero's Homecoming: **(Open)**
    - i. Gold Star Plaque installed by bench. Make new plaque with 2019 date.
      - A. Present the plaque at the Gold Star dinner on 7 November at FTCC.  
Possibly 60 families.
      - B. Install the plaque at the Post 10630 Veterans Day Ceremony.
    - ii. Chamber to host Chili cook-off at Dirtbag Ales on Saturday, 9 November.
      - A. Disposition of money raised?
      - B. Disposition of money raised last year?
      - C. Still need to talk to them.
    - iii. Possibility to get the Golden Knights? Black Daggers? Still TBD. At beginning of VFW Post 10630 ceremony.
    - iv. Millstone Theater movie. Movie and time TBD.
    - v. Bell ringing at 1100.
    - vi. Reading names immediately following. Need to work on the list. Ask Gold Star Families to honor them.
    - vii. VFW Post 10630 ceremony at 1500.

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viii. Talk to local businesses, schools and other places about setting up a “Missing Man Table”.

ix. Create displays for the library and possibly schools. Get ROTC’s involved.

x. Collect World War II articles.

xi. County meeting will be July 26, 2019, 1130, at FTCC, General Classroom Building on Bragg Road.

xii. Our inputs due to the County by July 26, 2019.

xiii. Our theme will be Normandy 75.

xiv. Release real doves? Need to identify number and price.

xv. Cab or C-17 Flyover from Charlotte?

xvi. Of Friday, host a Veterans Day 5k run/walk in Hope Mills park? Fundraiser to raise money for the Memorial restoration project?

b. Artillery piece painting – Bill Greene is researching personnel at Fort Bragg who will be able to come and refresh the paint. **(Open)**

c. Fundraising.

i. Paddle parade at the Hope Mills lake? In conjunction with Heroes on the Water Event? Invite Chris (last name?) to a future meeting to talk to us about this opportunity? **(Open)**

d. September Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. **(Open)**

i. Proclamation – Will e-mail to everyone for review and comments.

ii. Information table at the Food Truck Rodeo on Thursday, September 5, 2019.

e. Purple Heart Dinner – Town to purchase a table (8 places) for August 24, 2019 ceremony. **(Closed)**

f. Changes to VA Benefits (Mission Act 2019) – Tabled. **(Open)**

g. Update on Memorial repairs – Don reaching out to contractors for estimates. **(Open)**

7. New Business:

a. Names for the Memorial. **(Open)**

i. Greg Rouleau

ii. Terry Spell

iii. John Hodges

iv. Pete Warner

v. Frederick Paul Dallas

vi. Announce names on Veterans Day but save the name plates and install them on the memorial during the Memorial Day Ceremony.

A. Need to have the names validated by March for inclusion in the Memorial Day ceremony.

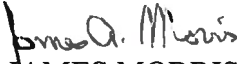
b. Information pamphlet and checklist. **(Open)**

c. Miss Cotton Pageant. Grand Marshall needed for the event. Need requirements. **(Open)**

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- d. Quarterly Report – Approved as written. **(Closed)**
  - e. Old Flags. Pass to the American Legion for destruction. Keep the poles. **(Open)**
  - f. Polo Shirts. Pass sizes to Meghan for quotes. **(Open)**
    - i. 5 – 2xl, 5 – xl, 5 – l.
    - ii. New logos with Veterans Affairs Committee.
  - g. Veterans Day parade. Jean to get a truck. **(Open)**
  - h. No meeting in August 2019. **(Closed)**
8. Around the table:
- a. Nothing added.
9. Next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2019, at 1800.
10. Meeting Adjourned at 1902.

  
GRILLEY MITCHELL  
Chairman

  
JAMES MORRIS  
Secretary