

**Veterans Events Committee
Police Department
450 E. 11 Mile, Royal Oak, MI 48067**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Minutes

Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Attendance: Ilene Harmon-McGough, Mike Sherman, David Wandoff, Sgt. Ryan Spangler, Arbor Laclave, Frank Roche, Cynthia Garrett,

Absent: Bob Jurva, Alex McMall

Guests: Judy Davids from City Hall & Luke Conner of the VFW

Public Comment: None

Motion by Cynthia Garrett, second by Mike Sherman to approve the Agenda.
Passed

Ex-Officio Report: Ruck 22 and Veterans Day Permits are all set. Seven Auxillary police volunteered for Ruck 22 March. Flag folding was discussed (see info under Veterans Day).

Judy stated that the City of Royal Oak is paying for the first 22 city employees that signed up.

Chairperson Report: VVA #154 will be there for Ruck 22 March. We have \$3,900 on our budget for Ruck 22, Veterans Day, and Memorial Day. WWII Legacy will supply cider and donuts and Frank Roche will contact Mission BBQ to work with them to possibly supply coffee.

Motion by Arbor Laclave, second by Mike Sherman to accept the Minutes as written. Passed

Old Business

1. Ruck 22

Dave to contact Alex. Judy to find out the cost for the corrugated signs for Ruck 22 March.

Motion made by Arbor Laclave, second by Cynthia Garrett to spend up to \$250 for corrugated signs. Passed

Ilene Harmon-McGough to either take a picture of my Ruck 22 March hat or ask David London to pull out the graphic and send to Arbor to make a sample.

Judy to get DDA to post flyer of Ruck 22 March on SIREN (Arbor & Dave to follow up).

2. Veterans Day

It was suggested to have a moment of silence for John Wendland. This is the first year he is not here for the event.

Discussions with a member of the police honor guard about how Veterans Day is about those that are serving their country. The folding of the flag, 21-gun salute, and taps are all related to the passing of someone that served.

Hand vote to follow this rule and change the program. One abstention and the rest were “yes” votes.

3. Granite benches – Judy found someone that will engrave the bench by Veterans Day for Nicholas J. Manoukian.

Motion by Arbor Laclave, second by Mike Sherman to spend up to \$500 for engraving for Nicholas J. Manoukian. Passed – all agreed on the language.

4. Subcommittee for PACT criteria.

Discussion about fundraising to have a bronze stone in its own area. The cost is much higher than expected so subcommittee will continue to think of ways to obtain funds.

Judy to get a quote for cost of wordage we agreed on to be put on a bronze stone.

New Business

Next meeting is October 24, 2023 at 7 pm

Motion to Adjourn made by Arbor Laclave, second by Cynthia Garrett. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 7:58 pm.