

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

April 14, 2016

5:30 PM

Veteran's Council Conference Room, 4th Floor

Present:	Gary Grant, Chairman Jerry Ziese Sherri Schuchmann Pat Kane	Constance Arens, Vice Chairwoman Mike Jager, Executive Director Teri Van Dorston, Assistant Director Scott Olson
Excused:	Kristin Delfs John Powers	Nikee Woods, Administrative Assistant
Guests:	Mike Chismar	Howard Purdy

The regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Commission was called to order by Chairman Grant at 5:30 PM.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

Vice Chairwoman Arens made a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting; seconded by Commissioner Schuchmann. The motion carried with no objections.

Financials:

Commissioner Ziese made a motion to approve the March and April bills; seconded by Vice Chairwoman Arens. The motion carried with no objections.

Museum Report-Assistant Director:

A.D. Van Dorston shares that Leonard Kelly, Cedar Rapids WWII Veteran who perished from wounds at Normandy, will be given a ceremony with honors while being given proper grave marking thanks to the assistance of the Linn County Veterans Charity Fund on May 4th at 1:00 p.m. This Veteran's Purple Heart has been placed on loan to the VMC collections and will be on display until mid-June.

"In Flight: The Horsky Collection of Model Airplanes" display will have its Grand Opening as a Freedom Festival event on July 1st, 2016 from 2:00-4:00 pm in the 4th Floor Chambers.

Communication and Update from the MVC:

Howard Purdy reports on behalf of the MVC that the damaged monument at the AVM Park will not be repaired by Memorial Day 2016. E.D. was under the impression from previous discussions at MVC meetings that Tom Watson was going to repair the monument while the Purple Heart Monument was placed. Chairman Grant requests for MVC's suggested plan for repairs by MVC's May Meeting. Chairman Grant gave the suggestion that seating specified for MVC Commissioners be offered to WWII and Korean War Veterans at the Memorial Day services. Mr. Purdy reports that the start time of the Memorial day Service will begin as traditionally held at 10:00 a.m. E.D. Jager recommends the Purple

Heart Memorial Dedication and unveiling to follow the MVC Annual Memorial Day services. The suggested monument program would be from 11-11:45 a.m. with the unveiling at 12:00 pm.

Public Comment:

Mike Chismar reports that the American Legion Baseball is in session with a game scheduled at the Jefferson Baseball field April 25th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. with free popcorn. The Marine Corp League has joined as their 5th team.

Vice Chairwoman Arens shares that the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight will have their next flights on April 18 and May 18, 2016 and welcomes all to join in their send-off and return.

Chairman Grant shares that Commissioner Powers is healing from surgery at the local St. Lukes Hospital.

Commissioner Ziese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 PM; seconded by Commissioner Schuchmann. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikee Woods, Admin. Assistant

CHAIRMAN _____
Date

VICE CHAIRWOMAN _____
Date