

VETERANS COMMISSION
740 MAIN STREET
EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
Goodwin University Vet Center/OASIS on the 2nd floor
Memorial Day Parade Committee Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2024

Present: Craig Jordan, Candy Guastamachio, Paul Barry, Richard Bates, Ekaterina Tchelidze, John Cook,
Pledge of Allegiance with moment of silence for the fallen

- 1) CALL TO ORDER at 5:03 PM
- 2) ROLL CALL as indicated above.
- 3) AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA none.
- 4) OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE - none
- 5) OLD BUSINESS
 - (a) Minutes of the March 20, 2024 meeting were approved by vote of 6/0
 - (b) Memorial Day parade. Team leader updates
 - (1) Candy Guastamachio – Parade Team Leader – provided an update of participants. She is ready to close registration. The bagpipe band will not be back this year.
 - (2) Craig Jordan – Presentation and speakers Team Leader –
 1. We should be ok with tents and P.A. system. Goodwin University is working through the details.
 2. Craig is returning on Sunday and anticipates being at the event.
 - (3) Ekaterine Tchelidze – Post event Team Leader – we have 50 vendors and 10 sponsors. We'll study what vendor spaces provide the best exposure for next year's event.
 - (4) Rich Bates – Sponsorship Team Leader – has sent out emails to all sponsors from last year and he will be contacting them. Has contacted many – going slow.
 - (5) Grand Marshal: Alice D'Attilio, a WWII Navy Veteran will be the parade Grand Marshal. Craig indicated that the WWII people have volunteered to provide transportation for the Grand Marshal to and from the parade. We will look

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into getting assistance in helping her to get ready and to assist her during the event.

1. We will present a plaque to the Grand Marshal at the Parade along with a Proclamation recognizing her service during WWII.

- 2.

(6) EHHS will provide two buglers to play taps.

6) NEW BUSINESS

- (a) ADJOURNMENT – motion to adjourn made by Paul Barry and seconded Craig Jordan.

Motion carried 6/0. Adjourned 6:08pm

Submitted by: John Cook, Chairman