

Veterans Events
Police Conference Room
221 E Third St, Royal Oak MI 48067

Monday, April 9, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Attendance: Dave London, Cynthia Garrett, Kevin Pierson, Judy Davids, Wanda Warsinki, Ilene Harmon, Rob Winter, Sgt. Rich Millard

Absent: Timothy Teer

2. Public Comment –

Mike Sherman is the Master of Ceremony

April 20th @ 3 pm Post 253 @Oakview Cemetery – East end big flags – Honor all that passed away - Discussed readings, 21 Gun Salute, Working with the Police Department for the noise

American Legion will have a plaque on the memorial – they are the host post

Once a month 2nd Saturday (May 11th is the next one) at 3 pm

Discussed Ceremony – Honor Guard 6 man – If need assistance, contact the American Legion

Motion to accept minutes made by Rob, second by Tim. Motion passed.

3. Motion made to Approve Minutes of March 5, 2019

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to Approve the Agenda by Cynthia, second by Wanda. Motion passed

5. Reports

a. ExOfficio – no written report

b. Committee Chairperson – Report attached

6. Unfinished Business

a. Transporting parade participants – Wanda stated that we have 2 smart buses for transportation going out of the Superior Fish parking lot www.mi.gov

7. New Business

- a. Whole band (ROHS) for Memorial Day Parade and Veterans Day
- b. Float 2021 – 100th anniversary and 50th anniversary
- c. Auxiliary – should have enough people

8. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Cynthia, second by Rob. Motion approved.

Memorial Day Parade Committee Chairman's Report

David C. London

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- **Speaker** - Debbie Piepsney is our speaker this year. She's the President of the Prisoner of War Committee of Michigan. Her uncle was POW/MIA for 40 years and she was finally able to return his remains from Vietnam. She grew up in Royal Oak and spoke last year at the Troy Memorial Day Parade.
 - michiganpowmia.org
- **Preacher** - Rev. Carrie Orlando of First Congregational church of Royal Oak, Senior Minister. She focuses on teaching about unity, inclusion, compassion, and resilience.
 - fccro.org/welcome-to-fcc/staff
- **Grand Marshall** - Rick Luterman, Second Lieutenant, US Air Force, 4.5 years active duty, Operation Desert Storm vet, Chief Meteorologist FOX 2 Weather Authority Team
 - fox2detroit.com/about-us/rich-luterman
- SSG Jakari Jordan is the new contact at the Madison Height Recruiting Office and has been contacted about possible Active Duty soldiers marching in the parade and possibly driving military vehicles.
- Designs for the Memorial Day poster and social cards will be routed to the group this week for approval. Edits will be made at the committee meeting tonight.
- My contacts at Chrysler and General Motors headquarters have declined to participate at the corporate level, but both recommended to reaching out to dealerships.