

STAFFORD WALL OF HONOR
PHASE 4
Regular Meeting

May 23, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Veterans Room
Stafford Town Hall
1 Main Street
Stafford Springs, CT 06076

Minutes

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Agenda:

1. Opening
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Establish Quorum
4. Approve Minutes of April 25, 2024
5. Public Comment
6. Update on Social Media
7. Update of Fund Raising and Account
8. Review of Wall of Honor Submissions
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Good of the Order
12. Adjournment

Minutes:

1. Richard Shaffer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Pledge of allegiance.
3. Quorum established:

Present: Richard Shaffer, Michael Beaudoin, Elizabeth Dunay, Debra Maryyanek, Christopher Paradiso, Deborah Shaffer, Jeremy Shaffer, John Soucy, Judith Titus, Robert Titus, Sr., Johnathan Whetton

Excused with notice: Kevin Dalrymple

Absent without notice: N/A

Visitors: Robert Cloutier
Zachary Freeto

4. Approve minutes from previous meeting: Minutes of the April 25, 2024 meeting were read. Christopher Paradiso made a motion to approve the minutes. Johnathan Whetton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Update on social media: In January 2025, the committee will publish names of all the Veterans being added to the Wall of Honor Phase 4. The group discussed using local newspapers as well as the town website.
7. Update on fund raising and account information: Elizabeth Dunay provided an update on the current status of funds. As of April 30, 2024, the account balance is \$35,504.25.
8. Review of Wall of Honor submissions: Robert Titus submitted the following names for committee review and approval:

Joshua W. Bost
Floyd R. Briggs
Walter I. Chase, Jr.
Jason D. Denardis
Gary F. Knightly
Gary A. Wilson
Paul Wargo, Jr.
Stanley Zbierski

Christopher Paradiso made a motion to approve the above-listed names for inclusion on the Wall of Honor Phase 4. Debra Maryyanek seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

9. Old business :
 - a. Robert Titus stated that he will be finishing the final details for the car show on August 17, 2024
 - b. Derek Beebe was not available to discuss installation of the sidewalk at the Wall of Honor site.
 - c. Richard Shaffer indicated that the VFW will make a donation to the Gardn Club when they finish planting the flowers at the Wall of Honor site.
 - d. Christopher Paradiso will be picking up a statue created for the Wall of Honor site by a local citizen.
10. New business:
 - a. Richard Shaffer indicated that the Wall of Honor Phase 4 committee officially ends in December 2024. Jonathan Whetton made a motion that after the close of the Wall of Honor phase 4, the money be managed by the Stafford Veteran's Advisory Committee. Robert Titus seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion will be submitted to the selectman's meeting for discussion and approval.

b. Johnathan Whetton indicated that committee members should make a site visit at night to Veterans Memorial Park in order to determine whether the lighting is adequate or if it needs to be changed.

11. Good of the order: Richard Shaffer has researched the medals and decorations for Christopher Paradiso's grandfather, Joseph Paradiso. A shadow box with a certificate and medals was presented by Richard Shaffer to Christopher Paradiso.
12. Adjournment: With no further business being discussed, Michael Beaudoin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Titus seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The next regular Wall of Honor meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the Veterans Conference Room, Stafford Town Hall, 1 Main Street, Stafford Springs, CT.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Dunay

Secretary

Stafford Wall of Honor, Phase 4