

# **WreathsForTheFallen.org**

## **Officers Meeting Minutes**

**August 25, 2016**

### **Call to Order**

John Thomas called the August officers meeting for the wreathsforthefallen.org to order at 1:05 at the Fort Steakhouse in Fort Ripley MN. All our officers were present - John Thomas - President, Norv Pervier - Vice President, Ron Robbins - Treasurer, Carrie Johnson - Secretary and Shirley Nelson- Chaplin.

### **II. Treasurers Report**

Ron Robbins submitted his treasures reports.  
Balance in the general checking account was \$33,785.67 on July 31, 2016.

### **III. Topics Discussed**

Norv Pervier presented us with a spreadsheet that he has been working on for this year's wreath laying ceremony. He has contacted several presenters and had a detailed list for us to see. He also informed us that this year (2016) will be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of WWII. It is being planned to have as many WWII veterans as possible be presenters at the ceremony.

We also talked about the singers, who will play the taps, how long the ceremony will be and wreath staging issues amongst other issues involved with the ceremony.

John Thomas gave us an update on the upcoming events and additional plans for the ceremony. The ceremony this year will be on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> 2016. WFTF.org will again be in charge of the event.

We discussed several issues dealing with the ceremony. John had a meeting with Col Scott St Sauver the Garrison Commander at Camp Ripley and also with Erik Sogge the Cemetery Administrator and they discussed many issues involved with the ceremony - including:

Parking logistics and parking plan, car pooling  
Bathroom facilities and supplies  
Electrical power for the refreshment area  
Available cemetery staff for the day  
Banquet tables - availability and quantity  
PA system - large enough - cold weather issues  
Extension cords

Bob Schul and John Thomas are working on the mailing lists, making updates and changes. John is also working on the sponsorship request letters, the Thank you list and other communication issues.

Newsletter issues were addressed - we are hoping to get a newsletter out sometime soon as we have had many positive comments about the newsletter in the past.

John Thomas and Bob Larson will again be working on procuring the wreaths for this year's ceremony. They are working on securing pricing and quantities needed for this year.

Total burials at the cemetery were 6164 at August 10<sup>th</sup> - at December 1, 2015 there were 5823. So the wreath count continues to grow.

Upcoming events: We have been invited and will attend the St Cloud VA Rendezvous that will be held on Saturday September 17th at the VA in St Cloud. All are welcome to attend and helpers are needed to be in our booth. Please call John at 218-829-6622 if you could help out.

County Fairs - we did not attend any fairs as a group this year. Several members did attend some of the local fairs and handed out brochures but we could not commit to attending due to lack of volunteers able to work.

- IV. **Next Meeting** - the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting. It will be on Saturday October 8th at the VFW in Little Falls MN. It will start at 1:00. They will have the grills on so food will be available. We will also have election for officers that day. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Norv Pervier and seconded by Bob Larson and Shirley Nelson.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson

Minutes approved by: John Thomas, President