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VETERANS PARADE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Branford Community Center

Date/Time: May 7, 2024 – 4:30 P.M.

- **Call to Order** - In attendance were Alex Palluzzi, Jr., John Fitzgerald (Chairman), Dennis Flanigan, Harvey Goldstein, Elliott Hastings, Donald Langlois, Ed Masotta, William O'Brien, Philip Zielinski, Ray Ingraham
- **Invocation/Benediction** – It was confirmed that Pastor Steve Chamberlain will give the Invocation and Rayzl Feuer has agreed to recite the Kaddish (the Hebrew prayer for those who have died) and the Benediction.
- **Parade permit status** – John Fitzgerald reported that the State of Connecticut has not yet approved the permit for the parade, and that there seems to be a problem with the signage for the day of the parade. The town engineer is assisting the committee by contacting the State DOT to discuss.
- **Parade Marshal**- Ray Ingraham has accepted the committee's offer to serve as Parade Marshal.
- **Gettysburg Address** – Michael Kinney, in keeping with his family's tradition, is expected to present The Gettysburg Address. However, as a precaution, a printed version will be on the dais in case Mr. Kinney is unable to attend.
- **Update on marching units/booklet review** – While all groups have been notified, some groups have not notified the committee of their participation. It appears that the Blue Star Mothers will not be marching, but the East Shoreline Catholic Academy will march, but without instruments. It was discussed that cars will be needed for those unable to walk, and that the representative for the vintage car group will be contacted to see if they can provide transportation for those in need. Re the booklet review: spelling errors were noted and corrected, and all marching groups were discussed. Those not yet confirmed will be contacted again.
- **Essay contest** – Bill O'Brien has confirmed that the essay contest will take place.

- **Status of BHS gym as backup in the event of foul weather** – Dennis Flanigan confirmed that the high school gym has been acquired as the backup in case of bad weather.
- **Old/New Business** – There was no new business, and everything discussed came under the heading of old business.
- **Next meeting** will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 @ 4:30 P.M.
- **Adjournment** – 5:25 P.M.



Submitted by: 
John Fitzgerald, Chairman