

The Flag and Memorial Committee met in regular session on May 20, 2025, at the American Space Museum, 308 Pine Street, Titusville, FL 32796

Chairman Marquette called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Members present: Member Kohler, Member Rathborne, Member Therriault, Member Patton, Member Fuller, Vice-Chair Pedersen and Member Swink. Also present was Gail Gilchrist, Liaison, City of Titusville.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Chairman Marquette.

II. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: A quorum was met.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes for the April 15, 2025 meeting: A motion to approve the April 15, 2025 minutes was made by Member Therriault, seconded by Member Rathborne, it passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Flag Day:** Member Swink stated the Elks are hosting this event on 6/14/25, however the Titusville Community Awards Ceremony will not be a part of it this year. He stated the program will be shorter due to the City not having a part in the ceremony.
- B. Memorial Day:** Day Street Cemetery ceremony begins at 9:00 a.m. Member Therriault stated the Cadets cleaned up the cemetery this past weekend. The American Legion will have their ceremony at Veteran's Park beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- C. Bue Mass/Patriot's Ceremony:** Will be held Saturday, September 13, 2025. A venue for this ceremony has not been decided yet, however Member Therriault is working on it.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Veteran's Day Ceremony: Will be held on November 11, 2025. Day Street Cemetery ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. The American Legion will have their ceremony at Veteran's Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a luncheon at Post 1 to follow.

VI. FUND RAISER ACTIVITES

This was tabled due to the committee having sufficient funds.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Member Patton: stated they do not list previous winners of the City of Titusville Awards Ceremony. He was at the Day Street ceremony last year and someone backed into his car. He attends the DAV meetings during daylight savings so he can get home before dark. He will be attending the DAV convention in Sanford this year. He has been a member of DAV for 50 years.

Member Swink: Stated he has become a member of the VFW and he tries to go there once a week. He said the VFW is a really good organization. He has been at the Elks for 18 years.

Member Kohler: Stated he had nothing to report.

Member Therriault:

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Stated getting ready for summer encampment for one week at Camp Blanding with approximately 300 expected. Last week they attended a convention in Orlando. He stated they had a TV that President Trump appeared on and was speaking to everyone. Then found out that the Cadets had used AI to do this.

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Their Baby Bottle Campaign is in full swing. All monies collected will go to BETA Center. They will be doing a "Fill The Crib" campaign with all monies collected also going to the BETA Center. This upcoming weekend they will attend the State Convention in Jacksonville. The end of June, Knights on Bikes will be going to St. Augustine.

Member Rathborne: Stated construction is going slowly with different issues arising and construction was supposed to be completed this month. The Warbird Museum will be having a fundraiser event, Ford VS Mustang, on 6/14/25. They will have an open house for Veteran's Day. This past Saturday they had an Airshow meeting.

Member Pedersen: Tomorrow they are having a mini grant luncheon to distribute Fashion Show profit funds to the recipients. \$5,500 will go to the Grove Church Walkabout Ministry for Women's Recovery Program. Another \$5,500 will go to St. Andrew's Methodist Outreach Program. Discussion ensued concerning the mini grant program. Their new year starts in July.

Chairman Marquette: Constitution Day is on a good track. There will be a bell ringing at City Hall on 9/17/25 at 4:00 p.m. There will be a dinner on 9/20/25 with concerts being held between the 17th and the 20th. Discussion ensued. Chairman Marquette stated he would like to see Space View Park utilized more, i.e., Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings. Discussion ensued. He also stated they have been hosting birthday parties now at the Museum.

Member Fuller: Stated she has been a member of the VFW for 45 years and was Conductress for 14 years. She is no longer Conductress. She is good friends with Mayor Connors and has invited him to speak at the VFW several times.

ADJOURNMENT

A. Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.