

CITY OF NEWARK
MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE
May 22, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., Maj. Thomas Kelly Commanding. There were 11 members present. After a moment of silence, members were introduced and business was conducted. Mr. Esh introduced Mr. John Morrow the new post commander.

1. Treasurers Report: Mrs. Wilcox reported that she made the final payment to Brandywine Electronics. There were bills presented from Mrs. Burns, including printing of the photos and poster board. Mrs. Wilcox also stated that she paid the photographer. (The photos are beautiful.) Mrs. Burns advised that she had contracted with Greenworks, a division of Teamworks to have temporary flowers planted on the front side of the monument and have the entire area mulched. The bill for this was \$165.00. Motion by Maj. Kelly, Second Mr. Frant, to pay the bill.

2. Mr. Jerry Clifton, Delaware National Guard, addressed the committee. Mr. Clifton stated that he had a conversation with MG Vavala concerning the Guard's commitment to the memorial event. It is the State of Delaware Memorial Ceremony and the Guard is the State Militia. The Guard has members from all areas of the state that are assigned to more than 25 units. This is a large number of people to schedule for training needs let alone trying to meet the requests for state events. Mr. Clifton indicated that there was some consideration of adjusting the drill weekend in May to coordinate with that of the Memorial Ceremony. This would allow the Guard to more fully participate. Mrs. Burns interjected that because of the continuing conflicts, all reserve forces and active duty forces are being taxed and it has already proven to be more and more difficult to bring outside units to the event. Maj. Kelly advised that because he was unaware of these discussions he had spoken with the Air National Guard about being involved in 2008. Maj. Kelly understood that, based on this discussion, that request would have to be made directly to MG Vavala. Mrs. Burns suggested that a meeting be set in June with National Guard Staff, Maj. Kelly, and Mr. Clifton, to discuss the issue further.

3. Maj. Kelly thanked the VFW for stepping in and providing the salute. They did a fine job and it sounded great.

4. Maj. Kelly also thanked the Marine Corps for stepping up when the Navy was unable to meet their commitments.
5. Committee members had an opportunity to review the parade photos and take what they wanted.
6. Mrs. Burns thanked the VFW for the new flagpole and the lights. The monument looks great at night. Mr. Greenplate did a wonderful job. Mrs. Burns hoped that it would be possible to finish the project by replacing the bricks surrounding the monument and possibly connecting the monument to the walkway.
9. Next meeting is Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Linda A. Burns
Secretary

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