

SOLDIERS MEMORIAL COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2020 at 3pm.

Meeting Location:

Soldiers Memorial Military Museum, Gold Star Mothers Meeting Room, 1315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, 63103

- Roll Call of Soldiers Memorial Commissioners (Lynnea Magnuson, Chair, Soldiers Memorial Commission and Superintendent, Soldiers Memorial, City of St. Louis)
 - In attendance: Commissioners Jeffrey Boyd, Judith Hanses, Bruce Yampolsky, Lynnea Magnuson
 - Absent: Commissioners Corinne Bardgett, Freddie Dunlap, Maurice Falls, Tom Gilmore

- Pledge of Allegiance (All). Led by Commissioner Bruce Yampolsky

- Approval of Thursday, November 21, 2019 meeting minutes (Commissioners). No quorum. Approval tabled.

- Update on Soldiers Memorial collection and new acquisitions (Mark Sundlov, MHS Director, Soldiers Memorial)
 - Mark Sundlov reports that in 2019 there were 12 donations, each with multiple artifacts, for a total of 133 new artifacts accessioned into the Soldiers Memorial (SM) collection.
 - Mark Sundlov reports that MHS Collections staff at SM have inventoried 12,655 artifacts (since starting in 2014 through 2019). Staff continues to house and store SM artifacts according to operating agreement with the City of St. Louis. Additional space may be needed to house the SM collection in the future.
 - Commissioner Jeffrey Boyd asks about how artifacts in the collection go on display, Mark Sundlov says decisions are made based on the preservation requirements of the artifacts as well as upcoming exhibit schedule.

- Update on Soldiers Memorial Giving Circle (Mark Sundlov)
 - Commissioner Jeffrey Boyd asks how a member of the public becomes a Giving Circle member. Mark Sundlov says that there are handouts with the information available. Must be a member of the Missouri Historical Society (MHS) before you can join the SM giving circle. Veteran/military--Giving Circle membership is \$95, which includes membership to the MHS (\$70) and an additional (\$25) to specifically join SM Giving Circle. Giving circle members get benefits, including opportunities to attend member-only events.
 - Mark Sundlov states that marketing for Giving Circle is largely through public events.
 - Commissioners Jeffrey Boyd and Judith Hanses suggest additional marketing would be helpful.
 - Commissioner Boyd comments that there is no membership options for an individual to support Soldiers Memorial without first joining the MHS.
 - Commissioner Bruce Yampolsky states that individuals can also support Soldiers Memorial through the commemorative brick program.

- Update on recent events at Soldiers Memorial and 2019 Review (Mark Sundlov)
 - Significant events at SM during 2019 include:
 - 100th anniversary of American Legion May 10, 2019.
 - Memorial Day announcement about engravings to be added to Court of Honor for those in service since Vietnam.
 - Staff community service project at Greenwood Cemetery.
 - Recognition by Paralyzed Veterans of America for renovation work.
 - State of MO American Legion Riders stop in St. Louis for first time.
 - Stand Down event. Focus moving towards legal assistance and growing partnerships with St. Louis University Law School and City of St. Louis Courts.
 - Veterans Day Observance with keynote speaker Rocky Sickmann.

 - In addition to Soldiers Memorial programming events, in 2019 there were in total 37 private events at SM, 15 of which were military events like promotion ceremonies, retirement ceremonies, etc. Veteran organizations can

schedule meetings for free in the Gold Star Mothers meeting room, but must pay to use other areas of Soldiers Memorial. Military can use Memorial space for free.

--Frances Levine talks about types of educational materials available at MHS through educational web portals, and that there is one for soldiers memorial specifically.

- Call for questions, new business, and/or announcements (Lynnea Magnuson)

--Questions about parking

--Next meeting is Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 3pm. at SM in Gold Star Mothers Meeting Room.

- Call for adjournment (Lynnea Magnuson). So moved by Commissioner Judith Hanses and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Yampolsky. Meeting adjourned.