

**City of Saint Louis**  
**SOLDIERS MEMORIAL COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, May 20, 2021**

**ONLINE-ONLY MEETING VIA ZOOM**

Meeting called to order at 3:02pm. by Lynnea Magnuson (Soldiers Memorial Commission Chair and Superintendent, City of Saint Louis, Soldiers Memorial Military Museum) to proceed according to the Agenda.

- Roll Call of Soldiers Memorial Commissioners in alphabetical order  
Commissioners in attendance:
  - Corinne Bardgett
  - Judith Hanses
  - Lynnea Magnuson
  - Bruce YampolskyAbsent Commissioners:
  - Jeffrey Boyd
  - Freddie Dunlap
  - Maurice Falls
  - Jason Fletcher
  - Tom Gilmore
  
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bruce Yampolsky
  
- Approval of January 21, 2021 and March 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes by Commissioners in attendance and Commissioner Freddie Dunlap who emailed his vote to approve. None oppose or abstain.
  
- Harry Rich, Board of Trustees, Missouri Historical Society introduces the MHS's newly established Soldiers Memorial Sub-Committee. Soldiers Memorial Commissioners are welcome to attend and the next meeting will be online only at 4pm. on Thursday, June 24, 2021. Mark Sundlov, MHS Director at Soldiers Memorial, will send the zoom link to attend the meeting to the Commissioners.
  
- Mark S. asks Kate Scott, SM Collections Manager, to talk about the SM Collection
  - Kate S.:
    - Soldiers Memorial Acquisitions Committee met Monday, 5/17/21 and approved two new acquisitions to the Soldiers Memorial Collection.
    - Intern, Ruth Lee, starting on Monday, 5/24/21 for about 10 weeks. Ruth Lee is a graduate student in public history and historic preservation at

Southeast Missouri State and will be researching individuals who will be part of the Vietnam exhibit.

- Currently doing final interviews to fill the SM Collections Assistant Position which has been vacant since July 2020.
  
- Mark S. goes over what is happening at Soldiers Memorial:
  - Righting A Wrong: Japanese Americans And WWII, a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian, is opening 7/24/21. We're adding (4) local St. Louis stories to the traveling exhibit.
  - Content development continues for Vietnam Exhibit.
  - For Memorial Day Program we're working with American Legion Post 422 and 11-12 District. Wreaths on memorials, yellow carnations available for visitors to place at memorials, volunteer docents giving 4 outdoor tours throughout the day, SM open on Monday, Memorial Day, 5/31/21, may also do reading of names on one of the memorials.
  - 6/9/21 invasion of normandy program.
  - 6/13/21 at 11am. flag retirement ceremony.
  - 6/14/21 Flag Day Mark S. doing an online flag etiquette and flag folding presentation.
  - PTSD panel discussion program in June.
  - With announcements from CDC and City of St Louis we require all unvaccinated visitors to wear facemasks. Staff continue to wear masks and adhere to all Covid safety measures.
  - Galleries re-open for visitors on July 1, 2021.
  - All Soldiers Memorial programs are on the Missouri Historical Society website coded in gold.
  
- Lynnea M. calls for questions, new business, and announcements  
Commissioner Judith Hanses asks about planning for the 2021 Veterans Day Observance. Mark S. says that he wants to get a Veterans Day committee together. Discussion about what activities will happen at the Observance--the role of the Parade in particular--and how we can better bring together veterans to interact with each other. Commissioner Hanses emphasizes that we need to start planning the Observance now.
  
- Lynnea M. call for adjournment  
Commissioners vote to adjourn with none opposing or abstaining.

Meeting adjourns at 3:44pm.