

**City of Saint Louis
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 15, 2021**

NOTE: The video recording of the July 15, 2021 meeting is available on youtube at <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=zHxsiWVO9zg>

ONLINE-ONLY MEETING VIA ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm. by Lynnea Magnuson (SM Commission Chair and Superintendent, City of Saint Louis, SMMM) 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 Yampolsky

Absent Commissioners:
Jeffrey Boyd, Freddie Dunlap, Maurice Falls, Jason Fletcher, Tom Gilmore
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bruce Yampolsky.
- Approval of May 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes. All approve. No opposition. No abstentions.
- Kate Scott, SM Collections Manager, introduces Ella Sykes, new SM Collections Assistant.
- Kate Scott reports on the SM Collection.

MHS work began on the Collection in late 2014 and is ongoing. MHS goals are to inventory the SM Collection and to create and maintain a comprehensive database for all collection objects, re-house/house collection objects in storage according to professional museum standards to preserve and protect, conduct research on objects for exhibits and to make available online for the public, and to catalog and process new donation objects.

Inventory is currently about 60% complete with about 14,000 objects and counting in the database. Kate S. shows photos and describes inventorying, housing, etc. Collection objects.

The City of St. Louis owns the SM Collection. When possible, policies and procedures for the SM Collection follow and are incorporated into MHS Collections policies and procedures. This includes policies and procedures for loaning objects, pest management, deaccessioning objects, and the disaster plan. The SM Collection has its own separate acquisitions policy and procedures.

Mike Venso, MHS Curator for the SM Collection, and Kate S. talk about the SM Collection Acquisition Policy and walk attendees through the procedures for adding new objects to the SM Collection. Deaccessioning procedures follow MHS procedures. The MHS makes recommendations to the City of St Louis for accessions and deaccessions, as the Collection is owned by the City, it is the Board of Public Service that decides and approves all accessions and deaccessions.

- Discussion about the objects recommended for addition to the SM Collection at the SM Acquisitions Committee Meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021.
- Mark Sundlov, MHS Director at Soldiers Memorial, talks about the one hour documentary collaboration with PBS Channel 9 about the history of all seven of the USS St. Louis ships. The documentary airs to the public on September 27, 2021 on Channel 9. Preview of the documentary was held at Soldiers Memorial for SM Commissioners and Nine PBS Board of Directors, the USS St. Louis Commissioning Committee, and MHS Board on Monday 7/12/21. Discussion about the event and the documentary.
- Discussion about SM programs and exhibits. Bruce Yampolsky asks if the SM Commission could meet and visit the MHS library and research center on Skinker. Discussion about how that might happen.
- St. Louis Regional Veterans Day Observance Committee has met. MHS staff at Soldiers Memorial will be handling parade registrations and participation. Staff is working closely with Travis Howser, Special Events Executive at the City of St. Louis. Discussion continues about various aspects of the St. Louis Regional Veterans Day Observance (Saturday, November 6, 2021).
- Lynnea M calls for questions, new business, and announcements. Bruce Y. asks about the memorial brick program. Judith H. extends appreciation to Mark S. for his help with the Flag Day Ceremony (June 13, 2021). Discussion about the Flag Day Ceremony. Mark talks about his flag etiquette video that was released on June 14, 2021. Its available to view on the MHS YouTube Channel.
- Seeing no more questions, new business, or announcements, Lynnea M. calls to adjourn the meeting. The meeting is adjourned at 3:50pm.