

**City of Saint Louis  
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 17, 2020**

**ONLINE-ONLY MEETING VIA ZOOM**

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

— Roll Call of Soldiers Memorial Commissioners (Lynnea Magnuson)

In attendance: Commissioners Corinne Bardgett, Jeffrey Boyd,  
Freddie Dunlap, Judith Hanses, Lynnea Magnuson,  
Bruce Yampolsky

Absent: Commissioners Maurice Falls, Jason Fletcher, Tom Gilmore

— Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Freddie Dunlap

— Commissioners approve meeting minutes for 11/21/19, 1/16/2020, and 7/16/2020.

— Commissioners congratulate and discuss with Rich Bradley (Richard T. Bradley, P.E., President, Board of Public Service, City of St. Louis) his appointment as an Honorary Commander for the 73 Airlift Squadron, 932 Airlift Wing, Scott Air Force Base

— Mark Sundlov (MHS Director at SMMM) updates Commissioners on SMMM collection, programs, and operations:

SMMM is open Wednesday through Friday 10am.-5pm. Covid measures remain in place and they have been well received by visitors and there haven't really had any complaints. Covid measures will remain in place at least until the end of 2020. Visitor attendance is down drastically from where it was last year, but that's to be expected.

Commissioning of USS St. Louis was 8/8/2020. Soldiers Memorial and the MHS have done a number of things with the commissioning committee. Barbara Taylor is the sponsor of the ship. Many of the commissioning events were altered due to Covid and happened virtually according to virtual protocols. The small display with USS St. Louis ship models on the second floor of SM in room 207 has been well received. There will also be a USS St. Louis banner show and Channel Nine is producing a 1 hour documentary on the USS St. Louis ships with emphasis on the newest ship. One goal is to build civic pride through the USS St. Louis.

Staff put new 9-11 objects before sept. 11, 2020 in the "recent acquisitions case" in the west gallery,

Staff Marvin Alonso Greer left about three weeks ago.

Veterans Day— MHS staff at SM worked with Lynnea and Travis Howard (City office of special events) to come up with a virtual alternative to the on-site, in-person parade. We reached out to over 160 organizations that have been involved with the parade in the past recent years for them to submit a short video message for veterans that will be strung together into a "virtual parade."

The French alliance will do their event virtually this year at 11am. on November 11th.

Judith Hanes speaks about the virtual event that the MAC is doing this year and will get information to Lynnea to distribute when it's available.

Judith H. thanks Mark Sundlov and the MHS for their exhibits in the MAC lobby area. Lynnea agrees about the panel exhibit at 1520 market.

Alderman Jeffrey Boyd has questions about what to expect with a virtual Veterans Day this year and talks about the importance of getting veterans who are City employees recognized, connected, and involved in future years to march together in the Parade and other things.

Lynnea agrees about the importance of promoting veterans events and possibly creating a list of all the veterans who work for the City of St Louis. Bruce Yampolsky and Jeffrey Boyd discuss why doing more is a good idea and how we can possibly build on momentum that we have.

- There is no new business brought up.
- Commissioners vote to adjourn the meeting. The meeting is adjourned at 3:48pm.