

Veterans Memorial Trust Approved Minutes August 21, 2012

NEWMARKET VETERANS MEMORIAL TRUST COMMITTEE Approved Minutes – Aug. 21, 2012

Roll Call: Chair; Janice Rosa, Vice Chair; Phil Nazzaro, Secretary/Treasurer; Rochelle Sharples, Members; John Carmichael, Patrick Marsh and Wayne Rosa. Excused: Dave Wade.

Chair Rosa brought the meeting to order at 7pm welcoming guest Bill Ernest, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 67 Adjutant/Past Squadron 67 Commander.

Mr. Ernest updated the committee on what Squadron 67 has been doing over the years as far as flagging Veterans graves for Memorial Day and cleaning up out-lining cemeteries located on private properties in Newmarket. There are a total of 47 Veterans that are buried in a total of 45 such cemeteries in town.

Mr. Ernest approached the Committee with thoughts from the Squadron of working together to give many of these cemeteries the much needed T.L.C. they deserve. Many of the graves/cemeteries are over grown and some graves are not even visible. The Squadron has cleaned a few already and hopes to do several more each year.

Mr. Ernest also was looking for some pointers perhaps or ideas on how to “map out” these locations for generations of SAL members to come so everyone knows where these cemeteries are. Many are listed by family name from years ago.

Mr. Ernest and the Committee had a great discussion and many ideas were tossed out there. The thought of a portable GPS unit with longitude and latitude for easier mapping was discussed. The committee will check with some local hikers that may have one that the SAL could possible use for this great project. Website “Google Earth” was also suggested.

Wayne has the contact information of the Willey/Carter home owners, where there is a cemetery behind that location in dire need of some TLC. This one in particular is an upcoming project this year for the SAL. Wayne will get that information to Mr. Ernest.

Committee thanked Mr. Ernest for all the work the SAL has done to date and look forward to working together in the future. Chair Rosa thanked Mr. Ernest for taking the time to attend our meeting.

Old Business: Vice Chair Nazzaro made a motion to accept the minutes as read for July 17, 2012. Motion seconded and passed with one abstention. (Patrick Marsh – excused)

John spoke on the upcoming dedication for the GAR Memorial to take place on Sat. Sept. 22nd at 9:30am. Needed items: PA system and flowers. Rochelle will contact the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion if any of the GAR names are family members and if they wish to attend. Rochelle will map out directions to the website where complete list of these names can be found. (Town website, Historical Society link, military link then Civil War.

First event with NEPA (Northeast Paranormal Associates) will take place Friday, Oct. 19 with time to be announced at the Newmarket Town Hall. Tickets will be on sale at \$10 per person.

Second event with NEPA is slated to be held Monday, Oct. 29th, with time also to be announced, same price on tickets

and will be held at the Stone Church. Menu options will be available for purchase and a cash bar will be available.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 18th 7pm in downstairs auditorium.

Patrick made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm. Motion seconded and passed.

Respectively Submitted:

Rochelle Sharples, Secretary