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Purple Heart Village Dedication

Special Council Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Mayor Smith opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
2. ATTENDANCE

Linda Allen – Present	Maryan Harrison – Present
Linda Burke – Present	Bill Madison – Present
Bryan Corcoran – Absent	Rolin Spicer – Present
3. Pastor Kevin Peyton gave an opening prayer.
4. Posting of Color was made by the Purple Heart Color Guard.
5. Mayor James Smith proclaimed the Village as a Purple Heart City and read aloud the proclamation.
6. Purple heart coins were presented to Council and all the Purple Heart recipients.
7. National Anthem was sung by Katie Hill.
8. Brenda Combs, South Lebanon Historical Society, read the names of the Purple Heart recipients; there are 192 veteran flags placed throughout the Village, 26 are South Lebanon's Purple Heart recipients.

South Lebanon's Purple Heart recipients are as follows:

Willie Allen	David Meininger
Carless Allen	Bruce Moore
Ray L. Atkins	George Park
Jimmie Brown	Larry E. Shepherd – killed in action
James O. Butler	Gilbert Smith Jr. - POW
Alex Clark	John Robert Welling
Willie E. Cockerham	Wendell York
Bobby Estle – killed in action	Farley Baker
Buck Fee	Robert lee Sargeant
Forest Gates	Larry S. Smith
Jesse Harman	Daniel Quintero
Richard Ervin	Edward Legullion
Young McIntosh	Gene Scholl

9. Mayor Smith shared that South Lebanon, the oldest community in Warren County, has had a presence in the military all the way back to the Revolutionary War; including five revolutionary war soldiers and one general and in honor of these individuals each street in the Riverside subdivision is named after one of the soldiers. He further added that the United States was only 19 years old when South Lebanon became a community.

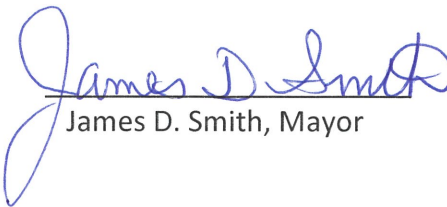
Mayor Smith commented that the Veteran's memorial will soon be a reality with all the help of community volunteers. He further stated that a rendering of the memorial is available online and that the memorial should be one of the best in the county when its finished.

10. Congressman Steve Chabot spoke via video from Washington on the history of the Purple Heart metal, the oldest military metal presented to service members, and what it means for a community to be recognized as a Purple Heart City; further thanking all veterans and tonight's honorees for their service.
11. Ohio State Representative, Scott Lipps, thanked all the veterans in attendance; he continued by sharing a story of South Lebanon's Purple Heart recipient, Private First-Class Woody Allen, a soldier who was wounded in battle while serving in Normandy, France and after his recovery served a second tour in Central Europe where he was wounded once again; a story that shows the perseverance that Warren County is built on and the selfness of these men and women.
12. Ohio State Senator, Steve Wilson, 4th generation Navy, thanked all veterans; those that came home, those that didn't and those that came home wounded. He spoke of the sacrifices of the families of those that serve and asked for a moment of silence for all the families that support our veterans. He acknowledged that there are now five chapters in Warren County; Frankfort, Carlisle, Springboro, Mason and now South Lebanon that have the Purple Heart City distinction and the pride that the community should feel.

13. Robin Kiley, a poet and founding member of Stand and Serve, a local community organization that honors defenders of America, the United States Constitution and God; honored those that serve with a poem titled "I know a Hero not far from here."
14. Closing ceremony ended with the playing of the taps.
15. Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. A motion was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.



Petrina D. Williams, Fiscal Officer



James D. Smith, Mayor