



Office of the West Seneca Town Supervisor
Hon. Gary A. Dickson

Memorandum

To: Honorable Town Board
From: Gary Dickson, Town Supervisor
Date: March 30, 2021
Subject: Resolution to Retain Veteran Memorial Howitzer

Please accept the attached memo and resolution, drafted by the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee to retain the M1A1 75mm Pack Howitzer in the West Seneca Veterans Memorial Park.

The resolution is needed by the West Seneca Joint Veteran Committee in correspondence with the Army Donation Program, as it affirms that the howitzer is currently located at the Town of West Seneca for display and will remain until it is possibly moved again by the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee in the future.



West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee

www.wsvets.org

29 March 2021

TO: The Honorable West Seneca Town Board
1250 Union Road
West Seneca, New York 14224

The West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee kindly requests that the Town of West Seneca adopt the attached resolution to assist the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee to retain and display the M1A1 75mm Pack Howitzer, an obsolete military armament, in the West Seneca Veterans Memorial Park. The Howitzer had been placed on a concrete pad and on display in the park since October 2020.

This resolution is requested per correspondence from the Army Donation Program Office.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

James E. Manley
Chairman
West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee

Serving West Seneca Veterans since 1957

WHEREAS, the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee provides invaluable services to the Town and its constituents; and

WHEREAS, the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee has sought to display a piece of outdated and obsolete military armament (M1A1 75mm Pack Howitzer) from the Army Donations Program Office in the Donations, Loans/Leases & Avalanche Control Group of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, the Army Donations Program Office in the Donations, Loans/Leases & Avalanche Control Group of the United States Army has advised that in order to retain and display the obsolete military armament (M1A1 75mm Pack Howitzer), a resolution from the Town Board is necessary specifying the M1A1 75mm Pack Howitzer that was Conditionally/Deeded to VFW 2940 by the Army Donations Program Office will be placed and displayed at the West Seneca Veterans Memorial Park, 1250 Union Road, West Seneca, New York 14224;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town of West Seneca hereby provides a resolution to the Army Donations Program Office in the Donations, Loans/Leases & Avalanche Control Group of the United States Army that it supports the efforts of the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee to retain and display a piece of outdated and obsolete military armament (M1A1 75mm Pack Howitzer);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of West Seneca hereby agrees and acknowledges that the piece of outdated and obsolete military armament (M1A1 75mm Pack Howitzer) be kept on public property and never be placed on private property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of West Seneca hereby agrees and acknowledges that it will assume all responsibility for the safety of the piece of outdated and obsolete military armament (M1A1 75mm Pack Howitzer); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of West Seneca hereby sends this Resolution to the Army Donations Program Office in the Donations, Loans/Leases & Avalanche Control Group of the United States Army in full support of the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee's attempt to retain and display a piece of outdated and obsolete military armament (M1A1 75mm Pack Howitzer).

From: Super, Gregory M CIV USARMY TACOM (USA) <gregory.m.super2.civ@mail.mil>

Date: Tue, Mar 23, 2021, 11:16 AM

Subject: Required documents for West Seneca Howitzer Display VFW 2940

To: lbronowski2@gmail.com <lbronowski2@gmail.com>

Thanks for returning my call regarding the M1A1 75 MM Pack Howitzer. Listed below are the requirements to bring your file up to date.

1. The City of West Seneca, during a regular city council meeting, must agree to have the M1A1, 75mm Howitzer placed on city property in the location it will be displayed. We need a copy of the meeting minutes where the West Seneca City Council votes on and approves the placement. They can specify that the Howitzer will be Conditionally/Deeded to VFW 2940 and placed at the West Seneca Veterans Memorial Park, and list the address.
2. Once I receive the meeting minutes and the coordinates of the Howitzer TACOM will reissue the Conditional Deed of Gift to VFW 2940.
3. You can forward photos of the display by email to me or by mail.

Thank You,

GREG SUPER

ARMY DONATIONS SPECIALIST

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