

**NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes,**  
**Monday, September 18, 2023, 7:00 PM**

**Members Present:**

Kristin Reilly  
Wendell Rich  
Dave Reese  
Mike Pinciotti

**Members Absent:**

Thomas Yaegel  
Erik Saracino  
James Coulbourn Jr.

**Others Present:**

Lisa Russo - Administration Liaison  
Mrs. Paula Gasper – Liaison - Was absent

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 pm**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – June 19, 2023, Unanimous consent.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Coordination with Veteran Service Club volunteers at Council Rock (CR) North High School to finalize plans for the MSgt Elwell dedication.
  - Meeting with members of the CR-VSC set for October 2, 2023.
- Establish a repository of Veterans residing in the township.
  - Permission needed prior to adding a veteran.
  - Recommended-use bigger font in ads.
  - Advertisement to be added to township website.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Navy Veteran in Churchville will be 100 years old on September 5, 2023. The Veterans Advisory Commission and State Representative Kristin Marcel to recognize the Veteran during the Veterans Day Ceremony.
- Fundraiser at Giuseppe's Pizza to raise money to purchase the wreaths for the Hometown Hero's Wreath Laying ceremony is scheduled for October 5, 2023, from 6-8 pm. The wreaths are to be purchased from Ed London QTY 375 with red bows.
  - Wreath Ceremony Flyers
  - The musician confirmed.

- Kenny Beer & Soda will donate a keg of beer and
- Giuseppe's will donate and provide appetizers.
- Veteran Benefit Expo at Parx on October 6, 2023.
- Dr Spadafora of Bucks County Dental Design is offering free dental services for Veterans in the area on October 12, 2023
- Matthew Allen is the new Veteran Affairs Officer for Bucks County.
- Veterans wish to ask Northampton Valley Country Club to offer a discount on golfing for eligible veterans.

## **REMAINING 2023 VAC SPONSORED EVENTS**

- **VETERANS DAY: Saturday, November 11, 10am @ NHT Admin Bldg.**
  - CR South High School Marching Band – Confirmed.
  - M/C: Erik Saracino
  - Guest Speaker: Erik Saracino
  - Chaplain: Rev. Doug Dwyer Addisville Reformed Church
  - Singer: Lisa Gardner
  - Color Guard: Patriot Det. 1230, Marine Corps League
  - Bugler: Awaiting confirmation, Bernadette Heenan
  - Council Rock South Marching Band: Director John Burns
    - Erik Saracino will provide specifics at the next meeting.
  - Walk Thru: November 1, 2023 @ 2:30pm
- **HOMETOWN HEROS WREATH LAYING CEREMONY: Saturday, December 2, 11am @ Union Cemetery, 209 Almshouse Rd, Richboro, PA**
  - M/C: John Coulbourn
  - Guest Speaker: Jason Dowd, Tri Hampton EMS
  - Singer: Lisa Gardner
  - Chaplain: TBD
  - Color Guard/Firing Squad: Patriot Det. 1230, Marine Corps League
  - Bagpiper: Awaiting confirmation from Bernadette Heenan
  - Bugler: Awaiting confirmation from Bernadette Heenan
  - Wreaths: to be provided by Ed London QTY 375

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 pm**

**Respectively Submitted**

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**David Reese, Acting Secretary**