

**NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes,**  
**Monday, June 19, 2023, 7:00 PM**

**Members Present:**

Kristin Reilly  
Wendell Rich  
Dave Reese  
Erik Saracino

**Others Present:**

Paula Gasper - Liaison  
Lisa Russo - Administration Liaison

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 pm**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – May 15, 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.
- Establish a repository of Veterans residing in the township.
- A memorial plaque was removed from the intersection of Bristol and Bustleton Road and moved to the Veterans Site in front of the Administration Building. Ms. Russo asked the VAC on behalf of the Administration to create wording for an additional plaque to create symmetry that explains the Brick program.
  - VAC participants provided inputs to Ms. Russo.
- U.S. flag displayed at the Recreation Center lower baseball fields.
- "After-action" discussions/evaluations on Memorial Day Ceremony
- "After-action" discussions/evaluations on Flag Day Ceremony

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Navy Veteran in Churchville will be 100 years old on September 5, 2023.
- Suggestions for honoring those who perished on September 11, 2001.
- Potential fundraiser at Giuseppe's of Richboro.

**REMIANING 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: Awaiting confirmation, Bernadette Heenan
- Singer: Lisa Gardner
- Color Guard: Patriot Det. 1230, Marine Corps League
- Bugler: Awaiting confirmation, Bernadette Heenan
  
- **HOMETOWN HEROS WREATH LAYING CEREMONY: Saturday, December 2, 11am @ Union Cemetery, 209 Almshouse Rd, Richboro, PA**
  - M/C: John Colburn
  - Guest Speaker: Possibly 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: Gathering estimates for 375 with red bows

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 pm**

**Respectively Submitted**

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**Erik Saracino, Secretary**

**July 2023 Meeting: Canceled.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, August 21, 2023**