

**NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes, Monday, May 15, 2023, 7 PM**

Members Present:

Kristin Reilly
Wendell Rich
Dave Reese
Tom Yaegel
Erik Saracino
John Colburn
Mike Pinciotti

Others Present:

Paula Gasper - Liaison
Lisa Russo - Administration Liaison

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – April 17, 2023, Unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chairman Reilly and Mr. Saracino anticipate scheduling a meeting with Veteran Service Club volunteers at Council Rock North High School (CRN) prior to the end of the school year. The purpose of the meeting centers on finalizing plans for the dedication ceremony in the fall.
- The NTVAC is attempting to compile a database of veteran alumni residing in the community. We would like to honor your service and recognize your contribution. Please provide us with your name, rank, email, branch of service, and years served so we can contact you for special events and announcements. Please send questions and submissions to Erik Saracino at erik.saracino26@gmail.com.
- 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.
- Saracino is scheduled to meet with NH Public Works officials regarding the placement of a second U.S. flag displayed at the Recreation Center lower baseball fields.

NEW BUSINESS

- No information to report.

2023 VAC EVENTS

- **MEMORIAL DAY: Monday, May 29 @ Dembowski Park:**
 - M/C: W. Rich (Draft version of the script will be sent to all VAC members for review and comments shortly)
 - Guest Speaker: Lynn O'Brien
 - Singer: Lisa Gardner
 - Bagpiper: Secured
 - Chaplain: Father Paolino, St. Vincent's Catholic Church, Richboro
 - Fireside Florist: Secured
 - Color Guard: Confirmed
 - Firing Squad: Awaiting confirmation
 - Bugler: Awaiting confirmation
 - Scheduled walk-through: May 27, 2023, @ 2:00pm

- **FLAG DAY: Wednesday, June 14 @ NH Recreation Civic Center.**
 - Sound system provided by the Northampton Indians Football and Cheerleading Organization.
 - The VAC obtained participation commitments from the Northampton Township Baseball Organization and Troop 145 parents & scouts.
 - M/C: Dave Reese confirmed
 - Singer: Christina Keyak, Junior, CR South High School - Confirmed
 - Chaplain: Rev. Ryan Sweet Addisville Reformed Church - Confirmed
 - Color Guard: Boy Scouts

- **VETERANS DAY: Saturday, November 11 @ NHT Admin Bldg**
 - CR South Marching Band. [*Check on availability*]
 - M/C & Guest Speaker: Erik Saracino
 - Chaplain: Awaiting confirmation
 - Singer: Awaiting confirmation
 - Color Guard: Confirmed
 - Firing Squad: Awaiting confirmation
 - Bugler: Awaiting confirmation

- **HOMETOWN HEROS WREATH LAYING CEREMONY: Saturday, December 2 @ Union Cemetery, 209 Almshouse Rd, Richboro, PA**
 - M/C: Kristin Reilly
 - Guest Speaker: TBD
 - Singer: TBD
 - Chaplain: TBD
 - Wreaths: TBD
 - Color Guard: TBD
 - Firing Squad: TBD
 - Bugler: TBD

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 pm

Respectively Submitted

Erik Saracino, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, June 19, 2023