

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes, Monday, March 17, 2025, 7PM

Members Present:

Kristin Reilly
Wendell Rich
Tom Yaegel
Erik Saracino
Dave Reese

Members Not Present:

None

Others Present:

Paula Gasper – Township Liaison
Lisa Russo - Administration Liaison
Pete Palestina
Mike Egan

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Feb 17, 2025 - Unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS

- Kristin passed out a flyer from Kristin Marcel, which outlined 4 Veteran related events
- Erik Saracino discussed a “Challenge Coin” design competition with Council Rock Schools in the local area.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mike Egan, Military Order of the Purple Hearts gave a presentation on a Veterans Flag Program: “Flags for the Forgotten Soldier”, which will bring attention to Veteran suicides
- Wendell will discuss with local Boy Scout Leaders, and will let them know that Mike Egan will contact them concerning the possibility of an “Eagle Scout” project.
- Wendell and Erik will staff a NTVAC table at one of these events: “Senior Expo” to be held on March 28th Lisa will provide handouts: NTVAC pamphlets and Brick applications, Erik has flag handouts and Kristin is checking for the NTVAC Banner.

- Wendell discussed 2 books: “Letters from Vietnam” and “More than Names on a Wall”, which outlined Bucks County residents, who were killed in Vietnam.

2025 NTVAC EVENTS DISCUSSION

MEMORIAL DAY: Monday, May 26th at 9:00 AM @ Dembowski Park:

- M/C: W. Rich (Emphasis will be on Letter excerpts from various Wars.)

FLAG DAY: Saturday, June 14th @ NH Recreation Civic Center. (Time TBD)

- Sound system provided by the Northampton Indians Football and Cheerleading Organization.
- The VAC seeks participation commitments from the Northampton Township Baseball Organization and Troop 145 parents & scouts.

VETERANS DAY: Tuesday, November 11th @ TBD

- M/C: Erik Saracino

HOMETOWN HEROS WREATH LAYING CEREMONY: Saturday, TBD @ Union Cemetery, 209 Almshouse Rd, Richboro, PA

- M/C: Kristin. Reilly

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm

Next Meeting: Monday, April 21st, 2025

Submitted by:

Wendell Rich, Secretary