

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

Members Present:

Kristin Reilly
Wendell Rich
Tom Yaegel
Erik Saracino

Members Not Present:

Dave Reese

Others Present:

Lisa Russo - Administration Liaison

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes for November 18, 2024, could not be approved due to a lack of quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

- Feedback from the Wreath Laying Ceremony, and suggestions for 2025.
- The VAC anticipates purchasing the U.S. Space Force flag which was officially unveiled on May 15, 2020. Ms. Russo announced the Administration has already purchased the Space Force Flag and it has been flying since the beginning of 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chairperson Reilly introduced a motion to appoint Thomas Yaegel as temporary Chairperson. Wendell Rich seconded the motion. Approved.
- Chairperson Reilly introduced a motion to appoint Erik Saracino as Vice Chairperson and Wendell Rich as the Secretary. Wendell Rich seconded the motion. Approved.
- Chairperson Reilly provided attendees with information concerning Parx Casino's Tour of Honor scheduled for April 7, 2025. The announcement requested WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans interested in participating in this year's event.

- Erik Saracino introduced an opportunity to host a Challenge Coin design competition with Council Rock Schools in the local area.
- Meeting participants discussed ideas for the upcoming township events led by the Veterans Advisory Commission.

2025 VAC EVENTS

- **MEMORIAL DAY: Monday, May 26th @ 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: TBD (Potential Candidates):
 - Singer: Lisa
 - Bagpiper:
 - Chaplain: TBD
 - Fireside Florist: TBD
 - Color Guard: Awaiting confirmation
 - Firing Squad: Awaiting confirmation
 - Bugler: TBD
 - Scheduled walk-through: TBD
- **FLAG DAY: Saturday, June 14th @ NH Recreation Civic Center.**
 - Sound system provided by the Northampton Indians Football and Cheerleading Organization.
 - The VAC seeks to obtain participation commitments from the Northampton Township Baseball Organization and Troop 145 parents & scouts.
 - M/C: TBD
 - Singer: TBD
 - Chaplain: TBD
 - Color Guard: TBD
- **VETERANS DAY: Tuesday, November 11th @ TBD**
 - CR South Marching Band. [*Check on availability*]
 - M/C & Guest Speaker: Erik Saracino
 - Chaplain: TBD
 - Singer: TBD
 - Color Guard: TBD
 - Firing Squad: TBD
 - Bugler: TBD
- **HOMETOWN HEROS WREATH LAYING CEREMONY: Saturday, TBD @ 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

Next Meeting: Monday, March 17, 2024

Erik Saracino

Secretary

Northampton Township Veterans Advisory Commission