

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes, Monday, September 21 2026, 7PM

Members Present:

Kristin Reilly
James Gallagher
Wendell Rich
Warren Harner

Not Present:

Paula Gasper (Liaison)
Dave Reese
Frank O'Donnell

Others Present :

Pete Palestina

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: August 17, 2026 – Motion by Jim Gallagher. Unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS

- **VETERAN FORUM:** The NTVAC is interested in having a group of Veterans at a meeting attended by knowledgeable experts on Veteran issues such as: claims, benefits, health care and many other benefits..

NEW BUSINESS

- Wendell arranged for Herb Fauch, Veteran Svc. Officer, Veterans Multi-Service Center, 413 N. 4th St, Phila., PA to attend our September NTVAC meeting. However, his child was taken to the hospital with a medical issue. He had my phone # on his computer, which he left at home. He stated that he will attend a future NTVAC meeting when invited.
- **FUNDRAISER:** A NTVAC fundraiser will be held at Giuseppi's on September 23rd between 6:00pm – 8:00pm, softer music requested. Gift cards/baskets requested. Ann Yaegel will pay for the music by Beck. NTVAC will pay for the server.

- BRICKS: For Walk of Honor: Three applications have been received thus far. NTVAC will advertise this program to our township residents.
- Motion made by Jim Gallagher to pay Tanner Farm and Garden for the Wreaths; the server and decorations at the fundraiser \$3,750). Unanimous consent.
- Kristin advised that the Township can provide a tent for our use when needed at events due to bad weather.
- Tri-Hampton Veterans group is on hold at this time.
- Pete Palestina stated that Northampton Day will be held on November 4th.
- Kristin will look into ordering long sleeve NTVAC shirts.

2026 REMAINING NVAC EVENTS

- VETERANS DAY: Celebrated on Saturday, November 14th at 11:00am
 - Location: the Star Center facility.
 - M/C: Jim Gallagher
 - Guest speaker: Tiffany McKearney
 - Vocalist: Haley Brown
 - Clergy: TBD
 - Color Guard: Marine Patriot Detachment 1230
 - Walk Thru: Scheduled for November 5th at 2:30pm
- HOMETOWN HEROS WREATH LAYING: Saturday, Dec 5th, 11am @ Union Cemetery.
 - M/C: Frank O'Donnell
 - Speaker: Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad
 - Clergy: Father Palino, St. Vincent DePaul
 - Vocalist: Lisa Garner
 - Color Guard: Marine Patriot Detachment 1230

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10pm

Next Meeting: Monday, October 19, 2026

Submitted by:

Wendell A. Rich, Secretary