NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes, Monday, October 19 2026, 7PM

Members Present:
Kristin Reilly
James Gallagher
Wendell Rich
Frank O'Donnell
Paula Gasper (Liaison)

Not Present:
Dave Reese
Warren Harner

Others Present :
Pete Palestina
Bernadette Heenan

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: September 21, 2026 – Motion by Jim Gallagher and second by Wendell. 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. This has been tabled until the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Wendell will arrange for Herb Fauch, Veteran Svc. Officer, Veterans Multi-Service Center, 413 N. 4th St, Phila., PA to attend our January NTVAC meeting.

- FUNDRAISER: A NTVAC fundraiser was held at Giuseppi's on September 23rd between 6:00pm – 8:00pm.The attendance was great and monies raised especially with fifteen baskets.

- Bricks For Walk of Honor: There are 6 Bricks.

- Veterans Day: An advertisement for this event was prepared and had wide circulation.
- The wreaths for the December 5th ceremony at Union Cemetery have been paid.

- Kristin advised that the Township can provide a large tent available if needed.

- Rolling Thunder will attend our Veterans Day event

- Walk-thru is scheduled for November 2nd at 3:30pm for our Veterans Day event..

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: Rev Kevin Opett
  - Color Guard: Marine Patriot Detachment 1230

- 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: 7:55pm

Next Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2026

Submitted by:

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Wendell A. Rich, Secretary