NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes, Monday, August 17 2026, 7PM

Members Present:
Kristin Reilly
James Gallagher
Wendell Rich
Dave Reese
Frank O'Donnell
Warren Harner

Not Present:
Paula Gasper (Liaison)

Others Present :
Bernadette Heenan
Pete Palestina

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: July 20, 2026 – Motion by Dave Reese. Unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS

- Members were apprised of State Rep. Kristin Marcell's Veterans luncheon on September 17th at 11:30am.

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

- FUNDRAISER: A NTVAC fundraiser will be held at Giuseppi's on September 23rd. 6:00pm – 8:00pm, softer music requested. Gift cards/baskets requested.

- BRICKS: For Walk of Honor: Three applications have been received thus far.

- Suicide Awareness: Suicide awareness walk is scheduled in Southampton (Playwicki Park) on October17th.

- Flag Raising: There will be a flag Raising ceremony on September 11th at 9am at National Maintenance & Build Out Company, 1044 Pulinski Rd.

- Tri-Hampton Veterans group is on hold at this time.

- Five Points Veterans Barbeque scheduled for September 5th.

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: Good Shepherd Lutheran??
  - Vocalist: Lisa Garner??
  - Color Guard: Marine Patriot Detachment 1230

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20pm

Next Meeting: Monday, September 21, 2026
Submitted by:

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Wendell A. Rich, Secretary