

**NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes, Monday, March 16, 2026, 7PM**

Members Present:

Kristin Reilly
Wendell Rich
Tom Yaegel
Paula Gasper-Liaison

Not Present:

Erik Saracino
Warren Harner

Others Present :

Pete Palestina
Bernadette Heenan
Bob Faulkner

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: January 19, 2026 – Motion by Dave Reese.
Unanimous consent.**

OLD BUSINESS

- The NT Veterans Advisory Commission further discussed our disappointment that the township supervisors turned down our request to install two banners on poles in Robert H. Dembrowski Park. The reason given was that there was concern that there would be a further request for many other Veterans. These banners were only to be installed for two Township residents who were killed in action.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bob Faulkner discussed a program that he was trained in as a coach, concerning Veterans experiencing PTSD and possibly having suicide thoughts.
- Discussion to enhance our existing programs for the 250th Birthday.
- As part of our country's 250th Birthday NTVAC will staff a table at Kristin Marcell and Frank Farry's Veterans EXPO scheduled for April 10th. Handouts were prepared along with a large poster board, which highlights various activities that the NTVAC is involved with.

- Flags for forgotten Veterans: Tentatively, Mike Egan is planning on the installation along the grassy area at Municipal Park along Hatboro Road. Paula Gasper will request the Supervisors to vote on this issue.
- NTVAC shirts will be ordered for NTVAC members to wear at Community events to put our organization out there, so Veterans become more aware. Sizes were collected at the NTVAC meeting.
- Warren and Erik previously discussed getting more involved with our community and supporting our living veterans more. Suggestions were given to have them present a concept, so we have a plan/outline/message to build on. There was discussion about including NTVAC Veterans awareness in the Northampton Twp. Magazine. Also, the NTVAC pamphlet has a QR code, which will take you to various Veteran resources.

2026 VAC EVENTS

- MEMORIAL DAY: Monday, May 25th 9:00am Dembowski Park:
 - Bernadette Heenan will check the possible attendance of a group of Gold Star parents.
 - Chaplain: Rev. Doug Dwyer, Addisville Reformed Church
 - Singer: Hailey Brown
 - Bag Piper: Paul Carney
- FLAG DAY: Sunday June 14th –Due to religious services on Sundays, NTVAC is planning on 4:00pm. Considering finding an Eagle scout for remarks.
- VETERANS DAY: Celebrated on Saturday, November 7th
 - This event will remain at the Star Center due to construction at the previous police facility.
- HOMETOWN HEROS WREATH LAYING: Saturday, Dec 5th @ Union Cemetery,

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45pm

Next Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2026

Submitted by:

Wendell A. Rich, Secretary