

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes, Monday, July 20 2026, 7PM

Members Present:

Kristin Reilly
James Gallagher
Wendell Rich
Dave Reese
Frank O'Donnell
Paula Gasper (Liaison)

Not Present:

Warren Harner

Others Present :

Bernadette Heenan
Pete Palestina

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: June 15, 2026 – Motion by Dave Reese.
Unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS

- FLAG DAY was conducted on Sunday June 14th at 4:00 pm due to religious services on Sundays. Scouts America provided an Eagle Scout for remarks. She made an outstanding presentation.
- Flags for forgotten Veterans: Mike Egan thanked Northampton Township and the community for their outstanding work on the installation along the grassy area at Municipal Park along Hatboro Road. The Flags will be removed on July 21.
- Warren Harner Has discussed ideas for a Veteran Forum. In support of this Wendell will invite a very knowledgeable Veterans Service Office, Herbert Fouch to our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Tom Yaegel, a member of our Township Advisory Commission for many years, passed away on June 27th. Tom will be sorely missed by the Township, the Business community and the community as a whole. He supported our Memorial Day activity for the past 19 years with his Richboro Swim Club**

sound system and our other Commission activities as they were added. He was also the founding Chairperson of our Veterans Advisory Commission. Tom was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He wrote a book (A War Story) before his passing. With a career spanning academia, military service, business and entertainment, Tom Yaegel's diverse accomplishments reflect his commitment to innovation, leadership, and service to his community. We held a moment of silence in his honor at our meeting. REST IN PEACE TOM, YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ALL OF YOUR MISSIONS.

- Frank O'Donnell was welcomed as a new member of our Commission.
- State Rep, Kristin Marcell will hold a Veterans Luncheon in Southampton on September 17 at 11:30am.
- Captain Walter Sigafos III: A section of Second Street in Richboro will be named in his honor.
- Tri-Hampton Veterans group is on hold at this time.
- Fundraiser for Wreath Laying 9/16 @ Giuseppies

~~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:
 - Color Guard: Marine Patriot Detachment 1230
- HOMETOWN HEROS WREATH LAYING: Saturday, Dec 5th @ 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: 8:00pm

Next Meeting: Monday, August 17, 2026

Submitted by:

Wendell A. Rich, Secretary