

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Bergenfield VFW Post-6467
Regular Meeting
June 21, 2025

MINUTES

1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:08 AM

2. Chairman's Statement

Committee Chairman Thomas Lang called the meeting to order by reading the Open Public Meeting Act and the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. Notices of this committee's meeting are here by posted on two municipal public notice bulletin boards, published on the websites for the Borough of Bergenfield and the Veterans Advisory Committee and on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

3. Roll Call

Roll Call	Present	Absent	Excused
Venus Carpenter, Member	X		
Kean Castillo, Member			X
Joseph J. Cutolo, Member			X
Gerald J. Ferra Jr., Vice Chairman			X
Edgar Garcia, Member		X	
Barry Hirschberg, Member	X		
Thomas Lang, Chairman	X		
Edward Lora, Secretary	X		
Peter M. Matthews, Member		X	
Richard Morf, Member	X		
Dina Moore, Member	X		
Willie Moree, Member		X	
Marc Pascual, Council Liaison	X		
Dr. Samuel Paul, Chaplain			X
Fredrick Sahlberg, Member	X		
Wilfred Selby, Member		X	
John Smith, Member	X		
Jose Vasquez, Member	X		
Amos White, Member			X
Warren Williams, Treasurer	X		

4. Flag Salute

Led by Committee Chairman Thomas Lang

5. Invocation (Chaplain)

Given by Edward Lora.

6. Agenda Changes (Additions/Deletion)

No additions/deletions to meeting agenda

7. Approval of Minutes (May 2025)

Motion Offered by Fredrick Sahlberg and **Second by** Richard Morf to approve minutes for May, 2025 Committee Meeting minutes and to be published on the Veterans Committee website. All present voted in favor **YES**.

8. Treasury Report (June 2025)

a. The treasury report for June 2025, the current balance of \$729.64. There was a \$31.00 added from Banner sale given to committee. There are no other expenses or billing transactions paid during the reporting period May 17, 2025 – June 21, 2025. The current balance of funds available is \$729.64. **Motion Offered by** John Smith and **Second by** Gerald Ferra to approve treasurer's report for June 2025 Committee Treasury Report. All present voted in favor **YES**.

9. Presentation

Councilman Marc Pascual presented Dina Moore a proclamation on behalf of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bergenfield as Grand Marshal for this year's Memorial Day.

10. Correspondence

Committee Member John Smith received a letter from Marine Corp League who would like to do a monthly newsletter in Bergen County. Committee Member Warren Williams suggested giving this the Bergen County Veterans Service Office, since the County VSO already gets all the information of any veteran's activities throughout the county.

11. Unfinished Business

Committee Shirts (Update)

- Committee Member Warren Williams updated the other members about the committee's shirts. Looking into the cost of shirts at \$20.00 each for blank shirts for a bulk order.
- Shirt logo was given to Committee Vice Chairman Gerald Ferra.
- Local Shirt Printing Store (Pyramid) charges too much for the shirts cost.
- Researching another company to print logo on shirts at a cheaper cost rate,
- the choice of shirt color is Burgundy or Navy Blue.

12. New Business

None

13. Public Comment *(Please be advised there will be a limit of three (3) minutes per each speaker)*

None

14. Good of the Order

VFW & Auxiliary Annual Pig Roast, August 23, 2025, 1PM to 6PM

15. Open Comments (Members Only)

Veterans Tribute Banner Program:

Committee Member John Smith informed the other committee members that other towns are asking for banners. We need to know what the other towns' banners are narrower and are a cheaper price rate. If other towns are asking for banners through our committee, the price of our banners may go up a few dollars more. The question is: Do we want to do the same banner sales process, like what the borough of Closter is doing. To have other organizations cover the cost.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Veterans Advisory Committee, **Motion Offered by Barry Hirschberg and Second by Richard Morf** to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at **11:18AM**. The next scheduled committee meeting will be on **July 19, 2025 at Bergenfield VFW Post at 10:00AM.**

Respectfully Submitted

Edward Lora

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Committee Secretary