

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Bergenfield VFW Post-6467
Regular Meeting
May 17, 2025

MINUTES

1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:01 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	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 Committee Chaplain Dr. Samuel Paul.

6. Agenda Changes (Additions/Deletion)

No additions/deletions to meeting agenda

7. Approval of Minutes (April 2025)

Motion Offered by John Smith and **Second** by Gerald Ferra to approve minutes for April 19, 2025 Committee Meeting minutes and to be published on the Veterans Committee website. All present voted in favor **YES**.

8. Treasury Report (May 2025)

a. The treasury report for April 2025, the current balance of \$698.64. There are no expenses or billing transactions paid during the reporting period April 19, 2025 – May 17, 2025. The current balance of funds available is \$698.64. **Motion Offered** by Gerald J. Ferra and **Second** by Dina Moore to approve treasurer's report for May 2025 Committee Treasury Report. All present voted in favor **YES**.

9. Presentation

No Presentations

10. Correspondence

No Presentations

11. Unfinished Business

a. Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade Update (May 26, 2025)

- Ceremony will be held at Cooper's Pond at 11:00Am and the parade will kick off at 12:30PM.
- The parade will travel to South Prospect Ave and turn left onto South Prospect Ave and proceed down South Prospect Ave to New Bridge Road and turn left onto New Bridge Road to Veterans Memorial Park.
- The VFW & Auxiliary will be giving out, Hamburger/Hot dog and soda/water to anyone with wants the food and drink.
- All individuals marching in the parade must meet at Cooper's P at 12:45PM for the parade lineup position.

b. Grand Marshall Nomination Review/Selection

- Grand Marshall for 2025: Dina Moore, US. Air Force Veteran, final selected by Nomination Committee.

c. Veterans Tribute Banners.

- Committee discusses the price increase to \$220.00 is the current cost for banners. The banner price will increase in the future, due to increase in shipping rate and increase of the banner bracket kit cost. There is two banners paid for and will be put up per the DPW by Memorial Day,

d. Committee Shirts (Update)

- Money will be collected by Committee Vice Chairman (Gerald Ferra), once the final price per shirts has been confirmed. The cost for the shirts is still pending. Waiting for more information.

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

- Memorial Day Morning Ceremonies and Parade, Copper's Pond as follows: May 26, 2025
Fire Department Ceremony- 10:00AM, Memorial Day Ceremony -11:00AM
Parade kicks off at 12:30PM from Copper's Pond

15. Open Comments (Members Only)

- Committee Member Venus Carpenter informed the committee of the sudden loss of the Bergenfield HS Football Coach, Robert Violante who was killed in a fatal Auto Accident on May 15, 2025. All members of the Veterans Committee give their congestion to the Violante Family.
- DAV Spring-Tober-Fest, Veterans Plaza, Bergenfield, June-1-1925, 12Pm-6:00PM.
This event will serve as a Day of Service to our Veterans and family members. This event is also open to the public to receive any resource information from various organizations display tables.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Veterans Advisory Committee, **Motion Offered by Venus Carpenter and Second by Jose Vasquez** to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at **11:25AM**. The next scheduled committee meeting will be on **June 21, 2025 at Bergenfield VFW Post at 10:00AM**.

Respectfully Submitted

Edward Lora

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Committee Secretary