



Veterans Commission

TOWN OF BERLIN
240 Kensington Road
Kensington, CT 06037

VETERANS COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, June 06, 2023, at 7:00 PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST 68, 154 PORTERS PASS, BERLIN, CT

Call to Order:

Chairman Charles Colaresi called the Meeting of the Berlin Veterans Commission to order at 7:00 PM at the American Legion Post 68 154 Porters Pass, Berlin, CT.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence:

Roll Call of Officers:

Charles Colaresi, Peter Galgano Jr., Paul Eshoo, and Bruce Trevethan were present. Thomas Uznanski, Dean Revoir, and Adam Revoir were excused.

Audience of Citizens: - Berlin Equity Action Team came in to introduce themselves and to let us know about "Berlin's 2nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration" on June 17, 2023, at the Berlin Peck Memorial Library.

Approval of Minutes:

May 02, 2023, minutes were read, motion by Paul Eshoo to approve as written, seconded by Bruce Trevethan, all in favor, motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

Charles said the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony was a total success. He said it looked like there were over 7,000 people among the parade participants and spectators along the route and at the ceremony.

New Business:

Charles said that next year we have to order more flags for our placing of flags at Berlin's 11 cemeteries on Armed Forces Day.

Peter said that Christi Sullivan forwarded Charles and me an email from Debbie Batista, Berlin Board of Education, asking us to attend the BOE meeting to see Mr. Sampl receive his High School Diploma. The Berlin BOE will be awarding a diploma to WWII Veteran John F. Sampl at the June 12 BOE meeting, beginning at 7 p.m., in the BHS auditorium. Mr. Sampl entered the service prior to graduating from BHS. A local board of education may award a diploma to a veteran of World War II who withdrew from high school prior to graduation in order to serve in the armed forces of the United States and did not receive a diploma as a consequence of such service. Mr. Sampl will be celebrating his 100th birthday in October.

Charles said that at the upcoming Veterans Day Ceremony in November, he would like Adam Revoir to be the MC and to have Dean Revoir as the Guest Speaker.

Charles also asked Peter to make a Thank You Certificate for Matt McNally, Berlin Police Chief for being our Guest Speaker at this years Memorial Day Ceremony. We will be presenting him the certificate at the Berlin Police Commission meeting on Wednesday, June 21st.

Peter said that Charles and I, have a meeting at Town Hall on June 12, 2023, about getting signs put up for the Berlin Veterans Memorial Park, CT Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, and the America's Wars Walkway. He drove around to 13 different locations all around Middletown to see, measure and take pictures of the signs they have up for their Veterans Memorial Park, CT Trees of Honor, and the Greater Middletown Military Museum. He used their format, sign dimensions, etc. to create our signs.

Charles said that we need a motion to send \$500 for the CT DVA Stand Down that will be held on Friday, Sept. 22, 2023, on the Rocky Hill Campus.

Bruce Trevethan made the motion, seconded by Paul Eshoo, all in favor, motion passed to send a \$500 check for Stand Down 2023.

Charles also said. That lets think about having a Grand Marshall at next years Memorial Day and Ceremony. We can get a veteran (possibly a WWII Veteran) to be Grand Marshall.

Charles also asked Peter to call or email Lenny to get ready to reimburse him for the Adobe Creative Cloud Software Annual Plan with Auto Renewal, coming up on July 1, 2023.

Chairman Comments:

Charles Colaresi said that our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 05, 2023, at 7.00PM at the American Legion Post 68 on Porters Pass.

Adjournment: Motion by Paul Eshoo to adjourn, seconded by Bruce Trevethan, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Peter Galgano Jr., Secretary

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