



Veterans Commission

TOWN OF BERLIN
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VETERANS COMMISSION MINUTES **Tuesday, December 05, 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, Paul Eshoo, Bruce Trevethan, Peter Galgano Jr., Dean Revoir and were present. Adam Revoir and Thomas Uznanski were excused.

Audience of Citizens: - The Berlin Volunteer Fire Department came in to present us with \$10,000 in \$100 Bank Gift Cards to give to Berlin Veterans and Veteran Widows in need. See picture below.

Approval of Minutes: - **November 06, 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 that Veterans Day went really well. There was a great crowd, and the weather was good. The Berlin Lions Club setup a table to sell luminaries for the park. They only brought \$250 worth to sell, they ended up selling \$500 worth of luminaries. After talking with Ron Bosco, the other day, they are looking at about \$16, 500 to give us in \$100 gift card for Veterans and Veteran Widows in need at our January meeting. They sold 2, 250 luminaries, that is 250 more then last year and they also held the Comedy Show this year to raise the money they will present to us.

Charles also said that he also he spoke to Donna Veach again about renaming the Christian Lane Bridge to be the “**Gold Star Families Memorial Bridge**”. She said that I had to send her a formal letter or email and she would put that into the works.

New Business: - Charles said that we should start thinking about a Memorial Day speaker before they get all taken up. I was thinking about the new VFW Commander, Anthony Gagliardi. Peter and I spoke with him at Berlin HS Veterans Day Program on November 9th. He also showed an interest in being on the Berlin Veterans Commission.

Charles also said that he received a call from Eric Schessi, the local Coordinator of the CT Irreverent Warriors. Irreverent Warriors knows that the best support network for veterans, is other veterans. They bring a community of warriors together through therapeutic events across the country. They also work with other veteran organizations who provide services such as job placement, training, housing, service dogs and more. He would like to have an event at our park by the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument on April 6, 2024.

I asked him to come to our January 2nd meeting to discuss this. We will also talk with the Gold Star Families to see if that is okay with them, because that is their monument,

Chairman Comments: Charles Colaresi said that our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 02, 202, at 7:00PM at the American Legion Post 68 on Porters Pass.

We will adjourn our meeting and then discuss the distribution of the gift cards from the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department to be distributed to the Veterans and Veteran Widows in Need.

Adjournment: Motion by Bruce Trevethan to adjourn, seconded by Thomas Uznanski, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Peter Galgano Jr., Secretary



In the attached picture taken by BVFD member John Dumin, from left to right are:

Paul Eshoo, Bruce Trevethan, Peter Galgano, Charles Colaresi, Frank Papa, Thomas Bryers, Mathew Sturgeon, and Dean Revoir.

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