

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Veterans Memorial Committee was held on September 22, 2025 at VFW Post 591, Prince St. Chairman Ruth Palmer called the meeting to order at 1900. There were 8 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes for previous meeting approved as submitted.

Beginning of planning for Veterans Day:

Discussion held whether service to be inside or outside; consensus was inside.

George Messier would like to do Service Banners again, in the hopes of drawing more/younger people to service; discussion. Banners should cost between \$9 and 12 each; Roz Gallagher to check on budget for service.

Will try to get Rev. Warburton for invocation / benediction; discussion held regarding guest speaker. George will contact Joe Corso to determine interest. Bob Devaney also brought up a different way to bring flags in to lessen confusion; discussion held.

Need notice of school Veterans Day events sooner; will contact Superintendent's office.

Discussion held regarding A/V support as it pertains to music/video. Bev Churchill suggested a video of an eagle with American flag background and appropriate music.

New Business – Juan Aguirre, Senior Vice Commander of Post 73, spoke about a program called Hometown Hero Veterans, where banners are made with Veterans pictures etc. on them, and kids get engaged by carrying them in parade; discussion.

Bob Devaney talked about Memorial Day and 250th events next year and how we could improve on the parade; discussion.

Roz mentioned upcoming events in Wallingford:

- Wreaths Across America has chosen Wallingford to be their CT stop; service to be held 12/9
- Wallingford Celebrates America 250 will be June 20-21, 2026 to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and she would like the Veterans groups to participate.

Next meeting is October 6, 2025 at 1900 at VFW Post 591.

Meeting adjourned at 2003 after a moment of silence for departed members.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise M. Gallup
Secretary