

Seekonk Veterans		
8.20.2025	7:00pm	Senior Center Cafe
Meeting called by	Kevin Kugel	
Type of meeting	Seekonk Veterans Council Meeting, Audio #064	
Chairman	Kevin Kugel	
Audio/Transcriber	James LaFlame	
Attendees	<p>Committee Members: Kevin Kugel (Chair), William Curtis (Vice Chair), Moises Moniz, Russ Pion, Adam Tumlinson, Joseph Raez & Matt Pezzullo Other: James LaFlame (VSO) Absent: None</p>	
Meeting Minutes		
Discussion	Meeting minutes for June 25, 2025 approved.	
Action Items	Send to Town Clerk and post on town website	
Deadline	ASAP	
Agenda Topic		
	VSO Updates	

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Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Jim asked council members if they needed any more grave marker flags, as he had previously passed them out for replacing worn flags on KIA monuments. Over the last couple of months, he has replaced flags twice at the monument at the intersection of Routes 44 and 114A. The flags were not damaged, they were missing...very unusual.2. Jim discussed a proposal that was sent to the town clerk regarding signs that had QR codes that link to historical information, i.e., information on a KIA. It was agreed upon that if we every had the need for something like this, we could design our own signs.3. Jim suggested that the council assign a Public Affairs Officer, since we haven't been great, as a council, at documenting our events with pictures and video. Joe volunteered to become our PAO, which works out great because he has already been creating our posters.

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Old Business	National Night Out AAR	
Discussion		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The event is getting bigger each year, there were more vendors and more people than last year.2. We were quite pleased with our location and there was lots of foot traffic. The only downside with our location was that we were right next to an Army National Guard HEMMT. Once the first kid found the airhorn, every kid after that wanted to do blast the horn – until one of the soldiers disabled it.3. Kevin mentioned that it was a good event and one we should continue to support.4. TV9's Executive Director, Kevin Vidinha, interviewed Jim and Kevin. Jim talked about our Veterans Day events and Kevin talked about the Holiday Festival. We were told that TV9 would come out and cover any of our events. Mo suggested that we have them come out to our tree lighting for Holiday Festival.

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Old Business	Holiday Festival	
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mo's new tree vendor, Al-Jac's, is turning out to be a great choice. The vendor said that last year's premium 5-6 foot trees cost him \$22 apiece. He thinks they might be a couple of dollars more this year, but he will provide them to us at cost – since we are a veterans organization. This will significantly increase our profit margin per tree.2. Another great benefit to this supplier is that we don't have to lock in a set number of trees. He orders 3,000 trees, so we can adjust as we go along.3. It is also a lot closer location (Providence – near the VA hospital, as opposed to West Greenwich).4. Russ and Bill will pick up the trees on Friday, November 28th. So, Saturday, NOV 29th, will be the installation date. The tree lighting will be on Saturday, December 6th from 3:00-4:30pm. (Santa arrives at 3:15 and trees lit at 4:15).5. The trees will be removed on Saturday, January 3rd.6. Bill can lock in Santa, as he goes to his church. He'll also ask about borrowing a chair for Santa again.7. Jim will lock in the antique fire truck with Bill George.8. Bill handed out new maps of the tree layout. He'll get with DPW to mark the spots ahead of time.	

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New Business	Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The timeline worked well last year, so we will continue to have the Rolling Parade participants meet at Briarwood Plaza at 9am, roll at 10am and start the ceremony at 11am.2. Joe will be creating a poster for our Veterans Day events. He'll create a QR code for parade participants to RSVP.3. Jim will be getting all of the ceremony participants out soon. He'll be requesting the 215th Army Band for the ceremony. He will request Navy Band Northeast for the luncheon on the Wednesday prior Veterans Day. The Navy is never available on the holiday as they annually support Veterans Day events in New York City.
Topic	Adjournment
Motion made by Adam to adjourn, seconded by Matt and voted unanimously	