

Veterans Affair Committee
REGULAR MEETING
October 20, 2025

PRESENT: W. Willinsky, J. Sterry, W. Petras, R. Cote, C. Armstrong, D. Rutter, Al Abbott, R. Hunter-Alt

ABSENT: J. Holden-Alt

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Dickerson

1. CHAIRMAN CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman W. Willinsky called the REGULAR meeting to order at 6:34 PM at the American Legion Hall, located at 12 Freestone Avenue, Portland, Connecticut. [L][SEP]

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY [L][SEP]

3. ACCEPT AGENDA [L][SEP] Accepted as written.

4. ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES [L][SEP] There was no Meeting Minutes from September 15 2025. due to lack of members.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT (A.Abbott) [L][SEP] Nothing to pass.

6. VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT (J. Sterry) Nothing new.

7. VETERANS BENEFITS & INFORMATION OFFICER'S REPORT (S. Petras)

S. Petras Talked about upcoming breakfast in the area and dinners. Dinner at Portland High School on November 11 @ 18:00

8. COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT (To remain vacant unless needed in the future.)

9. OLD BUSINESS

C. Armstrong Brought up about a homeless woman who was a veteran and what they had found out about her. Name. Billie who is now in a shelter in Bridgeport

10. NEW BUSINESS

S. Petras Submitted the purchase of 100 wreathes from Wreathes Across America for \$1700.00.

A motion was made by J. Sterry, Second by D. Rutter. All in favor accepted. 0 abstained.

Talked about upcoming Veterans dinner at the Portland High School @ 1800 hours. Tickets have been printed and distributed as follows. 100 to Town Hall. 100 to Andrea at Quonset Hut.

Flags to be picked up after Veterans day. S. Peters and C. Armstrong will pick up flags.

11. **GENERAL DISCUSSION / PUBLIC COMMENT**

S. petras talked about how many wreaths are needed to fill the State Veteran Cemetery. 14,000+ are needed. The State is also looking for new land to expand the cemetery.

12. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

A motion was made by S. Petras, seconded by R. Cote to adjourn the meeting. **All were in favor, motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alvah D. Abbott

Recording Secretary