



**City of Biddeford  
Veterans Committee**

May 19, 2025 at 4:30 PM

City Hall Second Floor Conference Room - No Zoom Available for this meeting

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
  - 3.a Review/ Approve minutes from 28 April 2025 Veterans Committee Meeting
4. Old Business
  - 4.a Updates- Adopt a Flag Program, Bridge Naming
  - 4.b Memorial Day plan review - flags & parade
5. New Business
6. Discussion/Review
7. Adjourn

**City of Biddeford**  
**Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes**  
April 28, 2025 at 4:30p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers

1. Meeting called to order at 1630 hours (4:30pm)

- Members in attendance: Roger Beaupre (chair), Eric Gates (vice chair), Jen Fullmer, Fred Oliver, Jake Hammer (city representative)
  
- Members absent: Quang Mihn Le, Kevin Locke (new member), Ben Neveux

2. No minutes to approve because 24 Mar 2025 meeting was cancelled.

3. Old Business

- Flags on Veterans Graves
  - No updates
  
- Bridge Naming Proposal
  - Discussed keeping the original plaque on the bridge along with naming Wallace Nutting and there were no objections by the board or those in attendance
  - American Legion is going to pull plaque, refurbish, and put it back in place
  
- Adopt a Flag Proposal
  - Lisa Thompson provided an update
  - They will do the program for Mechanic Park Flags & St Louis Field Flags – seasonally
  - Will start marketing in May & looking for volunteers who will lead the way
  - The program will stay within the Biddeford recreation department
  - Flag maintenance update - St Louis pole is on the list to get a light and there is a request for all actual flagpoles to be replaced
  - Eric mentioned that we need to bring the flag poles up to standards to include the Space Force flag at Veterans Park
  - Fred made recommendation for St Louis field – La Kermese may put up the light on the flagpole because they go in there all the time and they have an electrician, but Lisa assured that it is easy for her team to connect a light if it is needed
  
- Memorial Day
  - Roger said Rick is coordinating flags at St. Joseph's
    - flags going up on Thursday, 22 May – he will pick up the flags from the city
    - start at 0800 & Rotary will help put flags out as well – kids from intermediate school at 0900 – then kids' ice cream social
    - Volunteers should show up at 0830 at St Joseph's to help out
  - AMVETS will cover Woodlawn, Greenwood, & St. Mary's cemeteries

- They need a bunch of volunteers & they are going to try to coordinate the same time because the school will send bus loads of school kids to all the cemeteries.
- Memorial Day parade – will be held from Waterhouse field because of construction
- A small team will go from Saco to lay wreath on bridge, then a wreath at Veterans Memorial Park, and then meet up at Waterhouse field

#### 4. New Business

- Vietnam as theme for Veterans Day celebration
  - Delilah from Heart of Biddeford and she is on board with a Vietnam Veterans panel at the city theater would be a great addition to the Veterans Day celebrations this year – the panel discussion could be taped, distributed to schools, etc.
  - Jen volunteered to help coordinate this event & will provide an update in August

#### 5. Other Discussion

- AMVETS – mentioned they are working on monthly dates for upcoming breakfasts schedules that are held from 0800-1100 – hot breakfast made to order
  - This event is a major fundraiser & they raise thousands of dollars for good causes
- Eric recommended putting events on the city website, potentially put info on veterans activities on that page
  - Jake said to let him know and he'll ask Danica to put it on the website
- From VFW in OOB - OOB veterans park getting completely revamped
  - He asked about a tri-city council and arrange for a “tri-city” veterans committee
  - There was discussion about this committee being exactly that with the intention that veterans organizations from all three communities attend our meetings, collaborate, and contribute

#### 6. Next Meeting & Agenda Items

- May's meeting will be the third Monday due to Memorial Day
- Next meeting - Monday, 19 May 2025 at 4:30pm at City Hall Council Chambers
- Agenda items
  - Updates as applicable - Bridge naming proposal & Adopt a Flag
  - Review Memorial Day plans for flag placing and parade

#### 7. Meeting adjourned – 5:10pm