

Doylestown Township Veterans Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 15, 2025 @ 4 PM, Conference Room

VAC Members: Chris Suessenguth, Jack Kearins and Joe Volk

Others in Attendance Included: Barbara N Lyons, Esquire, Vice-Chair, Doylestown Township Supervisors-Liaison, Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township Manager, Andrea Mergner, Doylestown Township Assistant Township Manager, Karen Sweeney, Doylestown Township Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Allen, Bucks County Director of Veterans Affairs

Welcome: VAC Chair Chris Suessenguth welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

Memorial Day Parade: VAC and Township participants will be represented in Doylestown Memorial Day Parade.

Flag Raising: On June 4th at 7 PM a flag raising will take place on township grounds. The Bucks County Symphony will be performing. Karen Sweeney gave helpful info for the day's event. Beth Clark, President of the Bucks County Symphony (BCS), will be there to help celebrate Central Park and Concert Series 30th Anniversary. The Doylestown Civil Air Patrol will be there to help raise the flag. The BCS will perform an Armed Forces Salute.

Bucks County Veterans Department: Matt Allen introduced himself and talked about the County's Department. He stated that Betty Carleo, who's worked for the County for 24 years, will be retiring at the end of this month. Matt Allen announced that a Women's Veterans memorial statue is being planned.

Minutes Approval: Upon motion by Jack Kearins, seconded by Chris Suessenguth, the March 27, 2025, minutes were unanimously approved.

Veteran Flagpole Project: \$2,795 has been raised to date.

Flag Retirement Container: Comcast Offers a flag retirement program. This maybe a program that VAC is interested in participating in. It's suggested that more information be obtained.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Chris Suessenguth and seconded by Jack Kearins, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

The next VAC meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 4 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Volk, VAC Secretary