

Doylestown Township Veterans Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 25, 2025
Meeting Minutes

The Veterans Advisory Committee (VAC) met on Thursday, September 25, 2025 starting at 4 p.m. in the Doylestown Township Municipal Building

VAC Members In Attendance: Chris Suessenguth, Chairman; Jack Kearins, Vice-Chairman; and Joe Volk, Secretary

Others In Attendance Included: Barbara N Lyons, Esquire, Vice-Chair, Doylestown Township Supervisors-Liaison; Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township Manager; and Andrea Mergner, Doylestown Township Assistant Manager

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

Minutes Approval: Upon motion by Jack Kearins, seconded by Chris Suessenguth, the July 24, 2025 minutes were unanimously approved.

Veteran Flagpole Project: \$3,055 has been raised to date for the Veteran Flagpole Project. Mr. Suessenguth discussed ways the VAC and Township can continue to promote it throughout the community. Ms. Mergner will revise the flyer in hopes of soliciting some new interest.

Blue Star and Gold Star Signs South Main Street Roundabouts Dedication: Stephanie Mason gave an update on Penn DOT to complete the Blue Star and Gold Star Signs for South Main Street Roundabouts. She indicated that sign fabrication is being done in Harrisburg and that Penn Dot indicated it's at least 3 months or more for them to be completed.

Flag Retirement Container: VAC Committee believes Flag Retirement Containers should be metal. Mr. Suessenguth indicated that he's been in contact with staff at the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology and the metal working class is interested in working on the project. He will follow up with them and report back with more details.

Plan For Fall Veterans Outreach: Chris Suessenguth continues to try to reach out to Matt Allen, Bucks County Veterans Affairs concerning Outreach coinciding with VACs March 26th meeting. He will continue to try and contact Mr. Allen about an event for next year. In the meantime, Mr. Suessenguth will reach out to some boy scout troops and churches about making cards for veterans this Veterans Day 2025. He will pick them up and drop them at various nursing homes in our area. In addition, Ms. Mergner will put information about making cards and dropping them at the Township Building in late October for the E-News, so residents may participate in the project as well.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Jack Kearins and seconded by Chris Suessenguth, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 PM.

The next VAC meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 4PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Volk, VAC Secretary