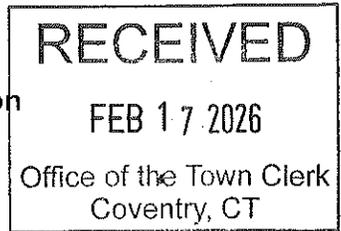


**Coventry Veterans Memorial & Events Commission**  
February 10, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes  
Location: Conference Room B



**Attendance:** Peter DePaola, Chair, Bill Glenney, Vice Chair, Jamie DePaola, Secretary, and members Rick Nowsch

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were approved for the Oct. 14, 2025 meeting.

**Monuments Sub-Committee:**

- The Treasurer's report was submitted and read for the monuments sub-committee.
- Cash donations were made at the CT Veterans Day Race on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> as well as via Venmo.
- American Legion Post 52 donated \$250.
- Robyn G. made flyers to begin promoting the fundraising campaign at the CT Veterans Day Race event in Coventry.
  - These flyers were distributed at the meeting and a request was made that all members begin distributing them around town.
- Peter was interviewed by the Willimantic Chronicle on Monday about the two monuments. Should be published this week.
- A marketing fundraising plan needs to be developed by the next meeting. Discussed using the same format/plan as Jamie does with the race via corporate sponsors. She will have a draft to present at the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Some ideas to promote and fundraise are:
  - Sponsors (financial and in-kind)
  - Dinner/Dance
  - Raffles
  - School participation (pj day), Fire Dept. (fill a boot), Police Dept. (fill a cruiser)
  - Set up information booth at the following:
    - Hebron's March 20<sup>th</sup> MapleFest
    - Memorial Day parade
    - 250<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations

**Upcoming Events:**

- Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, National Vietnam War Veterans Day wreath-laying ceremony at 2:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park.
- Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Veterans Memorial Park clean-up, 9 to 11 a.m. Need more volunteers.

**New Business:** Jamie suggested we introduce the idea to the Town and the American Legion to sell/purchase veteran banners for Main Street.

**Next Meeting Dates:**

March 10, 2026  
May 12, 2026  
September 15, 2026

October 13, 2026  
December 8, 2026

Special meetings may be scheduled for War Monuments.

**Adjourn:** 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Jamie DePaola, Secretary

## **Veteran Coffee House Schedules**

*(provides camaraderie, and discussions on VA benefits):*

- **Eastern CT Veterans Community Center** – Wednesday’s 8:30 a.m. to Noon. (Masonic Lodge, 375 Boston Post Road (Rt. 6), North Windham)
- **Patriot Veterans Coffee House** – Tuesdays 9:00 to 11 a.m. (American Legion Post 19, 339 Bricktop Road, Willimantic)
- **Somers Veterans Coffee House** – last Saturday of the month, 8:30 to 11 a.m. (600 Main St., Somers)
- **Manchester Veterans Coffee House** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. except in March and October they meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Army Navy Club, 1090 Main St., Manchester)
- **Tolland Veteran Coffee House** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 9 a.m. to Noon. (674 Tolland Stage Road, Tolland)
- **Veterans Rally Point Peer Meet-Up** – Wednesday’s 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. (24 Stott Ave., Norwich)