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VETERANS PARADE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Date/Time: April 29, 2024 4:45 PM**  
**Location: Branford Community House**

- **Call to order.** In attendance were: Alex Palluzzi, John Fitzgerald (Chairman), Elliot Hastings, Dennis Flanigan, Harvey Goldstein, Bill O'Brien, Ed Masotta, Don Langlois, Ray Ingraham, Phil Zielinski.
- **Invocation/benediction invites:** The committee agreed that we would invite Pastor Steve Chamberlain to give the invocation and invite Father Gutierrez from St John Bosco to give the Benediction.
- **Essay Contest:** Bill O'Brien will coordinate with Sen Cohen.
- **Update on marching units / booklet review.** Attendees who have RSVP'd so far include: Lia Witten (Singer), Dennis Nardella (sound system), Lions Club, Elks, Branford Garden Club, Branford Town Band, Antique Cars, Branford Fire Department, Stony Creek Fife and Drum.

The Branford High School Band has indicated they will not march due to a lack of participants. The Band has offered to send some musicians to the naval wreath ceremony and the ceremony on the town green. The Committee will discuss at our next meeting whether to have the band participate since their primary role in previous parades was to march. There are other musical groups who will be in attendance that can provide music on the green.

- **Proposals for last page of booklet.** The committee decided to try and put a paragraph on the meaning/history of Memorial Day along with the total number of Branford Veterans who died while serving our nation. We will contact the Branford Historical Society to see if they have that number.
- **Status of gym Backup for foul weather:** Dennis Flanigan will reserve the Branford HS gym.

- **Parade Marshal:** The Committee voted unanimously to name former Branford resident and Vietnam veteran Robert Janicki as parade marshal.

- **Old/New Business**

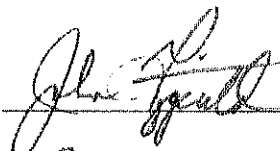
No old Business was discussed.

**New Business:**

1. The permit for the parade was submitted to the State DOT and was approved.
2. The Committee will meet at 6:15 am on Memorial Day across from the cemetery on Montowese Street and place wreaths at all cemeteries and military monuments around town prior to the parade.
3. With pending construction work being conducted on Main Street, the Committee may have to adjust where to place the reviewing stand and where to pre-stage marching units. The Committee decided to wait until the May 20 Committee meeting to address this as it will have a better idea of the construction schedule and the project's impact.

- **Adjournment** at 5:25pm.

Submitted by:

 5/1/2025  
CHAIRMAN