

Seekonk Veterans		
5.7.2025	7:00pm	Senior Center Cafe
Meeting called by	Kevin Kugel	
Type of meeting	Seekonk Veterans Council Meeting, Audio #062	
Chairman	Kevin Kugel	
Audio/Transcriber	James LaFlame	
Attendees	<p>Committee Members: Kevin Kugel (Chair), William Curtis (Vice Chair), Moises Moniz, Russ Pion, Adam Tumlinson & Joseph Raez Other: James LaFlame (VSO), Kathy Larivee (Legion Auxiliary) Absent: Matt Pezzullo (excused)</p>	
Meeting Minutes		
Discussion	Meeting minutes for April 23, 2025 approved.	
Action Items	Send to Town Clerk and post on town website	
Deadline	ASAP	
Agenda Topic		
	VSO Updates	

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VSO Updates	
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Jim provided Rep. Howitt with the Veterans Council's recommendation for David Viera to be honored at the first EOVS Military Appreciation Day ceremony. He thanked everyone for providing him with bullet points.2. Jim attended an SMVSOA training on VA pensions and DIC. They also had a Zoom call briefing with the Office of the Veteran Advocate, a separate Massachusetts veterans group, not affiliated with EOVS.3. Jim will be attending the MVSOA summer training conference from June 1st-5th at the Four Points Sheraton in Eastham.

Agenda Topic		
Old Business	Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony	
Discussion		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Joe has not yet received a reply from the Seekonk High School principal regarding promoting the Memorial Day parade on their message board. He will follow up by calling him directly.2. Jim reported that the message board in front of the senior center will start promoting the parade after the town meeting on May 12th.3. Kathy had one confirmation not previously reported for the parade – antique fire trucks.4. Jim let Bill George know that the Veterans Council would not be riding on the Seekonk Fire Museum's antique fire truck.5. Kevin reported that the CERT team will have a pickup truck as well as personnel walking the parade route. They will not have a trailer as previously forecasted.6. Kathy ran down the parade order of all the confirmed parade participants. She will continue to send out updates as we receive further confirmations.7. Jim received word from Matt Bosh that there are no other scheduled events on the morning of the parade. He said that spring sports team could add a practice, but that would entail a minimum of extra vehicle traffic in the parking lot.

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Old Business	Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony (continued)
Discussion	<p>8. Joe reported that we did not yet have a student that is enlisting to serve as our Grand Marshal for the parade.</p> <p>9. Jim will check on Dave Viera's availability to serve as Grand Marshal.</p> <p>10. Russ mentioned that the Veterans Council will be peeling off at the memorial park during the parade. Everyone agreed that it shouldn't be an issue as it is toward the end of the parade.</p> <p>11. Jim received a confirmation from Chris Zorra for the parade. Gary Sagar had previously reported he would be out of town. Jim expects Michelle Hines to be there, but won't be walking the parade route.</p> <p>12. Kevin reminded everyone to wear their Veterans Council shirts, but to have the jackets if needed.</p> <p>13. Mo suggested consolidating the parade division signs. Bill will get the two signs that Jim has in storage, since Bill has access to the other two signs.</p> <p>14. Russ will coordinate with Bill to get the POW/MIA sign out of storage.</p>

Agenda Topic	
New Business	Vietnam Veterans Memorial Lawn Care
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kevin suggested utilizing a roster for the lawn mowing at the VVM over the summer.2. Bill reported that with all of the rain, it has required mowing twice a week.3. Kevin suggested getting a small shed in order to keep a push mower at the site. Adam suggested chaining a mower to the existing large shed and putting a cover over the mower, if we are not able to acquire a small shed.4. Bill has covered the month of April, so Kevin will be responsible for mowing in May. Adam volunteered for June; Mo in July; Russ will cover August and Joe in September. Mo does work some weekends, but everyone will communicate with each other if unable to mow when needed – so someone else can fill in for them.
Topic	Adjournment
Motion made by Adam to adjourn, seconded by Joe and voted unanimously	