

Mayor's Veteran Council

Meeting Minutes (kp)

2 pm Jan. 12, 2026

Members In attendance: Don Vincent, John York, Steve Ordway, Lou Chipola, Doug Cotrau; Mayor Donchess

Members Absent: Michael Bichrest; Marc Plante

Also in attendance: Kathleen Palmer (Mayor's Staff)

Pearl Harbor Day debrief: Additional snow clearing needs to happen next time, to enable access to the river railing to toss in the wreath. The paths were cleared, but an off-path clearing also needs to be made right up to the rail.

The ball fields at Lincoln Park (Zapenas Field) and Amherst Street School (Robert H. Murray Field) were noted to not have flagpoles. The veterans are willing to consider financially enabling installation, but the Mayor will check with Public Works first, as these are City-owned ball fields.

Next events for the organizations are in May:

- May 2nd: Loyalty Day. At Nashua Senior Activity Center at 10 am.
- May 22-24: Poppy drive. Have reached out to Market Basket et al.
- May 25: Memorial Day parade. Steps off at 10:30 am.

Kathleen noted that additional activities are planned for Memorial Day weekend, regarding America's 250th.

Veterans have asked again for "2-hr Parking only" sign to be removed at Legion on Court Street. Mayor will ask DPW.

DPW should be announcing open applications for Veterans Memorial Parkway memoriam flags soon.

Post-mtg update: Lauren Byers from DPW replied that it will be Jan. 19. Information on Public Works website page: <https://militarytributebanners.org/new-hampshire/nashua-nh.html>

Meeting adjourned: 2:17 pm

Next meeting: TBD