

**Somerville Veterans' Commission on Monuments, Memorials & Dedications
(VetCMMD) Meeting - *REMOTE* ZOOM**



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COMMISSIONERS

Kevin Dickinson
Thomas Gorman
James Marques
Ellen Sullivan
Jodi Vachon
^Chair – Tom White

September 4th 2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025 Time: 4:30p – 5:30p EST
Location: *REMOTE on ZOOM

Members Present (on Zoom): ALL Present

^=non-voting member

Kevin Dickinson, Tom Gorman, *^Tom White-Chair*, James Marques, Jodi Vachon, Ellen Sullivan(4:45p)

1. Meeting was **Called to Order** at **4:32pm** **Adjourned** at **5:32pm**
2. **Prior Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve July 31st MINUTES by KDickinson, 2nd by TGorman. **APPROVED.**
3. **Meeting Motions, Actions & Summary:**
 - a) **Meeting Motions:**
 - **None**
 - b) **Actions: *The board will:*** 1)will finalize plan for next Heroes Salute Dedication ceremony. 2)continue planning Veterans Day/Week 3)monitor progress of Korean and Vietnam Memorials-Central Hill Project. 4)analyze “condition” data to restore signs/monuments/memorials 5)will track progress of FY26 Funding Cycle for Veterans Cemetery Project
 - c) **Summary:**
 - Hero Square Dedications:**
 - No New applications, next round of applications will be for May 2026
 - Signs submitted and ordered for November’s ceremony
 - Monuments/Memorials:**
 - WWII veteran name added to Honor Roll Wall
 - Community Preservation Act (CPA) FY26 Funding Cycle for Veterans Cemetery and selected monuments within city is underway, awaiting the Assessment Survey “Study”
 - Korean War/Vietnam War Memorials (Central Hill) project near completion. Looking to plan for ceremony and getting a guest speaker
 - Assigned summer intern completed data of the conditions of Hero Square signs, monuments & memorials throughout the city

Events:

- Rededication Ceremony for Korean/Vietnam Memorials at Central Hill in October (*tentative date to be determined*)
- 11/10 – 11/15 Veterans Day 2025 Activities planning: Thursday, November 13th Heroes Salute Dedication Ceremony in the evening. Confirm chaplain for Ceremony invocation/benediction; ceremony Guest speaker; color guard; venue
- 250th Celebration! (Marines/Navy Birthday) scheduled for Nov 6th changed Nov 1st
- Next monthly Veterans Breakfast will be held at VFW Dilboy Post 529 on Sep 25th
- 9/11 National Day of Remembrance & Service 6p Davis Square

Discussions:

**Open to guests/public comments: NONE*

- Search for a list of Somerville's Purple Heart Recipients for recognition during events-Purple Heart Day
- Outreach, programs and activities for veteran community
- Next monthly meeting -IN PERSON- Thursday, September 18th at Dilboy Post

4. **Motion to Adjourn** by TGorman, 2nd by ESullivan. **Adjourned at 5:32pm**