



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

Town Clerk – Wakefield, MA

1/9/2024 6:16 PM

VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD

NOTICE OF MEETING

January 16, 2024 | 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83238113017?pwd=zCRZbd1ivbNj4ReElvVuLm3Qb2Qu3j.1>

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- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Attendance
- Review/Approval of December 2023 Minutes – vote required
- Members of the public may speak
- VSO December 2023 Report (including next Veterans Coffee) REMINDER: THE VSO IS NOT A VOTING MEMBER OF THE BOARD
- Items for public discussion:
 - Motion – Open discussion on Wreaths Across America – Lakeside Cemetery on Saturday December 14, 2024
 - Motion - open discussion for a full-time veteran services officer (VSO)
 - Status of getting Junior ROTC to provide Gun Salutes at Wakefield events such as Memorial Day on the Common, Wreaths Across America, etc
- Upcoming events:
 - Four Chaplains Day Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 9:00am at the Four Chaplains Monument at Temple Emanuel
 - Monday, May 27, 2024, Memorial Day, at 1:00pm, at the War Memorial on the lower common.
 - Flag Day, Friday, June 14, 2024, at 6:00pm at the War Memorial on the lower common
- Member's report – “around the horn”
 - Secretary's report
 - Vice-chair's report
 - Chair's Report
 - Thank you – Fr. Thomas Reilly, Councilor Ed Dombroski, Denis Fazio and the DPW team, and WCAT for their support for the Wreath Day Ceremony at Forest Glade Cemetery
 - Congratulations to Commander Shelby Nikitin who relinquished her successful command of the USS Thomas Hudner on January 5th, 2024, in Mayport, FL. Her next assignment is at the US Naval War College in Newport, RI. Commander Ingram assumes command.
 - Upcoming events:
 - Saugus VFW Post 2346 – Holding a Comedy Fund Raiser January 25, 2024, call Lisa at 781-558-3728 for details.
 - June 2024 Change of Command of the Commander of the USS Constitution



- Town Council Liaison's – comments
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:30pm via Zoom (Please note: This meeting is on the 4th Tuesday so families may enjoy the winter break)
- Matters Not Anticipated for Agenda (Any Voting matters not anticipated by VAB)
- Adjournment (motion to adjourn)