

Town of Westerly
Westerly Veterans 'Rolls of Honor' Memorial Committee

Draft May 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: 2:08 pm, Tuesday, VFW Post 8955, 113 Beach St, Westerly RI 02891

Members Present: Bill Siano, Dan King, Ken Burton (arrived late)

Members Absent: Jack Shippee, Al Almeida

Town Council Liaisons Present: None

Alternates Present: Lucas Pityer, Alan Peck (arrived late) both as voting members in the absence of Jack Shippee and Al Almeida)

Public Speaker: Mr. John J. Turano

1. Reviewed February 10, 2026 minutes. Approved on a motion by Bill Siano, seconded by Lucas Pityer by a unanimous vote by those present (Dan, Bill and Lucas).
2. Presentations:
 - a. None
3. Old Business:
 - a. John J. Turano showed us a depiction of a proposed 2'6" x 1' x 8" gray granite memorial marker honoring his uncle John A. Turano to be installed the NE or NW quadrant of the Columbus Circle Memorial. The exact location TBD pending site evaluation by Public Works to avoid creating maintenance issues or damage to the sprinkler system. The project was approved by a unanimous vote by those present (Dan, Bill and Lucas) on a motion by Bill Siano and seconded by Lucas Pityer.
 - b. Members were reminded to continue informing the public that we are still accepting applications from qualified WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Cold War and Gulf War era veterans and current service members for the Rolls of Honor Memorial.
 - c. Memorial upkeep and repairs:
 - i. Alan told us the library will be rejoining the ROH War Memorial stone paving.
 - ii. Dan updated us that the new flags for the ROH War Memorial, Bridge Memorial, Columbus and Bradford Memorials were ordered, have been received, and will be installed next week in time for Memorial Day.
4. New Business:
 - a. New Rolls of Honor Applications:
 - i. Paul Pamper Jr, Sgt USA, WWII. Approved by unanimous vote on motion by Bill Siano, seconded by Ken Burton.
 - b. General consensus was to add the Space Force Service flag to the Columbus Circle Memorial seasonal holiday flag configuration. Flag has been received.
5. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Schedule:
 - a. Next meeting agenda items:
 - i. Current Rolls of Honor update.
 - ii. Addition of a Space Force bollard plaque on the ROH War Memorial.
 - b. Next meeting: August 11, 2026
6. Adjourned 2:54 pm, approved by unanimous vote on a motion by Bill Siano and seconded by Lucas Pityer.

Dan King, Chair