

FORMAL MEETING NOTICE AGENDA
LOWELL VETERANS COMMISSION
DATE: Wednesday, 11th February 2026 at 5:00 PM
Location: **Mayor's Reception Room, Lowell City Hall**

Meeting:

- a. Call to Order: 5:00 PM
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call Attendance
 - PARADISE, PAUL
 - GAFFNEY, JAMES III
 - COTE, RICHARD A.
 - HARMON, JAMES
 - PEEPLES, MICHAEL
 - CEROVAC, ROBERT
 - GAUTHIER, PHILIAS
 - PIMENTEL, NAYELI
 - PEEPLES, JEAN, SUB COMMITTEE MEMBER
 - ERIC LAMARCHE, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Discussion:

1. Seeking new members of the Veterans Commission and election of a member to the position of Vice Chairperson.
2. Seeking nominations for the Veterans Recognition Program to honor Veterans.
 - a. Tell us about your favorite Veteran. Seeking letters from school children and others.
 - i. Compose a letter/email invitation to Lowell School Teachers, Lowell School Committee, Lowell Superintendent, and others.
3. Contacting ROTC, UMass Lowell, Scouts of America, and other organizations for participation in the Veterans Commission events.
4. Upcoming Events:
 - a. **Memorial Day** at the new Veterans Park.
 - i. The date and time are needed.
 - ii. Laying of a wreath. A wreath donation and who to present the wreath is needed. Suggestions include:
 1. Oldest Lowell Veteran, Mayor, or local dignitaries who are Veterans.
 - a. Head of the Massachusetts Veterans who spoke at the Veterans Day Ceremony.
 - b. City Council member Rita Mercier (whose husband was a Veteran).
 - c. Jim Ogonowski, brother of the Veteran and Pilot John Organowski who perished in the Attack of 9/11.
 2. Florist suggestions for wreath provided by Sub Committee member Lynn (Sykes Florist or A Belvidere Florist).

- iii. Speakers.
- iv. Someone to sing.
- v. Porta potty and other essentials.

b. **The 4th of July Parade** Meet with the City of Lowell to approve the parade and the Veterans Commission's participation.

- i. Or, plan B, to have a limo escort Veterans and the Blue Star Mother of Lowell to participate in another City or Town's Parade.

c. **Veterans Day Event:**

5. Approve meeting minutes of 01/14/26, 12/10/25, 11/12/25, 10/8/25, 09/10/25, and 06/11/25.

- a. Secretary Michael Peeples received a point of contact (Haley Williams of the City of Lowell) to forward the Minutes and Agendas to post on City of Lowell's Website on the Internet, as well as the Lowell Telemedia Center.
- b. Permission is needed from the Veterans Commission for the Secretary to contact the City of Lowell to update online information.
 - i. Time and address of the meetings of the Veterans Commission and update the list of the Lowell Veterans Commission Members and titles.

6. New Business:

Facebook page for the Veterans Commission.

- Contacting the City of Lowell's photographer for pictures.
- Contact Channel 10 News who recorded the Veterans Day Ceremony and ask for a clip of the Lowell School children singing "How Do I Thank A Veteran" and ask permission to post on Facebook.

A point of contact is needed at the Lowell VA Clinic to provide updates on Veterans Commission Events. Point of contact at the VA Boston for Recreation Therapy to provide the VA updates on Veteran Commission Events. Permission for Secretary Peeples to contact is needed.

An updated email address is needed for member Nayeli Pimentel.

Password and access for the Veterans Commission email account is needed.

7. Conclusion:

- a. Invite the viewing audience to attend upcoming meetings held at Lowell Telemedia Center, 246 Market Street, Lowell, MA.
- b. Next meeting March 11, 2026.

8. Move to adjourn. Adjourned Time: _____
- a. Move – _____
 - b. 2nd – _____
 - c. Unanimous approval
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Regularly scheduled meetings of the Lowell Veterans Commission are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month Lowell TeleMedia Center, 246 Market St, Lowell, MA 01852 starting at 5:00 PM. The following is a list of scheduled meetings: September 10, 2025, October 8, 2025, November 12, 2025, December 10, 2025, January 14, 2026, February 11, 2026, March 11, 2026, April 8, 2026, May 13, 20256 and. June 10, 2026.