

CITY OF OAK FOREST

Veterans Commission

Agenda

Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 17:30

Blue Room – Conference Room



15440 S. Central Avenue
Oak Forest, IL 60452
(708) 687-4050

CHAIRPERSON:	Joe Pilch	
MEMBERS:	Christopher Adams	John Perales
(A) = Absent	Ralph Chichester	James Hanlon
	Jim Pioth	Dennis Mitzner
	Dave Moore	Tom O’Neill
	Paul Selman	Don Snedden
	Richard Wojtowicz	Mayor Jim Hortsman

Honorary Member: James (Jim) Watson

Guest:

- Pledge of allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes
 - Approval of March minutes by _____ 2nd by _____. All members present approved.
- Public participation
 - None
- Old business:
 - Flag retirement container emptied March 21. Our friend Bob took some flags to retire.
 - We have some flags that need to be folded and given to people that need a new flag.
- New business
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Independence Day 2026 we are planning now.

- Independence Day celebration date is planned for Saturday June 27, 2026. Gaelic Park has one wedding booked for that night.
- Gaelic Park will be the location for this event again.

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- City Administrator Moses has been scheduling meetings with PD, FD, Veterans Commission, EMA and Gaelic Park.
 - Mad Bombers has been contacted by Moses our City Administrator and Mad Bomber are on board for Saturday June 27.
 - Starting time of first entertainer Joe starts at 6:00 PM, and the main band Free Byrd starts at 8:00 PM. Same entertainment is planned for this year.
 - Free Byrd would like a bigger stage to set up on. Joe will ask Michael Bennett to see if this is possible.
 - Trucking for Veterans will return this year. They might move to another location. Was not happy when James Hanlon made this happen.
 - We decided to invite 5 food vendors. Ken Keeler has closed his pizza business in Midlothian this past week we may need another pizza vendor. We do need to ask Ken if he wants to participate. BoFill's BBQ, Joey's Hot Dog, Kona Ice, Jack Frost and Ken Keeler (Coopers bar) will provide pizza and pop. Emerald Coffee may not be attending because most people wanted alcohol not coffee.
 - All vendors need to be emailed the correct starting time of event and time they may set up.
 - All vendors need to be listed on flyers.
 - All vendors will need to complete a liability form. CA Moses to provide one to us.
 - We need to coordinate with Gaelic Park any changes they need to make, and we need to make sure it is a smooth operation.
 - Could Gaelic Park give Veterans Commission members dinner coupons?
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- Once around the Table
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Adjournment at 20:-- , motion by _____ 2nd by _____.

Our next meeting is Thursday May 21, 2026, at **19:30** in **the Blue Room**.

Dates and times could change with the approval of the committee.

Meeting dates for 2026 meetings start at 19:30.

January 15 February 19 March 19 April 16 May 21 June 18
July 16 August 20 September 17 October 15 November 19 @ 17:30
Dec 17 No meeting