

CITY OF OAK FOREST

Veterans Commission

Agenda

Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 7:30

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 November Minutes by _____ 2nd by _____. All members present approved?
- Public participation
 - None
- Old business:
 - Flag retirement container needs emptying again. We cleared out ½ of the container last month.
- 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.
- Involvement of PD and FD need is happening. City Administrator Moses has been scheduling meetings for PD, FD, Veterans Commission and EMA. And basically, anyone that may have involvement in the planning of IDC.

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- Mad Bombers has been contacted by Mose our City Administrator and Mad Bomber are on board for Saturday June 27.
 - Starting time of first entertainer starts at 6:00 PM and the main band starts at 8:00 PM. Same entertainment or do we change.
 - Trucking for Veterans will return this year. James Hanlon made this happen.
 - How many food vendors should we invite. May be 5 would be good.
 - 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.
 - We need to coordinate with Gaelic Park any changes they need to make, and we need to make too sure it a smooth operation.
 - Could Gaelic Park give Veterans Commission members dinner coupons?
- Once around the Table
 - Skipped this part of agenda.

Adjournment at 20:--, motion by _____ 2nd by _____.

Our next meeting is Thursday February 19, 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					
