

SARATOGA NATIONAL CEMETERY HONOR GUARD ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee Minutes – April 1, 2025

The meeting began at 7:00 PM

OFFICERS

Cmdr. – Robert Sellar – Present	Vice Cmdr. – Gary Squires - Present
Adjutant – Mark Joly – Present	Finance Officer – Jay Ogden – Absent
Quartermaster – Jim Rhodes – Absent	Ordinance – Ernie Dreimiller - Absent

TRUSTEES

Gary Squires – Present
Ernie Dreimiller – Absent
Joe Valerio – Absent

SQUAD LEADERS

Mon – Glenn Duffy – Absent, Robert Sellar representing
Tues - Frank Merrill – Present
Wed – Dick Noonan – Present
Thurs – Ted Mosher - Present
Fri - Gary Squires – Present

Additional Attendees: Dave Seymour

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Army Grant

Commander Sellar talked with the secretary of the Western New York National Cemetery in Corfu, NY, about sharing information about SOPs and MOUs with them. During the conversation, she mentioned their Honor Guard received \$50 for each service they perform for Army veterans. There is an Army grant through the Department of Defense.

In order to begin to qualify for the grant, the association would have to register with the federal government as a contractor. This process is free. However, the association would have to update information with the NYS Department of State, which would incur a \$50 fee. Bob wanted to know how this group felt about starting the process by updating our information with the Department of State.

After the discussion, the consensus was to move forward with updating the association's information with NYS and start the process to apply to be a federal contractor.

2. Possible Gift

The sister of Raymond David La Belle (Air Force) and her husband, who was interred on Thursday, November 11, 2024, contacted Bob Sellar to discuss how impressed they were by the service provided at her brother's interment. They talked about setting up an annuity of \$1,000 per year to the association, and they would also include in their will that this annuity would continue until the funds were exhausted. No other information regarding this gift has been received yet.

3. Master Roster

Dick Noonan is updating the association's Master Roster. Squad Leaders were provided the information Dick had and asked that the information be reviewed by each member and any changes be sent to Dick.

4. Robert Flowers Service

This longtime Wednesday squad member will be interred in Granville, NY on Saturday, May 17th. Dick will pass along information as he receives it about the time of the service.

The meeting ended at 7:47 PM.

The next **General Membership Meeting** will be on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, starting at **4:00 PM**.

All members are encouraged to attend the General Membership meeting.

The next **Executive Committee Meeting** will be on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**, starting at **7:00 PM**.

Both meetings will be at the American Legion Old Saratoga Post 278 in Schuylerville.

Future Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, April 15, 2025, Robert Garland Interment 11:00 AM