

Village of Gurnee
Veterans Blue Ribbon Commission
Minutes
December 1, 2025

1: Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Veterans Commission Members Present : Chairman James Huisel, [Todd Woodson](#) and [Konrad Otachel](#).

VBRC Members Absent: None

Other Officials Present: None

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Past Minutes Approval - October 2025 & November 2025 Minutes Approved

4. Discussion Items and Old Business.

- A. Review of Village Banner Program- Program to be ongoing on an annual basis. 20 banners were presented at the Village Board Meeting.
- B. Tiny Home Program- Jim Huisel to visit a site located in Racine WI and report at the next meeting.
- C. Village Resource Book Guide Update. Jim Huisel to contact the City of Des Plaines to research their approach to their village resource guide.
- D. Gold Star Family Garden Program- The best location for a garden would be at the old Rustic Manor site also known as Esper Peterson Park. Discussion with the mayor are being scheduled.
- E. Commission Mission Statement Reviewed and updated.
- F. 250th Anniversary of the US-July 2, 2026

5. New Business

- A. Scam Squad- Discussed the idea of offering a service by the village to assist in scam initiatives that are being perpetrated. [Konrad Otachel](#) mentioned a program offered by AARP with a phone number to call. Will do a little more review of this idea.
- B. Commission Meeting Date.- Proposal of changing the meetings to quarterly with them being scheduled on the second Monday of the second month of the quarter. Approved unanimously

6. Meeting Adjourned 7:27 P.M.

APPROVED: 2/23/26