

North Branford Veterans Service Commission

Establishment; Duties.

There is hereby created a Veterans Service Commission, which shall provide support to and recognition of our vital veteran community in North Branford, with the aim of creating programs for awareness and support of our local veteran community, overseeing events associated with promoting awareness and recognition of the service of our veterans, and celebrating their service and sacrifice on behalf of our nation. The Veterans Service Commission shall oversee, create, and support public events and functions that celebrate our veteran community in North Branford, including but not limited to Memorial Day, Patriot Day (September 11), Veterans Day, and to establish memorials and ceremonies including but not limited to a Purple Heart Community designation, and a North Branford Veterans Hall of Fame. The Veterans Service Commission shall not enter into any contract that binds the Town of North Branford. The committee shall meet at least quarterly and provide reports and updates to the Town Council as necessary.

Membership; Terms of Office.

The Commission shall consist of five (5) regular members and three (3) alternate members appointed by the Town Council. All regular members and alternate members shall either be veterans of a branch of the United States Armed Forces or have a member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, living or deceased, as an immediate family member. For the purposes of this Commission, an immediate family member is defined as a parent, child, or spouse. Three (3) regular members and one (1) alternate member of the electorate shall be appointed for an initial three-year term, one (1) regular member and one (1) alternate member of the electorate shall be appointed for an initial two-year term, and one (1) regular member and one (1) alternate member of the electorate shall be appointed for an initial one-year term. Upon passage of this ordinance, the Town Council shall determine which members of the electorate shall be appointed to the Commission for three-year terms, which members shall be appointed for two-year terms, and which members shall be appointed for one-year terms. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for successive three-year terms.