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A Community of Tradition and Vision

**Veterans Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda/Minutes
November 24, 2025**

In Attendance	Committee Member	In Attendance	Committee Member
	William Dauphinee USMC	x	Joe Meehan, USN
	Robert Dell, USCG	x	Chet Ruminski, USN
	Barry Forgeng, USMC		Laureen Sendel-Grant, USA
x	Barry Kenyon, USN	x	Stacy Spizziri, USA
x	Michael Lewis, USAF	x	Joyce Snyder, BOS Liaison
x	Rich Marino, USMC		

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

3. OPENING COMMENTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting of October 27, 2025

6. OLD BUSINESS

De-brief of Veterans Day event at Tennis-Lukens Cemetery / Veterans Memorial Park

Winter/Spring Veterans Social Event

Engineering Plans for Veterans Memorial Park Development

America 250 Township Committee

Towamencin 2027 Encampment Celebration Sub-committee - 100% Veterans Committee

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. NEXT VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING – December 22, 2025???

Meeting Summary

The Towamencin Township Veterans Committee met on November 24, 2025, to debrief the recent Veterans Day event and discuss several ongoing projects. A significant breakthrough was announced regarding the Veterans Memorial Park development, with a viable entrance route identified through the SKF property. The committee also discussed budget challenges for future social events and received updates on upcoming township-wide celebrations, including the America 250 drone show.

Topics & Key Points

- **Veterans Day Event Debrief**
 - The ceremony at Tennis Lukin Cemetery was considered a success with improved attendance of approximately 15 people.
 - A video of the event was shared on the [Township History page](#) and received significant views. <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/17KRbJogfS/>
 - The committee discussed the need for a permanent bell for future ceremonies, as the current one belongs to a local family.
- **Veterans Memorial Park Development**
 - A new entrance plan has been established off Tomlinson Road, skirting the SKF property and avoiding deed-restricted areas.
 - The estimated cost for the driveway is between \$300,000 and \$500,000, significantly lower than previous \$1 million+ projections.
 - The property owner (Nicoletti) has agreed to the plan and moved away from a previously requested land swap.
 - The township intends to purchase the necessary 50-foot wide strip of land outright rather than pursuing an easement.
- **Budget & Veteran Socials**
 - A \$4,500 budget request for a Veterans Social was not funded.
 - A follow-up request to the board may be possible in January.
- **Township Commercial Updates**
 - A Fortune 500 company has signed a lease for the SKF property, bringing 500 jobs to the township.
- **America 250 Celebration**
 - The township plans to host a drone show .
 - Logistics are currently being finalized regarding the drone launch site and overflow parking at the baseball fields.

Key Takeaways

1. **Major Progress on Park Entrance:** The identification of a viable, cost-effective entrance route is the most significant step forward for the Veterans Memorial Park in years.
2. **Budget Strategy Adjustment:** The committee must revise future event proposals to ensure they secure township approval.
3. **Upcoming Milestone Agreements:** Legal agreements for the park land purchase are expected to be finalized within the next two months (early 2026).
4. **No December Meeting:** The committee motioned and approved to cancel the December meeting due to the holiday season.

