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**Veterans Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda/Minutes
February 23, 2026**

In Attendance	Committee Member	In Attendance	Committee Member
x	William Dauphinee USMC	x	Joe Meehan, USN
	Robert Dell, USCG	x	Chet Ruminski, USN
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 January 26, 2026

6. OLD BUSINESS

Upcoming Events

- Spring Veterans Social Event April 17, 2026
- Memorial Day May 25, 2026
- Towamencin Day May 30, 2026
- Semiquincentennial Celebration June 25, 2026

Tennis- Lukens Cemetery Project

Veterans Memorial Park Project

America 250 Township Committee

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

Article for Newsletter submitted

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. NEXT VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING – March 23, 2026

Meeting Summary

The Towamencin Township Veterans Committee met on February 23, 2026, to discuss several upcoming spring and summer initiatives. Despite local snowfall a quorum was present to conduct business virtually. The committee approved the previous month's minutes and focused heavily on the logistics for the April 17th Spring Veterans Social, including RSVP protocols, liability concerns regarding alcohol, and promotional strategies. Additionally, members reviewed planning for Memorial Day, Towamencin Day, and the township's 250th Anniversary, while receiving budget updates on the Tennis-Lukens Cemetery restoration project.

Meeting Topics

Administrative and Review

- **Roll Call and Quorum:** The committee confirmed a quorum of six members plus a liaison was present.
- **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the January 29, 2026, meeting were reviewed and unanimously accepted.

Spring Veterans Social (April 17, 2025)

- **Event Logistics:** The event will be held on Friday, April 17th, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Holiday Inn for veterans and their guests.
- **Alcohol and Liability:** A cash bar will be available; Dave Kraynik is currently consulting with insurance providers and a solicitor to confirm township liability.
- **Promotion:** Advertising will begin the week of March 16th via the township newsletter, website, and a Facebook event page.
- **RSVP Process:** Bill will coordinate RSVPs, which are due by April 12th. Attendees must provide their name, address, and branch of service.
- **Video Loop:** Chet will provide a video loop that includes pictures from 2018 through current day view via Google Earth. The video was shared with the committee.

Upcoming Ceremonies and Events

- **Memorial Day (May 25):** A ceremony is scheduled for 3:00 PM. The committee discussed the possibility of purchasing a larger bell for ceremonies and will research pricing for future meetings.
- **Towamencin Day:** The committee will have a table and participate in the opening ceremony. Joe offered to provide his own tent for the event.
- **250th Anniversary Celebration (June 25):** The committee plans to host an information table at Fischer's Park to promote the upcoming 250th Encampment Anniversary.

Tennis-Lukens Cemetery Project

- **Budget and Quotes:** The current restoration budget is approximately \$15,000. Recent quotes for restoration and a new sign from Signorama are trending slightly higher than 2025 estimates but remain within the budget.
- **Signage Revisions:** A request was made to revise the sign's text to better emphasize the historical significance and the sacrifices of those buried at the site.

Action Items

- **Bill:** Coordinate with Dave Kraynik and Michelle regarding event promotion and handle the RSVP process for the Spring Social.
- **Bill:** Send his official committee email address to all members.
- **Bill:** Contact Bob Dell to find the source for the committee's "Cotter blue" shirts for those needing new ones. Chet provided the source, Nyce Shirts, Harleysville.
- **Chet:** Research pricing and availability for a larger ceremonial bell .
- **Chet:** Review history for previous event "attention grabbers" (e.g., toy soldiers, paratroopers) to hand out on Towamencin Day.
- **Chet:** Reach out to Michelle to change the email address on the Township's Veterans Committee 'contact me' link.
- **Joe:** Develop a draft handout/flyer for the 250th Anniversary table.
- **Joe:** Distribute the digital landscape plan for the cemetery project to the committee .
- **Stacy:** Contact Brian Hagey to discuss historical information and potential displays for the 250th Anniversary.

