



Veterans Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda/Minutes
March 23, 2026

In Attendance	Committee Member	In Attendance	Committee Member
x	William Dauphinee USMC	x	Joe Meehan, USN
x	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 February 23, 2026

6. OLD BUSINESS

Upcoming Events

- Spring Veterans Social Event April 17, 2026 (Attract new committee members)
- Memorial Day May 25, 2026
- Towamencin Day May 30, 2026
- Semiquincentennial Celebration June 25, 2026 (Ad for 2027 Encampment event)

Tennis-Lukens Cemetery Project

- Headstone restoration
- Sign
- Landscaping

Veterans Memorial Park Project

- Entrance from Tomlinson Road

America 250 Township Committee

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. NEXT VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING – April 27, 2026

Meeting Summary

The Veterans Committee met on March 23, 2026, primarily to address logistics for the upcoming April 17th Veterans Social and initial coordination for Memorial Day. A key discussion point involved opening the social event to veterans from surrounding communities like Hatfield and Harleysville to foster networking and increase attendance beyond the current two RSVPs. The committee also reviewed updated imagery of the park's access path and introduced a new historical research collaborator to support the "American 250" initiative for next year's encampment anniversary. Brian Hagey and Ken Stourt were welcomed to the meeting.

Meeting Topics

Veterans Memorial Park Access:

- **Tomlinson Road:** The committee reviewed a new visual of the park property obtained from Google Maps/Earth.



Adjustments: The imagery clearly shows the path from Tomlinson Road, specifically identifying an "S curve" located between the park property and the back of the former SKF property before it enters the park's grounds.

An alternative entrance off (Google Map Link) [Forty Foot Road and Newbury](#) was discussed with the BoS and PDSC.



Historical Research & American 250:

- **New Collaborator:** [Brian Hagey, manager of Towamencin History](#) page, was introduced as a researcher for the "American 250" initiative.
- **Objectives:** His expertise will assist in launching the anniversary of Washington's encampment next year.

Veterans Social Event (April 17th):

- **RSVP Status:** Only two responses have been received via the township Facebook page to date.
- **Regional Outreach:** The committee passed a motion to expand invitations to veterans in bordering towns—including Lansdale, Hatfield, Harleysville, Souderton, and Telford—to boost attendance and networking.
- **Thresholds & Budget:** A "magic number" of 10 external adult attendees was set to proceed with the event. If attendance is low, the committee will move the event to a smaller \$300 room instead of the \$700 main hall and scale back the 50-piece minimum food orders.

Memorial Day Planning:

- **Schedule:** "Taps Across America" ceremony at 3:00 PM at Tennis-Lukens cemetery.

Tennis-Lukens Cemeter Project:

- Headstone restoration, sign and landscaping are moving forward.

Action Items:

- **Publicity:** Bill will coordinate with The Reporter to secure a free public service announcement for the social event.
- **RSVP Monitoring:** Bill will provide a final attendee count on April 10th, following the April 9th registration deadline.
- **Contingency Meeting:** The committee will hold a Zoom call on April 10th or 11th if RSVP numbers are near the 10-person threshold to decide on rescheduling for the fall.

Next Meeting: The next formal committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026.

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Veterans Committee Outreach & Events



WE WANT YOU!

Attention Township Veterans: Your Voice Is Needed!

The Veterans Committee is growing, and we want you to be a part of it. Whether you served for a few years or a full career, your experience is invaluable to our community. Join us at our next meeting, which are typically held, the 4th Monday of each month, in the Township's Meeting Hall Building.

In addition, we are hosting our upcoming spring social on Friday, April 17 at the Kulpville Holiday Inn on Sumneytown Pike for Towamencin Veterans and their families. This event is free.

To attend, email dauphinee1116@gmail.com by April 9, 2026. See below for more event details.

Serving Those Who Served: An Update from Your Veterans Committee

The Towamencin Township Veterans Committee is entering a landmark year. With the 250th Anniversary of our nation approaching and the new Veterans Memorial Park gaining momentum, there has never been a more exciting time to get involved.

Our Mission: Our committee exists to honor the service and sacrifice of all township veterans. Our primary activities are:

Annual Observances: Organizing the township's Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies to ensure our fallen heroes and living veterans are honored as they deserve.



Veterans Memorial Park: We are working closely with engineers on the design of the Veterans Memorial Park on Allentown Road. This project will provide a permanent space for reflection and community gatherings, with dedicated areas honoring each branch of the military.

We Need Your Help. To continue this work, we are seeking more veterans to join our ranks. We currently have vacancies on the committee and are seeking fresh perspectives. You don't need special experience—only a desire to serve your fellow veterans and help shape the future of our Memorial Park.

Save the Date: The Veterans Committee of Towamencin will host a "FREE" social gathering on Friday, April 17th, from 6 PM to 8:30 PM at the Kulpville Holiday Inn on Sumneytown Pike. All Towamencin Veterans and their families are invited. Snacks, hors d'oeuvres, and beverages will be available. Alcohol will be available for purchase. This is a "FREE" event for Towamencin Vets only.

RSVP to our April Social by emailing your name, address, and branch of service to dauphinee1116@gmail.com by April 9, 2026. There will be a lot of great info about the future **Memorial Park** progress, the upcoming **US 250th**, and the **300th-year celebration of Historic Towamencin**. Please keep an eye on the Township website for updates.

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