



Veterans Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda/Minutes
April 27, 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 March 23, 2026

6. OLD BUSINESS

Events

- Spring Veterans Social Event April 17, 2026 – Debrief
 - Great success,
 - Potential new committee members,
 - Cost,
 - Do it again? Any changes?
- Memorial Day May 25, 2026 –
 - Taps Across America at 3:00PM at Tennis-Lukens,
 - Who will bring the bell?
- Towamencin Day May 30, 2026
 - Coordinate with ROTC
 - Tables and Chairs
 - Plan/script List
- Semiquincentennial Celebration June 25, 2026
 - Ad for 2027 Encampment event
 - Re-enactors ?
 - Who will attend?

Tennis-Lukens Cemetery Project - Status

- Headstone restoration
- Sign
- Landscaping

Veterans Memorial Park Project - Status

- Entrance from Forty Foot Road
- C2P2 Grant application

America 250 Township Committee

Towamencin 2027 Encampment Celebration Sub-committee –

- Set first Meeting Date

7. NEW BUSINESS

- New Committee shirts

8. NEXT VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING – MAY 18, 2026???

Towamencin Township Veterans Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2026

Meeting Summary

The Towamencin Township Veterans Advisory Committee convened for its regular monthly meeting with strong attendance, including several new participants. The meeting focused on reviewing the success of the Spring Veterans Social, planning upcoming Memorial Day and Towamencin Day activities, discussing participation in the America 250 celebration, and reviewing progress on cemetery preservation projects. Key themes included community outreach, event coordination, historical preservation, and increasing veteran engagement within the township.

Call to Order & Opening

- Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Roll call conducted; quorum present.
 - New attendees introduced and welcomed.
 - Chris Adkins
 - Chuck Shaw
 - Roman Tymczyszyn
 - Brian Hagey
 - Paul Mordan
 - Ken Stout
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Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion made and seconded to approve prior meeting minutes.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Spring Veterans Social Event

Details:

- Event held at the Holiday Inn.
- Attendance: 38 total (16 veterans; many accompanied by spouses/significant others).
- Total cost: approximately \$2,690.
- Format included informal social gathering with refreshments and networking.

Takeaways:

- Event considered highly successful and well-organized.
- Strong positive feedback on atmosphere, food, and engagement.
- Recommended to make this an **annual event**, likely in early spring (March/April).

Committee Membership & Vacancies

Details:

- Committee currently has approximately 13 seats with **5 vacancies**.
- Positions are appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
- Terms are staggered (rolling appointments).

Takeaways:

- Interested individuals encouraged to apply.
- Application process is informal and includes a short meeting with the Board.

New Business

Memorial Day Observance (May 25, 2026)

Details:

- **Taps Across America ceremony at 3:00 PM** at Tennis-Lukens Cemetery.

Takeaways:

- Event is rain or shine.
- Strong encouragement for community participation.
- Logistics discussed for bell installation (temporary mount; secure but removable).
 - Public Works to consider installing a post at Tennis-Lukens.

Towamencin Day (May 30, 2026)

Details:

- Event at Fisher's Park (12:00 PM – 4:00 PM).
- Committee will host informational table.
- Participation in opening ceremony with ROTC and national anthem.

Takeaways:

- Focus on public outreach and awareness of:
 - Veterans Advisory Committee
 - Veterans Memorial Park project
 - Logistics:
 - Tent, tables, flags, easels, and materials assigned.
 - Decision to reduce or eliminate children's giveaway items.
 - Water and basic supplies to be provided by committee members.
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America 250 (Semi-quincentennial) Celebration – June 25, 2026

Details:

- Township event at Fisher's Park (5:30 PM – 9:30 PM).
- Committee participation will highlight:
 - 1777 Continental Army encampment in Towamencin
 - Educational and historical displays

Takeaways:

- Event will serve as a **kickoff for 2027 250th anniversary of Washington encampment.**
 - Efforts underway to:
 - Secure reenactors
 - Develop maps, displays, and printed materials
 - Opportunity to expand into future educational programming (lectures, talks).
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Tennis-Lukens Cemetery Project

Details:

- Ongoing preservation of historic cemetery (dating to 1700s).
- Headstone restoration work **began ahead of schedule.**
- Township maintaining grounds and planning improvements:
 - Informational signage (in progress)
 - Landscaping enhancements

Takeaways:

- Continued commitment to preservation of Revolutionary War-era graves.
- Parallel effort underway to acquire and restore abandoned Methodist Episcopal cemetery.

General Discussion Highlights

- Importance of Memorial Day recognition emphasized.
- Continued coordination with local organizations (American Legion, ROTC, legislators).
- Need for improved communication and materials for public outreach.

Action Items Summary

Events & Planning

- Schedule Spring Veterans Social for 2027 (target: March/April).
- Finalize Memorial Day logistics, including bell mounting solution.
- Confirm Towamencin Day staffing, materials, and setup assignments.
- Develop America 250 display materials and secure reenactors.

Outreach & Materials

- Locate/update trifold informational handout.
- Contact legislators' offices for veteran-related materials.
- Prepare Veterans Memorial Park visuals and educational content.

Committee Operations

- Share membership application with interested attendees.
- Continue recruitment to fill 5 committee vacancies.

Cemetery & Facilities

- Coordinate installation of temporary bell post.
- Monitor headstone restoration progress.
- Finalize and install informational signage.

Adjournment

- Next meeting Monday May 18 7PM
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