



Veterans Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda/Minutes
May 18, 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 April 27, 2026

6. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion with Molly Jobson (Morgan Log House Director)

- America 250 Celebration – Reenactor
- Speaker Series First Quarter 2027

Events

- Memorial Day May 25, 2026 –
 - Taps Across America at 3:00PM at Tennis-Lukens,
- Towamencin Day May 30, 2026 Fischer's Park ,Noon to 4PM
 - Final Review of responsibilities (Trifold?)
- Semiquincentennial Celebration June 25, 2026
 - Re-enactors
 - Ad for Encampment event in 2027

Tennis-Lukens Cemetery Project – Update

- Headstone restoration
- Sign
- Landscaping
- Bell Installation

Veterans Memorial Park Project – Update Status

- Entrance from Forty Foot Road
- C2P2 Grant application

America 250 Township Committee – Update

Towamencin 2027 Encampment Celebration Sub-committee –

- Kick-off Meeting in June

New Committee shirts – Delivered – Those who ordered shirts can pick them up tonight from Stacy -Pay \$23.00 and Pick up Shirt

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. NEXT VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING – June 22, 2026

Meeting Minutes Towamencin Township Veterans Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: May 18, 2026

Next Meeting: June 22, 2026

Meeting Summary

The Towamencin Township Veterans Advisory Committee met on May 17, 2026, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance and approving the April 27, 2026, meeting minutes. The primary focus of the meeting was community historical outreach and upcoming commemorative events. Molly Jobson, Executive Director of the Morgan Log House, gave a detailed guest presentation on regional America 250 initiatives, a planned 2027 Revolutionary War lecture series, and a major upcoming roofing restoration project. The Committee finalized logistical planning for the upcoming Memorial Day ceremonies. Additionally, members reviewed physical progress on the realignment of cemetery grave markers, discussed institutional and grassroots fundraising strategies (including a proposed custom-engraved plaza brick program), and debated membership criteria regarding the committee's five current vacancies and local veteran benefits navigation.

Topics

1. Administrative Approvals & Member Updates

- Summary: The Committee completed roll call and unanimously approved the official minutes from the April 27, 2026, meeting. A quorum is present. On a solemn note, leadership shared an update that long-standing member Bob Dell. The Committee is keeping Bob Dell and his family in their thoughts. Chris Atkins (applied for committee membership), Roman Tymczyszyn, and Brian Hagey were also present.

2. Morgan Log House Guest Presentation & America 250 Planning

- **Summary:** Molly Jobson outlined the upcoming programming for the 250th anniversary of the Morgan Log House and broader regional America 250 initiatives. Because the property's original residents were historical pacifists, programming focuses heavily on unique community-centered narratives rather than military battles. Featured events include a "Founding Fathers" cornhole tournament on May 27th (utilizing themed boards designed by technical high school students) and an upcoming "Military Might" event on Saturday featuring vintage vehicles, collectors, and historical letter-readings (with rain contingencies in place for an 85% rain forecast). Looking further ahead, the site will launch a 5-part adult lecture series in early 2027 titled "Untold Stories of the Revolution," focusing on overlooked

perspectives such as pacifists, women, children, spies, the Lenape, and African American patriots (e.g., Ned Hector), paired with monthly kids' "maker space" workshops. Lastly, the site is executing a massive capital campaign to replace its historic roof using 8,328 hand-split wood shingles from upstate New York.

- **Takeaways:** The Committee identified an immediate opportunity to link the 2027 lecture series directly into their planned local commemoration of the 1777 Towamencin Continental Army encampment and the Philadelphia Campaign. Additionally, the Morgan Log House offered to connect the Committee with professional living history reenactors (such as a British military interpreter named Paul) to stand at the Committee's upcoming public tables.

3. Memorial Day Observance

- **Summary:** Final coordination was completed for the approaching Memorial Day ceremony at Tennis-Lukens Cemetery at 3PM
- **Takeaways:** Everything is in place for Memorial Day. Link to Memorial Day ceremony: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1FbbjLLQzH/>

4. Tennis-Lukens Maintenance

- **Summary:** A progress report on physical site enhancements. The physical alignment and resetting of historical grave markers and memorial stones has been completed, drastically improving the structural aesthetics of the plots. While the physical resetting is complete, chemical washing has not yet occurred; specialized crews are scheduled to deploy on-site in July to perform full deep-clean sanitization.
- **Takeaways:** A post for temporarily mounting the newly purchased bell for ceremonies is in place.

5. Fundraising & Institutional Grants

- **Summary:** The Committee evaluated a multi-tiered financial strategy to secure capital reserves for the upcoming development phases of the Veterans Park Master Plan. On an institutional level, the township continues actively tracking and pursuing grant programs through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) C2P2 program and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). On a community level, members were urged to "pass the hat" for micro-donations during local veteran social breakfasts. Additionally, the group reviewed a programmatic revenue model involving the retail sale of custom-engraved paver bricks to be embedded directly into the plaza walkway situated in front of the six planned military service branch obelisks.
- **Takeaways:** Finalizing a precise, digitally mapped architectural grid layout for the brick paver program is a critical near-term milestone to ensure smooth public uptake, transparent bookkeeping, and accurate installation.

6. Committee Vacancies

- **Summary:** The Committee currently has 5 official vacancies out of 13 total seats, with an impending 6th vacancy. Maintaining a standard voting quorum requires 7 active members. A spirited debate took place regarding whether the township should open these vacancies to non-veteran residents. Multiple members strongly advocated for keeping the committee strictly exclusive to veterans, noting that a shared military background and mission-oriented mindset are vital to fulfilling the board's unique advisory scope.
- **Takeaways:** To resolve the membership gap, leadership will formally request the township administration to launch a target-market public communication blast seeking exclusive veteran applicants to fill the vacant seats.

From Memorial Day:

