



Veterans Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda/Minutes
January 29, 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		Joyce Snyder, BOS Liaison
x	Rich Marino, USMC		

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

3. COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION for 2026 – led by Supervisor Snyder

4. OPENING COMMENTS

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting of November 24, 2025
- No Veterans Committee Meeting held in December 2025

7. OLD BUSINESS

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

An article for the Township newsletter – Deadline Feb 13, 2026

Towamencin Day date set – May 30, 2026 - Noon to 4 PM

9. NEXT VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING – February 23, 2026

Meeting Summary

The Veterans Committee met on January 29, 2026, to reorganize its leadership and advance key projects for the upcoming year. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call, the committee elected Rich Marino as the new Chairman, succeeding Michael Lewis, who was thanked for his years of service. The meeting focused on logistical planning for a winter/spring veteran social event, addressing challenges regarding township funding requirements. Members also discussed strategies for increasing veteran engagement, including a front-page feature in the township newsletter and outreach to former Veterans Committee attendees. Additionally, the committee reviewed progress on the Veterans Memorial Park's engineering design updates for a new access road that skirts the back of the former SKF property and enters from Tomlinson Road.

Meeting Topics

- **Committee Reorganization:**
 - Rich Marino was nominated and elected as Chairman.
 - Stacy Spizziri was elected Vice Chair, Bill Dauphinee was elected Treasurer, and Chet Ruminski was elected Secretary.
- **Veteran Social Event:**
 - The committee explored hosting a social at the Holiday Inn or Morgan Log House.
 - There is a need to clarify township rules regarding events where alcohol is present, even if it is a cash bar.
- **Outreach and Engagement:**
 - The committee plan to include a call-to-action block in the upcoming township newsletter to recruit new members and invite veterans to the social event.
 - Discussion on reaching out to a list of approximately 12 former meeting attendees to gauge their current interest.
- **Veterans Memorial Park Development:**
 - The committee reviewed drone picture from December showing the property and the current red-line park boundaries.
 - Update on the \$55,000 engineering design for the park's access road, which is necessary for future grant applications.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - The committee discussed having a presence at "America 250" in June, including a potential display of historic military vehicles. Michael Lewis represents the Veterans Committee on the America 250 Committee.
 - The Committee discussed an event commemorating the 25th Anniversary of The Continental Army encampment in Towamencin. The subcommittee for this event will need to meet.

Take Aways

- **Bill Dauphinee:** Clarify township and solicitor rules regarding alcohol/liability for the social event before the next meeting.
- **Chet Ruminski:** Draft an article/block for the township newsletter and distribute it to the committee for review before the February 13 deadline.
- **Secretary (Chet Ruminski):** Email the new reorganization list to the township liaison, Joyce Snyder
- **Joe Meehan :** Send outreach emails to the list of former meeting attendees to check their interest in returning.
- **Robert Dell:** Research contact information for the "VAM" (Veterans Association Musicians) band for potential booking at future events.
- **Robert Dell:** Inquire about the availability and transportation of historic vehicles for the June 25 event.
- **Committee members:** Send evenings they might be available for meetings of the "Encampment Subcommittee" so a meeting date can be set.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2026.