



Veterans Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda/Minutes
March 24, 2025

In Attendance	Committee Member	In Attendance	Committee Member
X	Gordon Bell, USCG	X	Rich Marino USMC
X	William Dauphinee USMC	X	Joe Meehan, USN
X	Robert Dell, USCG	X	Chet Ruminski, USN
	Barry Forgeng, USMC		Laureen Sendel-Grant, USA
X	Barry Kenyon, USN	X	Stacy Spizziri, USA
X	Carter LeBrocq, USA	X	Joyce Snyder, BOS Liaison
X	Michael Lewis , USAF		Vacant

Summary of meeting March 24

The Veterans Committee discussed a vacancy, plans for a Veterans social, preparations for Towamencin Day on May 10, 2025, a grant application for the cemetery project, the America 250 township committee, and the 250th anniversary of Washington's Encampment.

Topic discussed

February Minutes

Details

Reviewed and approved.

Topic discussed

Vacancy on the committee

Details

The committee discussed how to fill a recent vacancy. A motion was made and passed to vacate Dan's position. The committee sincerely appreciated Dan's time and dedication on the Veterans Committee.

Key takeaways

- The committee voted to vacate Dan's position.
- The committee will need to find a replacement for the vacancy.

Topic discussed

Planning Veterans social

Details

Bill spoke to the fire chief about holding a Veterans social at the firehouse. The fire chief is on board and will present the idea to the board on March 31st. Bill proposed two dates for the social: April 27th or May 17th, both Saturdays from 5 to 9 PM.

Key takeaways

- The fire chief is on board with the idea and will present it to the firehouse board on March 31st.
- The committee is considering two dates for the social: April 27th and May 17th.
- The committee hopes to use the social to connect with veterans and the fire company hopes to recruit volunteers.

Topic discussed

Towamencin Day May 10, 2025

Details

The committee discussed logistics for the Veterans' tent. They confirmed that the NPHS JROTC will be there and discussed who will be responsible for various tasks on the checklist.

Key takeaways

- The JROTC will be present at the event.
- Committee members volunteered to bring various items for the event.
- The event will take place from 12 PM to 4 PM with a preliminary schedule created and reviewed.

Topic discussed

Grant application for Tennis-Lukens cemetery project and Veterans Memorial Park access

Details

A grant is being prepared, with a due date of May 15, 2025. The committee discussed the details of the grant, including eligible themes and the process for applying.

They also discussed the need to reach out to the PDSC regarding access, as engineering plans for the memorial park cannot start without an ingress/egress point. The planned Veterans Memorial Park is boxed in.

Key takeaways

- A grant application is being prepared, with a potential \$10,000 funding match.
- The grant is a 50/50 matching grant, with a due date of May 15, 2025.
- The committee discussed the details of the grant and the need to reach out to the PDSC.
- PDSC was invited to the meeting. A PDSC representative was not present.

Topic discussed

America 250 T township committee

Details

The supervisors voted to create a committee for the 250th anniversary celebration. The committee discussed who would be appointed as a representative. They also discussed the 2027 encampment celebration, which will be 100% veterans committee.

Key takeaways

- The supervisors voted to create a committee for the 250th anniversary celebration.
- The committee discussed who would be appointed as a representative.
- The committee also discussed the 2027 Washington's Encampment Anniversary.

Action item summary:

- Notify township of committee vacancy
- Confirm date for veterans social
- Coordinate Veterans' tent supplies for Towamencin Day
- Send the trifold handout for printing
- Gather handouts from PA Senator Pennycuik's office
- Follow up on M&E cemetery preservation presentation
- Continue to invite representative from PSDC to next Veterans Committee meeting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

3. OPENING COMMENTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting of February 24, 2025

6. OLD BUSINESS

Planning for Future Events for Veterans

- Veterans Social for spring 2025
- Towamencin Day 2025 – May 10, 2025

Update on Status of Work to be performed at Tennis-Lukens Cemetery

- Progress on Grant Application

Engineering Plans for Veterans Memorial Park Development

- Initiate proposals for engineering plans
- Reach out to PSDC

7. NEW BUSINESS

America 250 Township Committee

- Appoint a representative from the Veterans Committee (see attached e-mail)

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

- Form sub-committee

8. NEXT VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING – April 28,2025

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