

Veterans Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda/Minutes

May 19, 2025

In Attendance	Committee Member	In Attendance	Committee Member
	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		Stacy Spizziri, USA
x	Carter LeBrocq, USA	x	Joyce Snyder, BOS Liaison
x	Michael Lewis , USAF		

Meeting Summary

The Veterans Committee convened to review plans for Memorial Day and Flag Day events, assess progress on the Veterans Memorial Park development, discuss the status of the American 250 grant application, and debrief Towamencin Day 2025. Ongoing concerns were raised over delays with the park's development due to issues with land access. Committees for upcoming events and commemorations were acknowledged.

Discussion Topics – Key Points and Takeaways

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Minutes from April meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Memorial Day Events

- Date/Time:** May 27, 1500 (3:00 PM), at Tennis-Lukens Cemetery.
- Activities:** Taps Across America, taps to be performed.

3. Veterans Spring Social

- To be revisited in the fall; a suitable venue will need to be identified.

4. American 250 Grant / Tennis-Lukens Cemetery

- Grant application nearly submitted; follow-up pending.
- America 250 Committee; aiming to begin in June.

5. Veterans Memorial Park Development

- Project stalled due to lack of access point. Potential road access concerns discussed.
- Land swap proposal with PSDC is complicated by open space restrictions.
- Strong frustration expressed by committee.

6. Township 300th Anniversary

- Committee recognized need to begin planning for 2028 milestone.
- Possible overlap with America 250 efforts.

7. 2027 Encampment Celebration Subcommittee

- Subcommittee exists but has not yet met.
- Ample planning time remains.

8. Towamencin Day 2025 Debrief

- Event was highly attended with large crowd.
- Veterans' booth received good engagement.
- NPHS ROTC participation by 4 cadets.

Action Items

- Purchase Betsy Ross flag for Veterans Day.
- Follow up on American 250 grant submission
- Coordinate Memorial Day flag placement & ceremony
- Township work with county re: land swap legalities and next steps
- Schedule America 250 Committee kickoff
- Convene 2027 Encampment Celebration Subcommittee

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### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 2. ROLL CALL

### 3. OPENING COMMENTS

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting of April 28, 2025

### 6. OLD BUSINESS

#### Planning for Future Events for Veterans

- Memorial Day Events
  - Placing Flags on Veterans Graves May 24, 2025
  - Flag Ceremony and Taps will be sounded at 1500 -Tennis - Lukens Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 26, 2025
- Veterans Social for spring 2025
- Flag Day – June 14, 2025 – Ceremony at Hatfield American Legion

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

- America 250 Grant Application
- Morgan Log House Involvement

#### Engineering Plans for Veterans Memorial Park Development

- Update

**America 250 Township Committee**

- Report from Carter LeBrocq - The Veterans Committee representative

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

- Sub-committee report

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**Towamencin Day 2025 – Debrief**

**8. NEXT VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING – June 23, 2025??**