



**Veterans Advisory
Committee Meeting
Agenda/Minutes
October 27, 2025**

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

Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Summary

The Veterans Committee met on October 27, 2025, with a quorum present. Attendance was confirmed, and updates were shared regarding member absences. The group reviewed upcoming Veterans Day plans, discussed ongoing frustrations with the Veterans Memorial Park access and development process, and received updates on the America 250 Township celebration. Additional topics included committee membership, future meeting schedules, and ideas to encourage participation and community engagement.

Discussion Topics

Attendance and Opening Remarks

- Quorum confirmed; the two previous meeting lacked quorum.
- Members absent due to illness and personal circumstances were acknowledged.

Veterans Day Ceremony – November 11

- Event scheduled for 11:00 a.m. at Tennis-Lukens, rain or shine.
- Flag and bell ready; 21 bell strikes tradition to continue.
- Rich to deliver introductory remarks.

Veterans Social Event (Winter/Spring 2026)

- Tentative date: February 2026.
- Budget request of \$4,500 included in proposed township budget.
- Contingency plan to proceed even if budget funding is delayed.

Veterans Memorial Park Development

- Ongoing challenges with developer and access routes discussed.
- Board of Supervisors to hold an executive session on November 12 to address Veterans Park and related land issues.
- Frustration expressed over project delays since 2018; emphasis on pushing forward with a definitive access plan.
- Possible groundbreaking in 2026 targeted, with fundraising to begin thereafter.

America 250 Township Committee Update

- Planned celebration in June 2026 at Fisher's Park.
- Reenactors for George and Martha Washington, General Nash, and others secured.
- Discussion about cost-effectiveness of proposed lighting; alternative patriotic decorations considered.
- Live music to be provided and food vendors to be available.

Tennis-Lukens Cemetery Landscaping and Budget Presentation

- Budget presentation and visuals submitted; positive feedback received.
- Landscape design for the veterans' cemetery nearly complete.

Committee Membership and Terms

- Several members' terms expire December 31, 2025.
- Additional vacancies: one current and two expiring in 2026.
- Outreach to fill four anticipated openings will be posted by Supervisor Snyder on social media in December.
- Discussion of attendance expectations: Chair to contact members missing three consecutive meetings.

Future Meetings and Format

- Suggestion to consider bi-monthly meetings due to limited new developments.
- Proposal to rotate meeting venues occasionally to encourage participation (e.g., The Mill, Mainland Golf Club).
- Consensus to keep meetings within township limits for accessibility.

Recruitment and Engagement

- Continued need for new and younger veteran members emphasized.
- Veterans social in 2026 to be leveraged as a recruitment opportunity.
- Potential outreach to active-duty residents and reservists discussed, pending charter clarification.

Action Items

- Rich Marino – Deliver Veterans Day opening remarks and coordinate the ceremonial toast.
- Joyce Snyder –Post committee vacancy notice in December.
- Committee Members – Attend Veterans Day ceremony and assist with event setup.
- Chair – Contact members with three consecutive absences to confirm continued interest.
- Joyce & Board – Attend executive session on November 12 regarding Veterans Park.

- All Members – Continue outreach for potential new committee members.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

3. OPENING COMMENTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting of June 23, 2025

6. OLD BUSINESS

**Upcoming Events- Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2025,
1100 hours sharp at Tennis Luken Cemetery, Parking at Planet
Fitness**

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**

**Presentation made to BOS for Veterans Committee Budget Requests
for 2026**

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. NEXT VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING – November 24,2025

