



*A Community of Tradition and Vision*

**Veterans Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Agenda/Minutes**

**June 24, 2024**

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

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Meeting of May 20, 2024/ [Approved after noting the Memorial Day Ceremony at Tennis-Lukens was not canceled as it was held. See additional comments under New Business.](#)

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- Upcoming Events with Veterans Participation
  - Veterans Day – November 11, 2024
    - Ceremony at Tennis Lukens Cemetery
      - [A flag has been ordered. More information will be provided closer to Veterans Day.](#)
    - Event for Veterans only at firehouse, Morgan Log House (MLH)
      - [Bill Dauphinee is collaborating with Molly Johnson from MLH for an event aimed at facilitating networking among township veterans. The event is scheduled for September 14 in the afternoon at 4:30PM, to be confirmed. More details will be provided soon.](#)
- Veterans Park Entrance Developments
- Carter’s Review of Work needed at Tennis-Lukens Cemetery
  - [Public Works has finished a lot of the work. For details on the completed and remaining work, refer to Dan Littley's presentation to the Board of Supervisors at the July 10, 2024 Work Session video at the 29:20 mark.](#)
  - [Installation of bench\(es\) at the cemetery as a Scout project was discussed. Next steps to be determined at the next Veterans Committee meeting.](#)
  - [Regarding headstone restoration: Molly Johnson at MLH has knowledge of headstone restoration. Molly will be invited to a future Veterans Committee meeting. Historical designation of](#)

Tennis-Lukens (T-L) would help obtaining grant money for headstone restoration. There are eight headstones with flags. Work on designating T-L as a historical site began years ago. Dan Littley will work with Colleen to determine what steps were completed.

- Motion: Petition BOS to review remaining work at T-L. Seconded and approved.
- Listing/Register of Towamencin Veterans
  - Carter's suggestion of capturing the history of township veterans.
  - The Morgan Log House working to capture township Veterans' history using the [Library of Congress Veterans History Project \(LoC/VHP\)](#)
- Restoration of AME Cemetery, rehabilitation of veterans' headstones.
- Restoration of Tennis-Lukens Cemetery headstones.
- Veterans Memorial Park grants for the next phase of development.
- 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (October 2027) of the Continental Army at "Headquarters Towamencin" October 8-16, 1777.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- Memorial Day Weekend Activities - Debrief
  - Flags Placed in Cemeteries
  - Parade and Event at Hatfield Legion Post
  - "Taps" sounding at Tennis Lukens Cemetery
    - Although there were emails being sent back and forth about canceling the Memorial Day event, the ceremony ended up taking place as scheduled. Official communication about event cancelation should have come directly from the Township, as the event was advertised by them. From now on, any notices about event cancelations will come directly from the Township.
- Flag Day De-Brief
- First Draft of a video loop for use at Towamencin Day 2025
  - First draft can be viewed on this link: [Veterans Memorial Park Loop](#).

**NEXT VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING** – July 22, 2024 canceled. Next meeting August 26, 2024, 7:00 PM