



*Towamencin Chapter  
Lansdale, Pennsylvania*

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

November 13, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Towamencin Chapter was called to order by Regent Samantha Freise at 10:35 AM on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at the Indian Valley Public Library in Telford, PA. In the absence of Recording Secretary, Joan LaMonica, minutes were recorded by Margie Gehlhaus, 2nd Vice Regent.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the American's Creed were led by Regent Samantha Freise followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Chaplain Marian Helinsky led a prayer remembering indigenous people in America. Regent Freise announced that the President General's message was linked in the November Towamencin Talk Newsletter as was the link to the [National Defender](#) for the National Defense Minute.

Regent Freise welcomed 15 members. 1st Vice Regent, Sue Johnston, welcomed six prospective members. Towamencin Chapter will soon receive two transfer members from New York and Texas. Two membership applications have been submitted for approval; one has been accepted and the second is pending. A quorum was present at the meeting.

Regent Freise addressed the Wreaths Across America event scheduled December 18 and thanked members for purchasing wreaths. She thanked Carole Bishop and Joan LaMonica for their military service. Regent Freise reported on the Veterans Day event commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. She thanked 1st Vice Regent Sue Johnston for planning and orchestrating the Veterans Day program. Sue thanked 2nd Vice Regent Margie Gehlhaus for inviting the group of veterans present at the program. Regent Freise read a letter of thanks from Liberty USO for the chapter's \$200.00 donation to the Afghanistan Refugee Mission.

Regent Freise recognized the chapter and individual members who were awarded Certificates of Achievement. Sue Johnston was awarded the American Indians Committee for Outstanding School Support for the Chemawa School and the American Indians Committee for American Heritage Program and Proclamation. Holly Hayick accepted an award for the Membership Committee "We Can Do It" membership challenge. Wendy Kelly received a Service to America Committee award for mask making. Samantha Freise received the Eastern Division 2nd place runner up for the Historic Preservation Committee. The Chapter received a certificate for DAR Service to Veterans and the "We Can Do It" award from the PSSDAR.

Regent Freise announced that the PSSDAR State Conference will be held April 28-30, 2022 at the Hilton Scranton Hotel. State officers will be elected on Saturday, April 30th. Members are to contact Regent Freise if interested in being a delegate at the conference. A vote on delegates will be held at the December 2021 meeting.



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Regent Freise reported that the Southeastern Veterans Center will be assigning our chapter a recently admitted veteran to sponsor as part of the Friend of a Vet program. We will continue to sponsor Robert Sherman and support him with holiday cards until this occurs.

Marian Helinsky made a motion requesting the chapter donate \$25.00 for a Christmas gift card to the SEVC canteen for Robert Sherman. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Cherry. Marian Helinsky amended the motion to a \$50.00 donation after discussion. The motion was seconded by Shirley Sargent. Regent Freise called for a vote: motion adopted with all in favor.

Holly Hayick, Chairman Community Service Awards, made a motion for the chapter to donate \$50.00 to the Meals on Wheels program of Generations of Indian Valley. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Wolf. Regent Freise called for a vote. Motion adopted with all in favor.

There was no discussion on the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2021. Carole Bishop made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written. Sue Johnston seconded the motion. Regent Freise called for a vote. Motion passed with all in favor.

Regent Freise presented the Treasurer Report of October 2021 in the absence of treasurer Heather Wassel. The ending balance is \$8,459.22. The treasurer's report of October 2021 will be filed for audit and attached to the meeting minutes.

1st Vice Regent Johnston presented an Indian Minute on Wampum made from seashells.

Wilma Pengelly was inducted into the Towamencin DAR Chapter by Regent Samantha Freise, Chaplain Marian Helinsky, and Holly Hayick, Membership Committee Chair.

1st Vice Regent Johnston addressed the spring 2022 election of new officers. A nominating committee will be selected and voted on at the February meeting. Members interested in an office may contact a current board member. A slate of candidates will be presented at the April meeting and voted on at the May meeting. Elected officers will be inducted at the June meeting.

The Book Club will resume in January 2022. The selected book is The Indian World of George Washington.

Sue Johnston, State American Indian Chair, presented a program on Native American Veterans in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 18 at 10:30 AM at Wentz UCC. Prior to the Wreaths Across America event a pot luck brunch will be served and Christmas cards addressed to SEVC Veterans.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Minutes recorded by 2nd Vice Regent, Margie Gehlhaus and submitted by Joan LaMonica, Recording Secretary.

Date Approved: