

## Carroll County Veterans Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Date: September 17, 2024

Start Time: 2:00 pm

Location: American Legion Post 31 (2 Sycamore Street, Westminster, MD)

Chairperson: Bill Nash

Vice-Chair: Marc Fisher

Topic	Discussion
<b>Mission Statement</b>	To evaluate, develop and promote new and existing programs and services for Veterans and their families within Carroll County.
<b>Vision Statement</b>	That Carroll County offers our Veterans quality services and programs to ensure the enrichment and enhancements of life for our men and women and their families.
<b>Attendance (Appointed VAC Members are in bold)</b>	Alex Brown, <b>Larry Burbank</b> , <b>Bob Eney</b> , Francis Hahn, Megan Klein, Bobbie Lawrence, <b>Bill Nash</b> , Tony Roman, Lois Romeo, <b>Mick Schmidt</b> , Jason Sidock, Celene Steckel, <b>Elaine May Stem</b> , Gina Valentine, <b>Steve Whisler</b> , <b>Jack Curran</b> , Kati Townsley, Victoria Parks
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Chair's Comments</u> (Bill Nash) – opened the meeting by welcoming those attending.</li> <li>2. <u>Attendee Introductions and Announcements</u>- No comment</li> <li>3. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> led by Bill Nash</li> <li>4. <u>Commissioner's Report</u> – No Report</li> </ol>
<b>Old Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Approval of Minutes</u> – Quorum met, approved August 2024 minutes.</li> <li>2. <u>Monthly Program Reports:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <u>Veteran's Program Coordinators' Report for September 2024:</u> (Richard Pollard)                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 39 Claims submitted.</li> <li>ii. 32 New Representations</li> <li>iii. 35 office/3 home visits</li> <li>iv. 15 phone appointments</li> <li>v. 1607 telephone/ email contacts</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. <u>Veteran's Shuttle Report</u> – (Stacey Nash) August 2024:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 32 Veterans were served with 46 total trips-                                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Baltimore- 12 Veterans/ 18 trips</li> <li>2. Loch Raven- 3 Veteran/ 4 trips</li> <li>3. Fort Detrick- 2 veteran/ 3 trips</li> <li>4. Glen Burnie- 1 veteran/ 1 trip</li> <li>5. Martinsburg – 8 Veteran/ 11 Trips</li> <li>6. Walter Reed- 1 Veteran/ 4 Trips</li> <li>7. Bowie- 1 veteran/ 1 trip</li> <li>8. Lancaster- 1 veteran/ 1 Trip</li> <li>9. Pikesville- 1 veteran/ 1 trip</li> <li>10. Owings Mills- 1 veteran/ 1 trip</li> <li>11. Frederick- 1 veteran/ 1 trip</li> <li>12. Total cost of \$6,792.42</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<p>c. <b><u>Employment Initiatives for Veterans Update</u></b> (Alex Brown)- No new updates.</p> <p>3. <b><u>Update on Veteran Services Program Grant</u></b> (Bobbie Lawrence) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A female veteran was rated 100% last month and has been able to receive dental care, including antibiotics for current issues.</li> <li>• One Veteran in emergency housing. Hud Vash approved and hope to have moved into housing by the end of the month.</li> <li>• Program was able to assist in covering moving fees for one gentleman, with washer and dryer provided to another.</li> <li>• Young gentleman received 100% permanent disability and has been able to begin receiving support for conditions.</li> <li>• Staff attended the Celebration of Life for Veteran who had been apart of the Program for some time.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<p>a. <b><u>Upcoming Veteran’s Day events</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> - Dill Dinkers- Pickleball</li> <li>• November 9<sup>th</sup>- Veterans Day Parade hosted by CCVIP and door to Virtue Lodge #46 , spaces for float participation are still available. To register contact <a href="mailto:pjennings@ccvip.vet">pjennings@ccvip.vet</a> .</li> <li>• Wreath Across America is approaching in December</li> </ul>
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Babylon Vault held Night at the Barn event Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024.</li> <li>• Hispanic Heritage month September 15<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Hispanic Resource Fair taking place on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Citizen Services</li> <li>• Suicide Community Walk on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024- First responders, veterans and military are among the top risk for suicide. 988 is available as a suicide hotline.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	<p style="color: red;"><b>Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, at 2pm at the American Legion Post #31, 2 Sycamore Street, Westminster.</b></p>