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Assistance Brings \$10M to Carroll Veterans

Westminster, MD, Thursday, June 21, 2018 – At the Veteran's Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, staff revealed the Carroll County Veteran Services Program assisted over 1,150 veterans and/or their families in obtaining more than \$10 million of benefits in the last five years.

Commissioner Doug Howard, responded to the news stating, "I am very impressed our Veteran Services Program recouped this large amount of money for our Carroll County veterans. This is a big accomplishment and is testament to the positive effect our veterans programs have on our community."

The Veteran Services Program began in 2013 and currently provides three certified veteran service officers, funded by the county and one case manager, supported by grant funding through the Kahlert Foundation, to assist Carroll County veterans. The \$10 million includes disability compensation awarded to a veteran for disabilities, diseases, or injuries incurred or aggravated during military service, and the monthly amount that a survivor's spouse is receiving for the survivor's pension or DIC (Dependency and Indemnity Compensation). The amount also includes one-time payments associated with burial expenses obtained for the family to help with the cost of burial.

Veterans or families of veterans seeking assistance should contact the Veteran Services Program located within the Carroll County Bureau of Aging & Disabilities by calling 410-386-3800 or emailing carrollveterans@ccg.carr.org.





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