

Carroll County Veterans Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Start Time: 2:00 pm

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

Chairperson: Bill Nash

Vice-Chair:

Topic	Discussion												
Mission Statement	To evaluate, develop and promote new and existing programs and services for Veterans and their families within Carroll County.												
Vision Statement	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.												
Attendance (Appointed VAC Members are in bold)	Bill Nash, Jack Curran, Bob Eney, Celene Steckel, Stacey Graham, Tony Roman, Mick Schmidt, Bobbie Lawrence, Chris McLean, Megan Klein, Kati Townsley, Gina Valentine, Commissioner Kenneth Kiler, Nigel Forney, Commissioner Tom Gordon, III, Janet Serio, Elaine May Stem, Richard Stem, Jr.												
Welcome and Introductions	1. Chair’s Comments (Bill Nash) – opened the meeting by welcoming those attending. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Announced that he will be stepping down as Chairman and thanked everyone for their support over the years.We had a great Memorial Day parade and weekend. 2. Attendee Introductions and Announcements3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill Nash4. Commissioner’s Report – Commissioner Tom Gordon, Commissioner Kenneth Kiler <ul style="list-style-type: none">Memorial Day parade was a success along with other events in Carroll County												
Old Business	Approval of Minutes –Quorum established, April and May minutes approved. Bob Eney to approve and Elaine Stem to second. Monthly Program Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Veteran’s Program Coordinators’ Report for May 2025: (Megan Klein)<ul style="list-style-type: none">36 claims submitted29 new representations40 office visits5 home visits9 telephone appointments1572telephone and email contactsTotal cumulative payments since program start have exceeded \$90 million Veteran’s Shuttle Report – (Stacey Graham) May 2025: Month of May, 22 Veterans served to the following: <table><tr><td>Location</td><td># of Veterans</td><td># of Trips</td></tr><tr><td>Baltimore</td><td>15</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>Loch Raven</td><td>2</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Pikesville</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr></table>	Location	# of Veterans	# of Trips	Baltimore	15	20	Loch Raven	2	2	Pikesville	1	1
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New Business	<p>1.Unanimous vote for new Chair: Bob Eney and Vice Chair: Elaine Stem</p> <p>2.No meeting will be held in July</p> <p>3.” Aging your Way, Health and Wellness Expo” to be held 9-10-2025. Janet Serio introduced as new Project and Special Events Coordinator. Volunteers for VAC table included Elaine Stem and Bill Nash. Bob Eney will be involved with Pickleball demonstrations.</p> <p>4. Celene Steckel announced that emergency rental and utility assistance programming will end on 6-30-2025. Gina Valentine reminded group that the Kahlert foundation has funding for emergency needs for both Veterans and older adults and the grant does not require for individuals to have a shut off notice from their electric company.</p> <p>5. Nigel Forney: DAV celebrates 50 years in December, August 22nd from 6-8 pm the Veterans Suicide Coalition will have 4 speakers present to the group, the DAV made a monetary donation to the Veteran’s Shuttle, and the Claim’s shark bill did not pass.</p> <p>6.Richard Stem, Commander of Post #48 announced a Veteran’s surprise party this upcoming Saturday at the Harney VFW from 2-5 pm.</p> <p>7. Kati Townsley: Genealogy program has researched and developed a one-hour presentation: William J. McKenzie upgraded to medal of honor.</p>															
Announcements	<p>Bill Nash adjourns the meeting of the VAC.</p>															

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Next Meeting Date	Tuesday August 19, at 2pm at the American Legion Post #31, 2 Sycamore Street, Westminster.
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