

Carroll County Veterans Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Date: April 16, 2024

Start Time: 2:00 pm

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

Chairperson: Bill Nash

Vice-Chair: Bob Eney

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)	Alex Brown, Larry Burbank, Jack Curran, Bob Eney, Marc Fisher , Francine Hahn, Megan Klein, Bobbie Lawrence, Bill Nash , John Nash, Tony roman, Mick Schmidt , Elaine Scott, Elaine May-Stem , Gina Valentine, Steve Whisler , Tim Bauerlia, Victoria Parks
Welcome and Introductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair's Comments – opened the meeting by welcoming those attending, Bill Nash requested suggestions as to how the Veterans Advisory Council can be of help to military service members. 2. Attendee Introductions and Announcements- Attendees all provided introductions. 3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Nash 4. Commissioner's Report – No comment
Old Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Minutes – Quorum met, Motion: Bob Eney, 2nd: Mick Schmidt. 2. Monthly Program Reports: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Veteran's Program Coordinators' Report for March 2024: (Richard Pollard) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 14 Claims submitted. ii. 14 New Representations iii. 31 office/6 home visits iv. 15 phone appointments v. 1478 telephone/ email contacts b. Veteran's Shuttle Report – (Stacey Nash) March 2024: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 27 Veterans were served with 35 total trips- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baltimore/ 11 Veterans/ 18 trips 2. Loch Raven/1 Veteran/ 1 trips 3. Fort Detrick/ 3 veteran/ 4 trips 4. Glen Burnie / 2 Veteran/ 2 Trips 5. Martinsburg / 5 Veteran/ 5 Trip 6. Hamill Rd / 1 Veteran/ 1 Trips 7. Frederick /2 Veterans/ 2 Trips 8. York Rd/ 1 Veteran/ 1 Trip 9. Rosedale/ 1 Veteran/ 1 Trip 10. Total cost of \$4,872.20

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	<p>c. <u>Employment Initiatives for Veterans Update</u> (DLLR Representative)- No new updates</p> <p>3. <u>Update on Veteran Direct Home and Community Based Services Program Grant</u> (Veteran Service Staff) – 2 Veterans continue to be served in this program. Francine’s Veteran was able to receive a higher tier rating, thus resulting in an increased budget for his home care services. His health has been declining thus resulting in a need for a higher level of care. There will a virtual town hall meeting held in May for all supports planners, Veterans, and family members to discuss the transition of the program to “Bay Agency” a non-profit which assists individuals to remain living safely in the community in their own homes.</p> <p>4. <u>Update on Veteran Services Program Grant</u> (Veterans Service Staff) – 6-month update report to the Kahlert Foundation was submitted on 4-1-2024. A big portion of the grant supported Veterans with rental and security deposit assistance, moving costs and food and gas cards. Several Veterans are moving towards permanent housing. 2 Veterans are currently receiving emergency housing assistance. One Veteran had a HUD VASH screening on 4-15-2024 and it is hoped he will be awarded a subsidy so he can get housed and remain successfully housed. Another Veteran was looking at an apartment today and is hopeful the landlord will be accepting of his 3 dogs moving as well. The last Veteran was awarded a HUD VASH subsidy after being incarcerated and losing his regular housing choice Voucher. He anticipated being housed in May in Manchester MD.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>a. <u>3rd Annual Veterans Celebration of Carroll County:</u> Scheduled for Sunday May 5, 2024 from 12pm to 4pm at the Carroll County Farm Museum. Free event open to the public. Featuring US Navy Band Country Current and Midnite Run, children/ family activities and onsite resource fair with Veteran focused organizations/ programs. This will be a rain or shine event! Steve Whisler: Sponsorships have raised \$11, 500.00 raised in support of the Celebration.</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Tony Roman: Tony met with Nicole Shifflet at the Veteran’s Independence Project to collaborate services. Tony and Nicole met with a Veteran who wanted to pursue a supplemental claim to increase a disability rating. The Veteran chose to be referred to a VSO to pursue this and it was agreed</p>

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Next Meeting Date	Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 2pm at the American Legion Post #31, 2 Sycamore Street, Westminster.