

Carroll County Veterans Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Date: May 21, 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, Commissioner Kiler, Elaine May Stem , Nan Mann, Stacey Nash, Rick Pollard, Victoria Parks, Bobbie Lawrence, Megan Klein
Welcome and Introductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Chair's Comments</u> – opened the meeting by welcoming those attending. 2. <u>Attendee Introductions and Announcements</u>- No Comment 3. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> was led by Bob Eney 4. <u>Commissioner's Report</u> – Welcomes the group, appreciates being apart of the Veteran's Advisory Council meetings. Budget will be going for a vote on Thursday, property taxes are not set to increase. Veterans Celebration was wonderful despite the weather, appreciates all the work that goes into planning the event.
Old Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Approval of Minutes</u> – Quorum not met, unable to approve April minutes. 2. <u>Monthly Program Reports:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Veteran's Program Coordinators' Report for April 2024:</u> (Richard Pollard) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 15 Claims submitted. ii. 18 New Representations iii. 37 office/7 home visits iv. 16 phone appointments v. 1511 telephone/ email contacts b. <u>Veteran's Shuttle Report</u> – (Stacey Nash) April 2024: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 24 Veterans were served with 38 total trips- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baltimore- 13 Veterans/ 26 trips 2. Loch Raven- 2 Veteran/ 2 trips 3. Fort Detrick- 3 veteran/ 3 trips 4. Martinsburg - 2 Veteran/ 2 Trip 5. Pikesville- 1 Veteran/ 1 Trips 6. York Rd- 1 Veteran/ 1 Trip 7. Rosedale- 1 Veteran/ 1 Trip 8. Bowie- 1 Veteran/ 2 Trips 9. Total cost of \$5,502.72

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	<p>c. <u>Employment Initiatives for Veterans Update</u> (DLLR Representative)- No new updates. Job fair taking place today, it has been noted that Veteran involvement has increased.</p> <p>3. <u>Update on Veteran Direct Home and Community Based Services Program Grant</u> (Veteran Service Staff) – No new updates, 1 Veteran continues to be served in this program.</p> <p>4. <u>Update on Veteran Services Program Grant</u> (Veterans Service Staff) – This past month 2 Veterans who were experiencing homelessness were permanently housed with HUD voucher assistance. One of whom was a Vietnam Veteran who was staying at the Boston Inn with his sister and 3 dogs. He has obtained a car and transitioning well. Many thanks to those who provided donations. One veteran is being provided emergency housing assistance and has been awarded a HUD VASH voucher and searching for an apartment.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>a. <u>3rd Annual Veterans Celebration of Carroll County:</u> Took place on Sunday May 5, 2024 from 12pm to 4pm at the Carroll County Farm Museum. Despite rainy weather during length of the event, attendance is estimates at 1,600 for the day. We are continuously trying to improve the event; any feedback is appreciated.</p> <p>b. <u>Carroll County 4-H Fair July 27th- August 2nd, 2024:</u> Will be taking place at Shipley Arena (700 Agriculture Center Westminster MD 21157) Additional information will follow as date approached.</p> <p>c. <u>Aging Your Way, Health & Wellness Expo- September 12th, 2024:</u> Formerly known as the Seniors on the Go Expo, the Aging Your Way Expo will take place on Thursday September 12th, 2024 from 9am -2pm at Shipley Arena. Insite resources, Health Screeners, Free Therapies and Demonstrations, including a full Pickleball Court with instruction by the Carroll County Pickleball Association. More information will follow as date approaches. Organizations interested in being a vendor can contact Victoria Parks at vparks@carrollcountymd.gov.</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 2pm at the American Legion Post #31, 2 Sycamore Street, Westminster.</p>