

Carroll County Veterans Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Date: May 20, 2025

Start Time: 2:00 pm

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

Chairperson: Bill Nash

Vice-Chair: Marc Fisher

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, Marc Fisher , Celene Steckel, Stacey Nash, Tony Roman, Mick Schmidt , Bobbie Lawrence, Rick Pollard, Jason Martin, Chris McLean, Francine Hahn, Megan Klein, Kati Townsley, Gina Valentine, Commissioner Kenneth Kiler, Commissioner Tom Gordon , Patrick Stonko
Welcome and Introductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Chair's Comments</u> (Bill Nash) – opened the meeting by welcoming those attending. 2. <u>Attendee Introductions and Announcements</u>- President Trump is diverting federal funding to support illegal immigrants to support veterans in homelessness 3. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> led by Bill Nash 4. <u>Commissioner's Report</u> – Commissioner Tom Gordon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget will be approved on Thursday May 22nd • Memorial Day parade coming up next week. • Bill Nash asked for public comment on Commissioner's report • Commissioner Kenneth Kiler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Filed yesterday for re-election; his personal contact information has been made public ○ The NPRP decision is in the hands of judges now ○ Ceremony for a new Eagle Scout – Evan French at Post 200 on Sunday
Old Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Approval of Minutes</u> –Quorum not established, and April minutes cannot be approved. 2. <u>Monthly Program Reports:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Veteran's Program Coordinators' Report for March 2025:</u> (Megan Klein) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 19 claims submitted ii. 13 new representations iii. 28 office visits iv. 4 home visits v. 7 telephone appointments vi. 1543 telephone and email contacts vii. 4 claims were funded at 70%

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<p>New Business</p>	<p>Author Joe Balkoski</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book signing at no cost at the Westminster Senior Center on Nov. 8, 2025 <p>4. Steve Whisler and Larry Burbank have resigned their positions on the VAC</p> <p>5. Aging Your Way Expo will be September 10th, 2025</p> <p>6. We are looking for VAC appointed members to apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May meeting - nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair at the June meeting; voting at the June meeting <p>7. This Thursday May 22nd, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Taneytown is the Resource and Networking Event from 9am-12noon.</p> <p>8. ERAP funding is ending on June 30th.</p> <p>9. Housing Work Group is meeting every other Monday.</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Bill Nash adjourns the meeting of the VAC.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>Tuesday June 17th, at 2pm at the American Legion Post #31, 2 Sycamore Street, Westminster.</p>