

Carroll County Veterans Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Date: June 15, 2021

Start Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Virtual on GoToMeeting Platform

Chairperson: Marc Fisher

Vice-Chair: Mick Schmidt

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)	Kim Benson, Misty Bruce, Larry Burbank, Jim Duncan , Bob Eney, Francine Hahn, Bobbie Lawrence, Jason Marshall, Kristen Maszarose, Mike Messina, Bill Murphy, Bill Nash , Commissioner Ed Rothstein, Christa Schiller, Mick Schmidt, Elaine May Stem , Gina Valentine, Leslie Wagner, Commissioner Richard Weaver, Steve Whisler , Courtney Edwards
Welcome and Introductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Chair’s Comments</u> (Marc Fisher) – Mick Schmidt, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. 2. <u>Attendee Introductions and Announcements</u> – Visitors introduced themselves. 3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mick Schmidt. 4. <u>Commissioner’s Report</u> – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Commissioner Ed Rothstein – Attended Carroll County Veterans Independence Project ribbon cutting yesterday. Congratulations and looking forward to the partnership. Carroll County Hospice which is now Bridging Life will be recognizing all Veterans with a plaque and monument. The Veterans Home that will be built in south Carroll County will be 65% Federal, 35% State and no money needed from the county. Money has been executed for the architectural design and engineering. b. Commissioner Richard Weaver – A Barn Quilt was placed on the American Legion Post 200 barn. Yesterday they retired 400 flags at the Farm Museum with the Boy Scouts. Welcome to Misty Bruce, Executive Director of the Red Cross. 5. <u>Public Comment</u> – No report.
Old Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A quorum (6 + voting members) was established with seven voting members present. 2. <u>Approval of Minutes</u> – Draft minutes from the May 2021 meeting was approved. Mick Schmidt made a motion and Elaine May Stem seconded. 3. <u>Monthly Program Reports</u> (Mike Messina) – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Veteran’s Program Coordinators’ Reports for May 2021: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 14 New representations

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">ii. 40 Claims submittediii. 19 Office appointmentsiv. 1 Home visitsv. 31 Phone appointmentsvi. 1582 Telephone and email contactsvii. Monthly return on investment, based on known awards is approximately \$1,020,950 for compensation and pension. Monthly Growth Rate for the month of May 2021 was 1%.viii. Yearly return on investment, based on known awards is approximately \$36,227,153 since inception of the program in October 2013. Growth Rate from 12/2020 to 5/2021 is 13%. <p>b. <u>Veteran's Shuttle Report</u> – May 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. 25 veterans were served with 16 home pick-ups<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Baltimore – 18 veterans served with 25 trips2. Fort Detrick – 3 veterans with 4 trips3. Martinsburg – 4 veterans served with 4 trips4. Total cost - \$3,749.00 <p>c. <u>Employment Initiatives for Veterans Update</u> (John Veney) – No report.</p> <p>4. <u>Update on Veteran Direct Home and Community Based Services Program Grant</u> (Francine Hahn) – One veteran passed away. The program worked well for him and his family was able to keep him at home. Monitoring reports have been submitted.</p> <p>5. <u>Update on Veteran Services Program Grant</u> (Francine Hahn) – Courtney Edwards has started in her new position. Currently there are three Veterans staying at the hotel. Two are on their way to being permanently housed with Mainstream and HUD-VASH vouchers. Shepherd Pratt continues to be used as an additional resource for a Veteran in order to pay for rent to avoid eviction to supplement the assistance provided through the Carroll County program to pay additional back rent. A new Veteran who had been residing in the encampment was identified and has been referred to the HUD-VASH interest list. The Kahlert Foundation application has been approved for an \$85,000 grant.</p> |
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New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Voting for Chair and Vice Chair for FY2022</u>. Marc Fisher was voted in as Chair and Mick Schmidt as Vice-Chair for FY2022. 2. <u>4-H Fair Booth</u>. Volunteers are needed to man a Veterans booth at the upcoming 4-H Fair. Commissioner Weaver manned it last summer and was surprised at the number of veterans who didn’t know about the services offered for veterans in Carroll County. Wives especially was interested in the information they provided.
Announcements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There will be a Veterans Claims & Benefits Clinic in mid-October at the South Carroll Senior & Community Center. More details to come. 2. We will be having an in-person meeting next month. Gina will be looking into how we can implement a hybrid approach so that individuals can still attend virtually.
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting date is Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Meeting and participation information will be forwarded. Call 410-386-3818 for more information.