

Carroll County Veterans Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Date: August 20, 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)	Kati Townsley, Alex Brown, Sheila Bowman, Larry Burbank, Jack Curran, Bob Eney, Marc Fisher, Nigel Forney, Francine Hahn, Commissioner Gordon, Bobbie Lawrence, Nan Mann, Bill Nash, Rick Pollard, Lois Romeo, Gary Saylor, Mick Schmidt, Elaine Scott, Jason Sidock, Elaine May Stem, Gina Valentine, Steve Whisler
Welcome and Introductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair's Comments (Bill Nash) – opened the meeting by welcoming those attending. 2. Attendee Introductions and Announcements- Has asked for the Veterans Advisory Committee to think of ideas in outreach to our community (how are we able to further reach and serve our Active Military and Veterans) 3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill Nash 4. Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Gordon: BridgingLife will be having a Gold Star Family Day on September 29th. A way to honor active military who have died in the line of duty and honor veterans and first responders who have passed.
Old Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Minutes – Quorum met, approved April, May, June 2024 minutes. 2. Monthly Program Reports: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Veteran's Program Coordinators' Report for July 2024: (Richard Pollard) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 27 Claims submitted. ii. 20 New Representations iii. 28 office/8 home visits iv. 11 phone appointments v. 1570 telephone/ email contacts b. Veteran's Shuttle Report – (Stacey Nash) May 2024: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 29 Veterans were served with 41 total trips- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baltimore- 18 Veterans/ 24 trips 2. Loch Raven- 2 Veteran/ 4 trips 3. Fort Detrick- 1 veteran/ 2 trips 4. Martinsburg – 5 Veteran/ 6 Trips 5. Walter Reed- 1 Veteran/ 3 Trips 6. Halethorpe- 1 veteran/ 1 Trip 7. Frederick- 1 veteran/ 1 trip

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<p>New Business</p>	<p>a. <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!</p> <p>b. <u>Voting Chair and Vice Chair positions</u> Quorum met, voted for Chair and Vice Chair positions. Voting results: CHAIR: Bill Nash / VICE CHAIR: Marc Fisher</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p style="color: red;">Tuesday, September 17th, 2024, at 2pm at the American Legion Post #31, 2 Sycamore Street, Westminster.</p>