

## Carroll County Veterans Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Date: October 15, 2024

Start Time: 2:00 pm

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

Chairperson: Bill Nash

Vice-Chair: Marc Fisher

Topic	Discussion
<b>Mission Statement</b>	To evaluate, develop and promote new and existing programs and services for Veterans and their families within Carroll County.
<b>Vision Statement</b>	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.
<b>Attendance (Appointed VAC Members are in bold)</b>	Alex Brown, <b>Larry Burbank</b> , <b>Bob Eney</b> , Francis Hahn, Megan Klein, <b>Bill Nash</b> , Tony Roman, Lois Romeo, Jason Sidock, Nigel Forney, , <b>Elaine May Stem</b> , Gina Valentine, Victoria Parks, Chris McLean, Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Kiler
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Chair's Comments</b> (Bill Nash) – opened the meeting by welcoming those attending.</li> <li>2. <b>Attendee Introductions and Announcements</b>- No comment</li> <li>3. <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b> led by Bill Nash</li> <li>4. <b>Commissioner's Report</b> – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Commissioner Kiler:</b> Board of County Commissioners are still working against the powerline Project. 10 ½ routes were finalized down to one route but is labeled as confidential. Letters are being sent out to those that are affected. Commissioners will be at the Ag Center on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Company is coming in confidently and aggressively with project plans.</li> <li><b>Commissioner Gordon:</b> Attended the LifeBridge Luminary event, wonderful event that highlighted the partnership between LifeBridge and the Veterans independence Project. Would like to see further involvement from Veterans.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<b>Old Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Approval of Minutes</b> – Quorum not met, unable to approve September 2024 minutes.</li> <li>2. <b>Monthly Program Reports:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Veteran's Program Coordinators' Report for September 2024:</b> (Richard Pollard) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 23 Claims submitted.</li> <li>ii. 22 New Representations</li> <li>iii. 30 office/6 home visits</li> <li>iv. 12 phone appointments</li> <li>v. 1565 telephone/ email contacts</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. <b>Veteran's Shuttle Report</b> – (Stacey Nash) September 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 25 Veterans were served with 40 total trips- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Baltimore- 11 Veterans/ 19 trips</li> <li>2. Loch Raven- 4 Veteran/ 4 trips</li> <li>3. Fort Detrick- 3 veteran/ 4 trips</li> <li>4. Martinsburg – 3 Veteran/ 5 Trips</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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<b>New Business</b>	<p>a. <b><u>Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 9 through October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Located at the New Windsor Fire Department Fair Grounds</li> <li>• 6 foot tall, 300 foot wide, open 24 hours during length of presentation</li> <li>• Brought through the partnership of Mission Believe, Babylon Vault and CCVIP.</li> <li>• 58,000 names listed on wall with 1,500 listed as MIA.</li> </ul>
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Babylon Vault/ Wreaths Across America- 5,500 wreaths anticipated to be laid. Wreath sponsorship is available. Drape in Honor Program: retired flags laid to rest with cremated Veterans.</li> <li>• Nigel Forney with DAV: 56 claims submitted, 313 hours of service assistance.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	<p style="color: red;"><b>Tuesday, November 19th, 2024, at 2pm at the American Legion Post #31, 2 Sycamore Street, Westminster.</b></p>