



BALTIMORE COUNTY COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Meeting Minutes – March 29th, 2023

Date / Time:

March 29th, 2023 / 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location:

Baltimore County Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park
1114 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21030

Call to Order/Roll Call/Quorum: Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jeff Bonner, at 6:00pm followed by roll call & approval of quorum

Roll Call:

District 1	Michael Eagle	Present
District 2	George White	Present
District 3	Edward Bauer	Present
District 4	Danny Blount	Not Present
District 5	Robert Eckert	Present
District 6	James Hutson	Present
District 7	Dennis Cash	Present
At-Large	Jeff Bonner	Present
At-Large	Shawntae (Jay) Jacobs	Not Present
At-Large	Charles Jay	Present
CCBC Education Representative	Derrick Little	Present
Department of Corrections	Jerlena Rhodes-Cadell	Present
Department of Health and Human Services	Richard Chilton	Not Present
Dept. of Housing and Community Development	Terry Hickey	Not Present
Baltimore County Fire Department	Ed Schwartz	Present
Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	Warren Squirewell	Present
Baltimore County Police Department	Joe Jamerson	Not Present

Commission Chair called the meeting to order and reviewed the Baltimore County Commission on Veteran’s Affairs Mission.

- To advocate for the veterans of Baltimore County and connect them to resources through outreach and education.

Commission Chair introduced “Guest Speaker” – Ms. Dana Burl, Director, Communications, Outreach, and Advocacy, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs

Ms. Burl provided a presentation on the “The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Communications, Outreach, & Advocacy Program.” She discussed their mission - *to inform Maryland veterans about benefits and services that are available from federal, state, and local*



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organizations and solicit feedback from veterans regarding their requests and needs for additional services. Ms. Burl then solicited questions from the commission and audience in attendance on other services provided by the State and how to better reach out to veterans.

Chair provided an updated of upcoming events:

- **Baltimore County Veteran Suicide Prevention Coalition Update**
 - Next session April 27th, 2023
- **Veterans Job Club**
 - April 6th, 2023
 - Eastpoint Workforce Development Center
 - 7930 Eastern Ave., Baltimore, MD 2123
- **Honor Flight Maryland**
 - Saturday, June 17, 2023
 - All-expenses paid hero's journey to Washington DC to visit memorials built in their honor
 - Veterans sign up at www.HonorFlightMD.org

Chair move to Commission Business Meeting

- Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
 - Commission Chair solicited questions or feedback for the March 1st, 2023 Meeting Minutes.
 - Commission Chair requested motion to approve meeting minutes. Motion provided by Commissioner and seconded.
 - Commission Chair moved to vote on the approval of BCVC Meeting Minutes for March 1st, 2023 - 12 In Favor/None Opposed – March 1st, 2023 minutes approved
- Update on Business Cards
 - Draft card is going through County approval process
 - Will let Commissioners know as soon as approved
- Update on Commission Website
 - Commissioner Eckert provided an update and goal of “syncing” with County media POC within two weeks.
- Chair led a discussion on proposed Veterans Day (Weekend) event – requested all Commissioners to present ideas for an event
- Next Meeting: April 26th at 6:00pm – scheduled speaker MD Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Woods
- Meeting adjourned 7:58pm