



BALTIMORE COUNTY COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

June 28th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Date / Time:

June 28th, 2023 / 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location:

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

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

6:00pm – 6:05pm Call to Order / Roll Call / Quorum

Present

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| • District 1 | Michael Eagle |
| • District 2 | George White |
| • District 3 | Edward Bauer |
| • District 4 | Danny Blount |
| • District 5 | Robert Eckert |
| • District 6 | James Hutson |
| • District 7 | Dennis Cash |
| • At-Large | Jeff Bonner |
| • At-Large | Charles Jay |
| • CCBC Representative | Derrick Little |
| • Towson University Representative | Dario DiBattista |
| • Department of Corrections | Jerlena Rhodes-Cadell |
| • Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion | Warren Squirewell |
| • Baltimore County Support | Patrick Taylor |

Absent

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| • Department of Health and Human Services | Richard Chilton |
| • Dept. of Housing and Community Development | Terry Hickey |
| • Baltimore County Fire Department | Ed Schwartz |
| • Baltimore County Police Department | Joe Jamerson |

Pre-meeting Activity - introduction of Hunt Valley Mission BBQ Community Ambassador - Gretchen Jackson – Ms. Jackson provided an overview of the partnership program between Mission BBQ and veteran organizations. Mission BBQ then provided supper for the attendees – thank you Gretchen & Hunt Valley Mission BBQ.

6:05pm – 6:30pm Commission Business

- Introduction of Patrick Taylor – County support
- Welcome to Nathan Studgeon – Director Baltimore Vet center



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- Started after Vietnam era
- Services free
- Overview of operation – primary counseling to vets and family also do referrals
- Main take away – is confidentially – records stay in house – only released if individual Oks
- Eligibility requirements
- Mobile vet center
- Vet Center – Commission collaboration
- Offer child services.

Motion and second to approve last month meeting minutes – vote taken - approval - May 2023

Old Business

- Facebook page – Chair encouraged all members to follow – get others to follow – it's one avenue to get out our message – developing a posting process – submit – then a team to approve – if other folks would like to volunteer – let Chair know
- Commission website – work in process – send ideas to Patrick
- Veteran Day Celebration – submitted one pager to county (6/28) - Rob/Dario walked space – student center Towson University – space for display vehicles – onsite food vendors – discussed budget and funding alternatives.

Review of Past Events

- Eyes of Freedom – Hereford High School
- Memorial Day Events
 - Dulaney Memorial Gardens
 - Garrison Forest Veteran Cemetery
- Maryland Women's Veteran Celebration – American Legion Post 122, Towson, MD
- Baltimore County Suicide Coalition

Discussion of Upcoming Events

- July 4th Parades
 - Dundalk
 - Towson
 - Catonsville
- Central Maryland Veteran Collaborative meeting July 12th
- Baltimore County Suicide prevention July 27th

New Business

- Ex Officio membership attendance
- Commission Budget and Funding submitted

Public Comments

- PACT Act
 - August 10th 2023 one year anniversary of pact act – filing deadlines – need to file ASAP



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- All you need to do is start application – intent to file – even if don't have all info
- Start before August 9th – go back a year – no paperwork to file
- If wait you will lose back time.
- June 30th Ft. Meade fireworks 6:00pm – Post will be open to the public
- Sheppard Pratt – Jason's new location

Chair comments

- We come a long way
- Good commission attendance from members
- Thank you for all you do
- Next meeting July 26th

Meeting Adjourned 8:06 p.m.