

## Frederick County Veterans Advisory Council Minutes

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

By WebEx and Facebook Live Streaming

### Attendance

Voting Members	Present	Absent	Excused
Deb Childers	X		
Paul Hunter	X		
Sharon Jacko	X		
David Kaye			X
Wilfred Plumley	X		
Fred Schumacher	X		
Fred Wood	X		
<b>Ex-officio members</b>			
Dee Harrison			
Michelle Day			X
Andrea Walker			
Michael McLane			X
County Councilman Steve McKay	X		X
Delegate Carol Krimm			X
Nan Mann	X		X

**Guest:** Keith Midberry, Robert Lebron and Joy Rowe. **Staff:** Miles Ward and Pat Fleet.

### Welcome and Introductions

Sharon Jacko called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Establishment of a quorum: After a review of attendance, Sharon Jacko determined that a quorum of voting members were not yet present and moved down the agenda until the quorum was reached.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Paul Hunter made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Deb Childers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Chair Comments:** Sharon Jacko acknowledged Fred Schumacher for his presentation at Frederick Memorial Park on Memorial Day.

The flags at Fort Detrick will remain in place through July.

**Presentation:** Keith Midberry is a Veteran Liaison at Frederick Health Hospice. His position in Frederick is a funded position, and most positions like his are volunteer throughout the state. When he receives a referral regarding a veteran that is entering hospice he goes to them and their family with a packet of information that could be helpful. He interviews the veteran and performs an Honor Veterans Program, a dignified service recognition ceremony wherever the veteran resides. He helps the family's navigate benefits that the veterans and families are entitled to.

**Presentation:** Joy Rowe is with the Frederick County Senior Services Division where she is in charge of the Maryland Access Point (MAP) program. MAP is a source of information for Frederick County residents who need or want to plan for their immediate and future needs. MAP serves adults 50 years and older, adults 18 years and older with a disability, family members and other caregivers. The MAP Program provides resources for veterans and works with the community providers to help provide appropriate information to callers.

### **Old Business**

Approval of the meeting minutes from May: Paul Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2021 meeting as submitted. Will Plumley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments were submitted through the designated public input portal.

### **New Business**

There was a discussion about forming a committee to get the word out about the County's newly adopted disabled veteran's property tax credit bill. Steve McKay said he had reached out to Erin White regarding the bill. She will be hiring someone to be in charge of the bill. At this time phone numbers and E-mails are being collected when inquiries come into the county and

those individuals will be contacted once the forms become available. The time line for hiring is late fall or early winter.

There will be a Veteran Recognition and Resource Event, on July 14, 21 and 28. If you are interested in being a part of this event contact Miles Ward immediately.

Doug Silvern has returned to work as an employment specialist with the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program. He is at Sheppard Pratt, and his contact information is: 240-772-0732 or Douglas.Silvern@ sheppardpratt.org

Miles Ward will be sending out the VAC's Annual Report for review soon.

The next meeting of the VAC will be on **Wednesday July 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm.**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by the Frederick County Human Relations Department.