



FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
STAFF REPORT CONCURRENCE FORM

To: Office of the County Executive Date: 06/28/2019
Through (Name of Div. Dir.): Monica Bearden, Director, Citizens Services
From (Name & Division): Linda Bergofsky, Citizens Services
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Staff Report Topic:
2019 Annual Report of the Frederick County Veterans Advisory Council

Time Sensitive? Yes [] (if yes, deadline for approval:) No [x]

Action Requested by County Executive:

Signature Approval [] OR Information Only [x]

Staff Report Review:

This staff report has been thoroughly reviewed first by the appropriate divisions/agencies noted on Page 2 followed by those outlined below:

Table with 4 columns: Initials, Date, Comments Y/N (Page 2). Rows for Budget Office, Finance Division, and County Attorney's Office.

Refer to County Council? Yes No (To be completed by the Co. Attorney's office.)

[x] Chief Administrative Officer RA 7/2/19 N

[x] County Executive JTB 7/3/19

Approval to forward to Council? Yes No

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Other Reviewing Divisions/Agencies:

(Click to place a check mark in the following appropriate spaces.)

	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comments Y/N</u> <i>(noted below)</i>
- - Animal Control	_____	_____	_____
- - Citizens Services	_____	_____	_____
- - Economic Development	_____	_____	_____
- - Emergency Management	_____	_____	_____
- - Fire & Rescue Services	_____	_____	_____
- - Health Services	_____	_____	_____
- - Human Resources	_____	_____	_____
- - Interagency Information Technologies	_____	_____	_____
- - Parks & Recreation	_____	_____	_____
- - Planning & Permitting	_____	_____	_____
- - Public Works	_____	_____	_____
- - Sustainability & Environmental Resources	_____	_____	_____
- - Transit Services	_____	_____	_____
- - Utilities & Solid Waste Management	_____	_____	_____
- - Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services	_____	_____	_____
- - Other: _____	_____	_____	_____
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Elected Officials or Independent Agencies:

	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comments Y/N</u> <i>(noted below)</i>
- - Board of Education	_____	_____	_____
- - Board of Elections	_____	_____	_____
- - Board of License Commissioners	_____	_____	_____
- - Frederick Community College	_____	_____	_____
- - Frederick County Public Libraries	_____	_____	_____
- - Internal Audit	_____	_____	_____
- - Sheriff's Office	_____	_____	_____
- - Social Services	_____	_____	_____
- - State's Attorney's Office	_____	_____	_____

Comments:

1. From: _____ Date: _____

2. From: _____ Date: _____

3. From: _____ Date: _____

4. From: _____ Date: _____



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DIVISION OF CITIZENS SERVICES

Jan H. Gardner
County Executive

Monica L. Bearden, Director

TO: Jan Gardner, County Executive

CC: County Council

THROUGH: Monica Bearden, Director, Citizens Services Division

FROM: Linda Bergofsky, Coordinator, Veterans Advisory Council

DATE: June 28, 2019

SUBJECT: Frederick County Veterans Advisory Council Annual Report

ISSUE: Annual Report of the Frederick County Veterans Advisory Council

BACKGROUND: The bill establishing the Frederick County Veterans Advisory Council was enacted on May 1, 2018 and became effective on June 30, 2018. The bill amended Frederick County Code by amending Chapter 1-2 and adding Sections 200 to 209. Pursuant to Section 208, the Veterans Advisory Council is providing a report to the County Executive and the County Council on its activities and progress in meeting its goals.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff is providing the required report for information only.

FUNDING IMPLICATION: No

ATTACHMENT:

Annual Report of the Frederick County Veterans Advisory Council

Frederick County Veterans Advisory Council

Annual Report to the County Council

Year ending June 30, 2019

VAC Governance

- Convened the VAC for the first time in January 2019 and have since conducted 6 meetings in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act.
- Undertook a separate strategic planning session to establish the VAC priorities of building linkages to Veteran Serving organizations, raising awareness of Veteran issues, and identifying opportunities to enhance services.
- Elected a Chair and two Co-Chairs and created an Executive Committee.
- Drafted bylaws for review by the County Attorney.
- Supported County staff in interviewing applicants for the VAC Coordinator.

Building Linkages

- Participated in regular meetings of the Frederick Veterans Service Network, the Community Veterans Engagement Board, and the Hospice Veteran Advisory Council.
- Created connections to State and county Veterans Services Coordinators.
- Established a web site and an email listserv for the VAC.

Raising Awareness

- Organized an event in honor of Guy Whidden in recognition of his participation in D-Day.
- Participated in several events highlighting Veterans and Veteran issues including a screening of “Thank You for your Service”, an opioid treatment resource workshop, and American Legion Veterans Recognition Dinners and retiree musters.
- Took a leadership role in planning a recreation and employment event “Heavy Metal Playground”.
- Planned for participation in 3rd annual Veterans Resource Day.

Identifying Opportunities

- Elicited information on Veterans needs through formal presentations from Federal, state and local organizations.
- Analyzed reports and other materials from Veteran serving organizations to capture the scope and magnitude of Veteran needs in Frederick County.

Plans for the coming year

- Continue participation in existing networks of Veteran serving organizations in the region.
- Seek opportunities to present to other county boards and councils.



Veterans Advisory Council

Inaugural Meeting of the VAC



Guy Whidden Proclamation

Veterans Appreciation Day July 13, 2019



Veterans come out and experience the fun and excitement of playing on heavy equipment. This includes digging in the dirt, stacking tires, and smashing cars! Find out if becoming a heavy equipment operator - one of the highest paying jobs in the construction industry - is for you! *Also, includes a fun basketball game! **THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ALL VETERANS!**

9 am - Family Recreation Park, 21036 National Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713

This event is sponsored by the American Legion Post FSK 11, and VFW Post John R, Webb 3258 in coordination with the Frederick County Veterans Advisory Council. If interested in attending or sponsoring a veteran, please contact David Kaye at dpkaye@comcast.net.