

## Frederick County Veterans Advisory Council Minutes

Wednesday, August 18, 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			X
Michelle Day			X
Andrea Walker			X
Michael McLane			X
County Councilman Steve McKay	X		
Delegate Carol Krimm			X
Nan Mann			X

**Guest:** Monica Schmitt **Staff:** Miles Ward, Pat Fleet, Kathy Schey and Brad Petersen

### 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 present.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Will Plumley made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. David Kaye seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Chair Comments:** Sharon Jacko reminded everyone to be aware of individuals that may be having issues from the Afghanistan situation. She asked that everyone be kind and aware.

**Presentation:** Monica Schmitt is a founder and director of Mission Believe. Its motto is "Heroes for Honey," and it provides beekeeping education and therapeutic and vocational training for veterans and first responders. They use one on one mentors to help participants set up and raise hives. Currently they have 8 participants in Frederick County. The website is [www.MissionBelieve.com](http://www.MissionBelieve.com)

Approval of the meeting minutes from July: Deb Childers made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2021 meeting as submitted. Fred Schumacher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

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

### **New Business**

The first meeting since Covid of the Ft. Detrick Retired Military Council will meet on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at the Amvets. This is a dinner and program. Will Plumley will send out the link for those who are interested.

On September 11, 2021 the Red, White and Blue will be sponsoring the Old Glory Relay. They are looking for supporters to carry the flag through 10 states. It begins in Virginia and comes through Frederick then on to Baltimore. Will Plumley will send out the link for those who are interested.

Christina Lehman with the Frederick County Parks and Recreation Department has asked if any VAC members will be willing to attend the opening day for soccer and football leagues on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, and be part of the ceremonial coin toss to begin the season. Her work phone number is 301-600-1877, please call her if you are interested in participating.

Miles Ward has sent the VAC's Annual Report for review. When it is reviewed and completed it will be sent to the county.

The next meeting of the VAC will be on **Wednesday September 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm.**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by the Frederick County Human Relations Department.