



**DELAWARE VALLEY VETERANS HOME
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – February 14, 2024, 10:00am**

Advisory Council Members

In person

Larry Holman, Jewish War Veterans
Claudette Campbell, Military Officers Assoc. Of America
James Ritchie, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Benjamin Mastridge, Vietnam Veterans
Martina White, PA House of Representatives

Conference Call

Samuel Huhn, Blinded Veterans Association
Maureen Weigl, DAG

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and Delaware Valley Veterans Home

Margo Coleman, DVVH Commandant
Violetta Berdichevskaya, Medical Director
Rinisha Thomas, Director of Nursing
Rita Yeung, DVVH Deputy Commandant
Yahvae Jones, Admissions Coordinator
Veronica Royster, Administrative Secretary
William McGoldrick, Volunteer Resource Coordinator
Barbara Raymond, Director, Bureau of Veterans Homes
Travis Davis, Executive Director, Bureau of Veterans Homes

Absent

John O'Donnell, American Legion
Bruce Boice, Disabled American Veterans
Allen Abramson, Jewish War Veterans
Daniel McCollum, American Legion
Charles Trainor, Marine Corps League
Richard Fine, AMVETS
Charles Petronis, Catholic War Veterans
Dontie Brooks, Regional Compliance Officer
Mia Woods, Compliance Officer

Residents

David Petro, Vice President Resident Council

Visitors

Dr. Wally Quinlan; For Council Member Brian O'Neill Office
Ashley Conaway, For Senator Frank A. Farry

- Moment of Silence
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Attendees
- Approval of Minutes from November 08, 2023, and the nomination of a new Advisory Council President

Benjamin Mastridge, Vietnam Veterans

- The first thing is the review of council members, this has been going on for a long time. I do not know the solution to this. Seven out of twelve people are not actually registered. I do not know if you have to get back to your own group of people and get that straightened out or, you have to get together with the state level to figure it out. There are people that we know have not been here for a very long time. Barbara Raymond responded, Ben we are working on that, we are working on a policy. This is the next step, a lot of that does come down to the council and the votes. We are going to get to the steps that we are supposed to take, in more of a procedural type of format that will help at least with the confusion. Ben replied, I understand that in the rules unless you are replaced, you continue.
- Does anyone have any corrections from the minutes of the last meeting?
- Travis responded before we move on to the minutes, our President Allan Abramson has notified us that he has to step down, he is not going to be able to continue as President of the Advisory Council. We are going to have to make some nominations for President. Bruce Boice is Vice President. Does anyone have a nomination for President? James Ritchie made a motion to nominate Ben Mastridge to be the President of the Advisory Council, and Claudette Campbell second the motion, all in favor, the Advisory Council agreed in favor of Benjamin Mastridge being the President. Ben accepted. Ben added, I need a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Sam Huhn replied, we accept them. Jim Ritchie replied, all in favor, and all agreed.
- Ben replied, I just want to say thanks everybody I will try to do my best job that I can as president. I do not know exactly what my duties are at the moment. Anytime you need something, everybody has my phone number. I am more than willing; I am retired with nothing to do. I will be more than glad to help you.

Report from Violetta Berdichevskaya, Medical Director

- Happy New Year, Happy Valentine's Day, good news that we have no Covid, until a new admission, we did not turn down, we accepted him. There is no flu and no RSV in the building. The other good news is that we are almost at 70% vaccination when it comes to Covid. I do not know if you are aware or not, being vaccinated as of October 2023 if you did not get a new boost, you are not fully vaccinated. We were able to accomplish 70% when it come to our residents, which is an awesome number. It is not mandatory for employees.
- We are doing a good job when it comes to admissions role, two or three admissions every week.
- New admissions come from the community with the wounds, we are doing our best.

Report from Yahvae Jones, Admissions/Marketing

- Good morning, since our last meeting we had 17 admissions from November to January, we had 3 discharges either to a different facility or to their homes, and eleven unfortunately passed away.
- Our current waitlist is 45 people on our skilled side, and 13 on our secured side.
- Our current census inside the building is 152, we had 5 admissions in February, we have 8 more scheduled throughout the next three weeks to put us at 160 which is our cap for now. Our secured wait time has decreased, it was previously about one year and a half, now it is about seven or eight months before they can get in. Our skilled is about three to six months before they can get into our facility.
- As far as outreach, I am still doing the caregiver support summit every quarter, I have been doing the new orientation with the VA social workers to give them information about the State Veterans Homes as well as the benefits that we offer. I am the only VA contracted facility on the Veterans Community Partnership, which is ran through the federal VA. Which is excellent because I do not have competition. We have been getting a lot of hospital referrals, unfortunately we cannot support their need. They want placement in three to five days, and that is just not something we can do right now. I do follow up with applications to make sure that they put them in, so that we can get them long term care if they do need it.

- I am scheduled to do a tour for all the adult day centers in March that are in the area, so I can go out into the communities to see what their needs are, to see if we can assist them there. I am still doing expos, senior affairs, and community Veterans liaisons and giving them applications as well. Any questions?

Report from Maureen Weigl, Deputy Adjutant General

- Good morning, everybody. Good morning Representative White, I am sorry I cannot be with you today. Before I get into my report, I want to acknowledge Margo Coleman. I had an award to present to her today, she is our new Commandant, and she is going to do a great job. She used to head up our aging committee for the governor's advisory council for Veterans Services, and she did a great job. Margo, I do owe you that, I will come down with all the residents, they will embarrass you and have a great time recognizing you. I thank you for your commitment to the committee, and for all your help. I know you are going to do really great things at Delaware Valley, thank you.
- The big things going on next week we have the senate hearing on the 22nd, to go over our budget hearing. Not really anything that affect us to bad, I know Travis is going to talk. We requested some money, we came in a little short on the health, it won't have an impact on our operations, I will let Travis get into more detail about that.
- We meant last week with the Government Advisory Council Prevention Services, we just published a ten-year report, I will be sure to get you all a copy. A great report talking about a lot of the initiatives we been working on. We recently hired a women veteran, a minority veterans coordinator or advisor that works for me. She is going to lead up the women's veteran commission, and we are going to look at minority veteran issues. We are also doing a woman's magazine highlighting the residents and staff at all our homes. Each of the homes submitted articles and stories on some female veterans and some female staff, so that is pretty fun.
- Next week I will be at The National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs (NASDVA), we will have a chance to talk and advocate for our state requirements and needs, I am looking forward to that. I know Travis is going to update you, he was just down in D.C. doing a conference with the healthcare association.
- Congratulations Ben, volunteering yourself to be president, I appreciate you stepping up to do that.
- One thing that we are going to do this year that is really exciting on September 4th-7th, we are going to have our 1st Veterans Conference for stakeholders. We will bring in the federal, state, local government, as well as we will do a partnership, we will invite some advisory board members, and we will invite the Veep. We are excited to bring everybody under one roof, to talk about issues that pertain to Pennsylvania Veterans to see how we can all share resources, determine solutions, the big issues are going to be on homelessness, mental behavioral health, criminal justice reform that lines up with the governors' priorities. They are looking at long-term care options for veterans throughout the commonwealth. We are looking forward to that, and we will share more notes with you as we have them. As everyone else said, happy Valentine's Day and that concludes my report unless anyone has a question.
- Sam Huhn to General Weigl, they were supposed to increase the State Blind Veterans pension as well as the Paralyzed Veterans, it never happened. Even though the governor approved it, and he was for it, I was wondering if it got put in this year. General Weigl replied, they actually did an increase for the paralyzed pension, not the blind. They actually do have a light on this, they are going to ask us how we are going to fund this and pay for it. They did move forward, they have not increased it, it have not been officially put into law that they are going to increase it up to \$200.00 or \$250.00. We are waiting on that, it's something I am sure we are going to discuss at the budget hearing. It is on the table, they are talking about it, so I am hoping that comes to fruition, because it has been a long time since we have increased those pensions. Sam replied, they tried it back then with Governor Rendell, they swatted it out towards the end of the budget, it keeps happening. General Weigl, responded the Paralyzed Veterans one is getting more attraction, that one is a larger demographic.

Report from Travis Davis, Executive Director, Bureau of Veterans

- Good morning, everyone, since our last meeting we have been busy, I start off every meeting with that because it seems like it never stops. 2023 we had over 41 surveys in our six homes. These are annual surveys, abbreviated surveys, Department of Health, Federal VA, and the Department of Human Services. On top of that our DMVA Compliance team comes out and do a full survey to help our teams if they have weaknesses, areas of concern, and it help us prepare for these other agencies who come in. We got nine more surveys out to the group, pretty much every week of the year we have someone in our building, which is a good thing. It creates a lot of work for the teams here. It went well, we are pleased with the results. We have upcoming VA annual surveys up in Erie, Scranton, and Southeast Veterans Centers.
- As Dr. B mentioned respiratory illnesses, covid, RSV, and the flu we are really doing a great job managing all those cases across the homes, and our numbers are very low. We have a lot of key personnel moves that have occurred over the last few months. We have two new Directors of Nursing in Hollidaysburg and up in Scranton. We have a Commandant new to her seat here Margo replaced Peter. We have a long-term Commandant out in Pittsburgh who is going to be retiring.
- Five-star ratings have not changed since our last meeting we still have four of our homes that have five-stars including Delaware Valley, and two have three-stars.
- Recruitment and retention remain our biggest challenge, we have currently over 350 vacancies. We have done well filling a lot of jobs that are supportive services like our dietary and housekeeping, we are seeing that job market come back a little bit. Our direct care workers CNA's, LPN's and our RN's we are still fighting for the same pull of people across the State.
- The Governor came out and delivered his second budget address last week, we know that there is a lot of things that can be expected with investment in education and mass transit. We did not see anything with Medicaid increases, we are hoping to see something in there. There was talk in the budget about proposed funding for long-term care agencies like the department of health. It is not really giving us information about what they are going to do with that money, or how it is going to be distributed. Like General Weigl said, with DMVA senate hearing coming up and their budget next week, we are anticipating a small reduction than what we asked for the homes, we believe we are going to be ok.
- Last week our team was down in D.C. working to push our federal priorities. I will give you a little update of some of the things we talked about with our legislatures. We talked about pushing the VA to pay for higher cost medications for our veterans who reside in veterans' homes, pushing the VA to require them pay for all specialty care including psychiatry care in veterans' homes, we also talked about raising the per diem rate just to keep up with inflation and escalating health care cost. A lot of other states came and pushed initiatives like build America buy America. We were lucky with our last major project out in central PA to get the waiver to keep that building on track, a lot of states missed out on that, so they have plans that are being halted. When the Secretary of the VA was there to

Barbara speak with us, they had an ear full about the build America buy America program and extending it. It is our chance to get Pennsylvania Veteran needs out on that federal level. That is all I have; I will let Barbara give an update on the homes. Any questions?

- Benjamin Mastridge replied, I read somewhere across the entire country there is a dramatic shortage of professional medical help. RN's, LPNs, and the others, recruiting obviously if you are going after the same pool is going to be difficult. Are there any incentives other than what you do now to try to attract these people. I know you cannot double their salary or anything like that. Travis replied we are all fighting for that same pool, where we have a little bit of advantage, is we can talk about career development working for the State. We cannot throw out the bonus that you see on billboards when you are driving in Philadelphia, we are competing against that as well. I do not think the private sector is getting more of a competitive advantage, it is now also competing against agencies. We have seen a lot of nurses leave full time employment and work for an agency, where they are making a lot more money. Barbara Raymond replied, there has been a slight increase in them coming back. Dr. B. replied, that is what makes me happy that the vaccination is not mandatory. Martina White asked just out of curiosity are you teaming up with any local universities? Barbara replied, here we are working with a company to bring in nursing assistants where we can train them right here on-site, we just recently got that contract. Martina White replied, Holy Family University in Northeast Philadelphia is a big nursing program, they could be easily utilized if ever needed, I am sure I can connect you. Barbara replied, that would be great, we do try to work with the colleges. We try to be as flexible as we possibly can. Benjamin Mastridge replied, the amount of people going into the profession has decreased. My family was a bunch of RN's for years, I know the difficulty in the scheduling and burn-out, and a whole lot of other things. Barbara replied, I just read a study yesterday, there has been a 12% increase from that mass exodus from 2022, I do not remember off the top of my head what the percentage was, these are numbers from across the country.

Report from Barbara Raymond, Director, Bureau of Veterans Homes

- Congratulations Ben on becoming president, thank you we appreciate it.
- Congratulations Margo, this is her first advisory council meeting.
- As Travis mentioned from a covid perspective we are doing quite well. We had some recent outbreaks since the last time we all meant throughout the veterans' homes. Currently we only have one positive resident at our Delaware Valley facility, and one positive resident at our Hollidaysburg facility. Both of those individuals came from admissions, we caught them before they came in. Our Southwestern facility is the only facility without any staff members, the other five do have one or two staff members, thankful everyone has been stable with those illnesses recently, nothing like the outburst prior to the vaccine. We did see a drop-off in staff when it was a mandatory vaccine, we had individuals retire early or move out of the field. Currently we do not have any RSV or influenza with any of our residents at any of our facilities. We do offer the covid, influenza, and the RSV vaccine at our facilities for our residents and staff. Right now, we are at about 50% of the residents across the six homes that has elected to take the most recent covid vaccination and 50% the RSV vaccine.
- There really has not been any true guidance from the CDC just yet as far as if it is going to be an annual vaccine for covid and/or RSV. It has not been officially determined yet. RSV virus does not mutate the same as covid and influenza do.

- Since our last meeting the Adjutant General came out to visit our six veterans' homes, he had a great time. The residents and veterans loved seeing him and the troops in their uniform, it was a great time for everyone.
- From a census perspective, we are at about 71% occupancy across the six homes right now, that is unfortunately due to staffing concerns. We have a nice robust list at our Del Val facility as well as our Southeast facility. We just cannot take everyone from off the list because we do not have the staff to care for them. We do not want to compromise any care, and we take as many people as we possibly can.
- LPN's, CNA's, and Social Services are really hard to come by. Margo is a social worker by trade. Social Services is a pretty thankless career, it is not a high paying career. We struggle with that position as well. We do have social workers in all of our facilities, we do not have any of our facilities where there is no one, it is a challenge. We like to have a robust social service department in all of our homes, that is where we are struggling as well. Benjamin Mastridge asked what is their job, what is their responsibility toward the veterans, what exactly are they doing? Barbara replied, Social Services team in addition to the regulatory requirements, the plan of care, they have to help write the residents and the veterans plan of care. What they need from a mental health perspective, in addition to the regulatory requirements, a lot of it is support. Sitting and talking to them, helping them, and pointing them in the right direction if they need legal guidance, grievances, or if they are missing things, or concerns. Barbara asked Margo does she want to add to that, Margo replied no, you did great.
- Construction perspective, Hollidaysburg is undergoing that large replacement building, that is moving along very well. It is still slated for opening sometime in 2025, they are on track. We were able to get those waivers, which help move that project right along.
- CMS proposed rule, I think we touched on this a little bit the last time. The comment period is over for this proposed rule. CSM is a federal proposed rule to affect nursing homes. The federal government is proposing to make a staffing mandate. There is no staffing mandate for nursing homes as far as nursing departments go. Individual states do, we maintain well above what the state requirements are. Currently the state requirements are 2.87 hours per patient per day. If you take a 100-bed building, we need 287 hours of patient care. What CMS is proposing is an overall rate of 3 hours per patient per day, which from our perspective, that is fine. Our concern is in that 300 hours that we need to maintain, none of those hours count from an LPN perspective. We have to have .55 hours of Rn care per day, and we have to have 2.5 hours of CNA care per day, nowhere in there is an LPN. The vast majority of our care comes from LPNs, that will affect even the state veterans' homes. It will 100 percent affect the private sector. The comment period is over, the rule has not been made regulation yet, CSM is being very quiet on it, they have received 10's of 1000's as you can imagine of comments, our fear is still that it is going through. Claudette Campbell asked, when would it be affective? Barbara responded, we do not know, generally speaking anywhere between 60 and 120 days after the comment period end. It won't be an immediate, they will give us a grace period, The comment period ended November 11th. Claudette asks did they share any reason why LPN's are excluded. Barbara responded no, the state has always had a requirement as long as I can remember, so we were not opposed to the federal minimum, the state is going higher as well. We were going to have to comply anyway. The concern is the LPN, there was no reason for why. Claudette responded, that is interesting because I come from a background of regulatory work. I am not going to doing any research on it because of the comments here. Barbara replied there is no good rationality, that will definitely affect

our ability to care for additional veterans or residents off of our waiting list. Benjamin replied, more staffing problems, just what you need. Barbara responded, that is the end of my report.

Report from Margo Coleman, Commandant

- Thank you for being here with us today and thank you for your service to our country and to our council. That means a lot to us here at Delaware Valley Veterans Home.
- I just want to introduce myself to you, my name is Margo Coleman, I am the Commandant here as of December. I have worked with the Bureau of Veterans Homes since 2015 in various roles, most recently as the Deputy Commandant in two of the buildings, also serving with the headquarters department team as their Social Work Discipline Coordinator, helping the six homes with their Social Services Department. I do have nineteen years of long-term care experience, that is pretty much where my whole career is, in the nursing home. I am very happy to be able to do that work with our veterans now. I am married to a veteran; he had served overseas in military intelligence, as well as heavy artillery. We have moved here from Northeastern Pennsylvania the Wilkes-Barre area. I do have a license as a Social Worker for the state of Pennsylvania, Nursing Home Administrator license, I am also certified by the National Association of Social Workers as an advanced social worker in geriatrics. I could not be more proud to be here with this team, I am really looking forward to continuing to work with our staff as well as the council, to continue to provide the excellent care to the veterans, that they been provided for years. Thank you very much.
- We have had some monetary donations for the past three months 11,297.98 has been donated to us. We continue to have a great presence at our home from our volunteers with the help of Bill, to have those service organizations come in and donate their time with our veterans. Most recently we held a casino night, with the help of those service organizations. They turned the community room, and main street into a real feel Las Vegas, it was really wonderful.
- We did have our Department of Health and our VA annual surveys, that were both conducted in December on the same exact week. We did receive one citation from the Department of Health, it was very minor, and we are in the process of getting that correction in place. We had four deficiencies from our VA, we are also working on that correction as we speak, that will be corrected in the next few weeks. As mentioned, we are still a five-star facility through Centers for Medicare & Medicaid. Life safety from the Department of Health is still anticipated to be coming in, they are a little bit behind. They will be looking at our building, operations, and our maintenance, so we are still preparing for their visit.
- As of today, we do only have the one resident with covid, we have anticipated all of our infection control measures that we had implemented in January were affective.
- Our HVAC project, our heating and air conditioning that is anticipated to be completed here shortly by the spring, we have both of our air handlers up and working. We anticipate the controlling of the temperatures in the building to be one hundred percent and more regular.

- Yesterday we had our Mardi Gras event, we had a nice party for our residents as we celebrated that. Today we are having a Valentine's Day luncheon for our couples in the building. They are having salmon and veal. We will be having a luncheon on February 23rd to honor black history month.
- I want to update from the last meeting, I know there is a question about the positioning of our flags. There is a little bit of work that has to be coordinated with our maintenance department. We are aware of that, and we are going to be looking at ways that we can fix this. Barbara replied, we did correct the flags. James Ritchie said thank you. I notice when I came in the driveway today the American flag should be facing directly in front of the building. Barbara replied, we will see what to do to correct that.
- Thank you, that will be it for me, unless there are any questions. Congrats from everyone to Margo.
- I appreciate Ben, and I appreciate the support of everyone in the room, and to Claudette's point I just wanted to recognize Rinisha, who is our Director of Nursing, as well as Rita who is our Deputy Commandant who help maintain the excellent care and the five-star rating. Thank you very much, I appreciate you all.

Larry Holman, Jewish War Veterans

- I do not have anything to contribute today, thank you very much, it is good to be here.

Claudette Campbell, Military Officers Association of America

- I would just like to congratulate the nursing home here losing the Commandant, and changing the Director of Nursing, and keeping a five-star rating. I do not know if the council members are aware of the categories, that's a really good job. The quality of care is really important for the patients.

Martina White, PA House of Representatives

- Congratulations Margo & Benjamin, this is very exciting news. Claudette what you just said is pretty impressive what they have been able to achieve and maintain with all the changes that has occurred.
- I am happy to just run through really quick some of the line items in the prior year's budget versus what has been proposed from the governor's budget address, the items I had my team look into.
- The Veterans' Homes in 2023 \$155.2 million, which was a 4.8% increase. For veterans outreach services it was 4.4 million, which was a 16.6% increase, veterans transportation program 336,000.00, education assist program fund 13.5 million, the same programs for the current governor's budget address, there is an increase in veterans homes by 8.8 million, at 5.7%, which would be \$164 million total increase for the veteran outreach services by 400,000.00 at 9.7% to 4.8 million, also they were flat funded for both of the disabled veteran transportation service program and the education system program fund at 13.5 million flat funded. One notable piece was also, the department of military and veteran affairs will receive a 15.2 million increase at 7% with the total department appropriation at 231.56 million from the governor. Obviously, you heard from the General that they will be going to the appropriation hearings in the coming month. We want to keep an eye out for pro-advocacy which is very much appreciated at the state level, and what you did down in D.C. hearing some of those major concerns, we at the state level are happy to help support you in the advocacy to address the LPN issue in particular. For me as the State Representative locally, I am happy to connect you with some of the local resources to help fill some of those gaps for employment issues and recruiting. Other than that, my office is right around the corner. We love our local veterans home here, and all the veterans in it, as well as the team that help support all of you. Whatever we can do to be a resource, please do not

hesitate to call us, I also know Senator Frank Farry representative is here today, I know they are a wonderful resource as well. Thank you for your time.

Report from William McGoldrick, Volunteer Resource Coordinator

- Good morning council, I ran into Bruce Boice at the VA hospital one of the council members, he is alive and well. I ran into him last month, he actually looks pretty good, why he is not here today I am not sure.
- The volunteer report since our last meeting in November, we had a Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner, we served over 300 meals again for each dinner. Christmas gifts for every resident was donated by St. Anslem church, St Vincent de Paul, American Legion, VFW & Axillaries, two motorcycle clubs, Vietnam Vets Memorial Society, and the ELKS.
- I am still looking for volunteers, I have a lot of positions to fill within the building. Our summary for last year total hours is 1,581 hours for volunteers at the Delaware Valley Veterans Home. The top organization was the American Legion Post 754 with 511 hours, followed by The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Society with 508 hours, and third place was American Legion Auxiliary, the ladies of Post 148.
- I do have a lot of support from all the organizations, American Legion, The Cooties, Jewish War Veterans, Order of the Eastern Star, The VFW Post and Auxiliary, and the Vietnam Vets Memorial Society, as well as the Elks. Anybody else want to volunteer from your post, we are wide open for volunteers at this time. I know the covid shot was a drawback, we are not requiring volunteers to have the covid vaccination.
- Benjamin Mastridge asked Bill, what exactly in the position that you have open would someone have to do? We have a buddy program, adopt a resident program, that is the program I actually started on the dementia unit. When I came in, I was his buddy. I sat down with him three times a week, or whenever I was available, and it was just company. A lot of guys in here have no visitors, no family that come in. I call it the battle buddy program, so most vets understand that right away. That is one program I am lacking in, I get request from the Director of Nursing, and other nursing supervisors to spot me a volunteer to match up with one of our guys. We have a lot of guys that need that socialization, that one on one time to help them get out of that funk that they are in. They are sitting in their room, they don't come out, they don't come to the events on main street. As soon as they get a buddy, they kind of trickle out, and they feel like they are a part of the group again. That is my biggest need right now one on one. I have a lot of guys who are helping with activities, remember we are a fully skilled nursing now. We do not have any personal care, so a lot of the guys who go to bingo, horse racing, or any activities are in a wheelchair, they could use help. When we had the bingo casino night, I had 42 volunteers here playing cards with these guys, it was a phenomenal evening. Ben's wife is a big part of the organization from the VFW. Ben replied, she is the state president for the auxiliary for the VFW. Bill replied she is a very active member here with a group of ladies. They are also the ladies that go to the rooms and clean the rooms for the guys, they organize their whole closet, fold their clothes, and disinfect. 1500 hours in the last year, during covid session that is a good number. In the past we had 3,000-4,000 in a year.

Report from Rita Yeung, Deputy Commandant

- Our staff and I we are so glad to have Margo here to lead us, under her strong leadership. We are committed to continue to provide quality care for our residents. We also need your help, monetary or volunteer hours, thank you all.

Asley Conaway, PA House of Representatives (Senator Frank Farry office)

- Good morning, let me introduce myself, my name is Ashley Conaway, I am the District Director for Senator Frank Farry, he is the 6th district in a portion of Bucks County. He is sorry he could not be here today, thank you for having me in his place. As representative White said, let us know anything our office can do to support the residents, and the home.

Dr. Wallace Quinlan, Philadelphia City Council (Councilman Brian O'Neill office)

- My name is Dr. Quinlan, I represent Councilman Brian O'Neill. Congratulations to Ben Mastridge on your new appointment. If you have any city issues that is why I am here. If there are any city issues that can get resolved, we are happy to do it, just let me know.

Samuel Hunh, Blinded Veterans Association

- Congratulations to the new Commandant. I hope when I get a chance, I am recovering from a heart surgery, maybe in the spring or the next meeting I can boogie on up the boulevard and say hello to the board and members. I am just hanging in there right now, when you get over 85 it is hard to move around. Congratulations and I wish everybody the best for the year, and I want to make the motion to adjourn. Ben replied thank you everybody for coming out and Happy Valentine's Day to you.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Counsel: None

Adjourned: 10:54 AM

Next Meeting: May 08, 2024