Mid-Coast Veterans Council

MID-COAST VETERANS COUNCIL {MCVC}

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- Vision: Provide a medium where veterans and their families can get information and assistance on veteran programs, resources, and useful information.
- Mission: The objective of this organization is to work in cooperation with all veteran's organizations to better the lives of veterans in our communities.

Veterans Helping Veterans,
One Veteran at a Time

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♥ History:

- A group of veterans led by Roger Dumont and Read Rich establish the Mid-Coast Veterans Council to provide informational support to veterans in the local area, March 17th, 2012.
- The Council incorporated as a Veteran 501(C)19 non-profit in the State of Maine, April 25th, 2012.
- With the generous support of Jim Howard, and the Priority Real Estate Group, a facility became available to become the Mid-Coast Veterans Resource Center.
- o Mid-Coast Veterans Resource Center was officially dedicated on September 19th, 2013.

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Mid-Coast Veterans Resource Center:









- The Board of Directors oversees operations of the MCVRC is made up of representatives from most service organizations in the mid-coast area.
 - Current members include posts/chapters from:
 - Veterans of Foreign Wars
 - American Legion
 - Disabled American Veterans
 - Fleet Reserve Association
 - Patriot Riders of America
 - AmVets













- Mid-Coast Veterans Council: [Continued]
 - Senior board members include:
 - Commander
 - Vice-commander
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Center Director
 - The Council appoints the Director and Assistant Director of the MCVRC.



- Mid-Coast Veterans Council: [Continued]
 - o The Council meets every month on the 2nd Tuesday to address:
 - Center activities for previous month and financial activity/status
 - Information on known veterans in distress
 - State and federal legislative activity
 - Potential Council and Resource Center improvements / changes
 - Potential projects
 - Updates from member posts / chapters on their activities.

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- All volunteer staff
- Funded through donations:
 - Prime benefactor is the Morten Andersen Foundation.
 - Priority Real Estate Group provides the facility for a token amount.
 - Many local veterans and community members contribute.
- Normal daily staffing includes three personnel.
 - Center Director, Assistant Director or other senior staff member.
 - Retired Activities Officer.
 - Front desk receptionist.



NFL Hall of Famer
Morten Andersen
presents one of
several annual checks
for \$10,000 to
Assistant Director
Read Rich
[His Father-in-law]

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- Resource Center Operation: [Continued]
 - Center Director and Assistant Director provides leadership and is the primary contact between the veteran and the various support services necessary to resolve the veteran's issues.
 - Center normally open 5 days a week from 9am – 4pm.



Assistant Director Read Rich Reviewing tasks with former volunteer Krystal Smith.

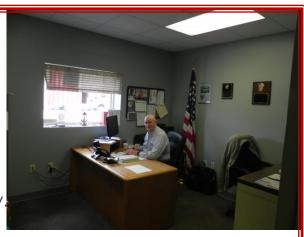
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Resource Center Services:

Retired Activity Office:

- Provides support to military retirees, families, and survivors.
- VA certified Veterans Service Officer
- Officer available 9am 12pm, Monday through Friday.
- Assist with:
 - Retired and/or annuity pay questions/issues.
 - ❖ Medical (TRICARE, TRICARE for Life, and US FAMILY HEALTH PLAN)
 - Claims for disability compensation related to military service.
 - ❖ Health care request forms, and other VA forms.



RAO Service Officer, Paul Loveless.



- Resource Center Services: [Continued]
 - Retired Activity Office: [Continued]
 - Forms and questions related to military service.
 - ID card location information.
 - Death of retirees or survivors, including claims for Death Indemnity Compensation for death related to VA disability.
 - TRICARE Outreach:
 - Martin's Point USFHP Health Benefit Specialist. (Kimberly MacDonald)
 - TRICARE questions.
 - Things to know when turning 60 and when turning 65.

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- Resource Center Services: [Continued]
 - o VA Atlas System: A Secure VA Virtual Connection between VA Healthcare providers and VA benefits representatives located within the facility.
 - o Transition Services:
 - Maine National Guard Transition Assistance Advisor. (Wendy Moody)
 - VA Benefits Representative.

We're here for every veteran & their families



- Resource Center Services: [Continued]
 - o General Services:
 - Info on and connections to:
 - VA benefits and programs.
 - Maine benefits and programs.
 - Housing (Preble Street, Tedford Housing, trailers, etc.).
 - Food banks.
 - Family services.
 - Homeless support.
 - Contact info for Veteran Service Offices: American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, etc.



Team discusses support for local WWII veteran.



- Resource Center Services: [Continued]
 - General Services: [Continued]
 - Emergency Transportation.
 - Conference rooms for meetings.
 - Place to visit and connect with other veterans.
 - o How can you help?
 - Let us know how we're doing. Suggestions for improving our service are always welcome.
 - Donate, the Center is maintained and operated 100% through donations.
 - Volunteer, we can always use more people to provide good service.