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***Mid-Year Report 2025***

**VETERANS COMMITTEE**

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***FINAL REPORT FROM VA STAFF***

**Committee/Council Activities to Date**

* Working towards more Veteran centered training to increase NCDA membership within the VA and VBA community. Presented on VA services at the National Conference.
* Currently working towards increasing participation and leadership of diverse members.
* Recruited liaison for the Higher Education Constituency, Rod Key ([Rod.Key@mtsu.edu](mailto:Rod.Key@mtsu.edu)) .
* Working on a Webinar 2025 “Does the VA offer Career Services?”--*CANCELLED*
* Committee Member created a Google Doc to help edit and update member list.
* Possible Interim Veterans Committee Chair, Michale Shavel ([michael.shavel@ct.gov](mailto:michael.shavel@ct.gov)) who will report back if he is able to assume the tasks.

**Projected Plan/Work Completed through September 30.**

* Met to discuss professional development as it relates to Veterans and the VA culture, possible webinar date in 2025. --*CANCELLED*
* Disseminate the Good Doc for accurate number of current committee participants.
* Podcast scheduled. --*CANCELLED*
* Approved to present at National Conference in June 2025. ---*UNABLE TO ATTEND*

**Budget Requests:**

Budget has not been utilized and still remained at $5000.00. Additional trainings to attend will be virtual and at no cost to committee budget. Current remaining balance is $4,123.00.