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***Annual Report 2024***

**VETERANS COMMITTEE**

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**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.
* Working on a Webinar Dec 2024 “Does the VA offer Career Services?”
* Committee Member created a Google Doc to help edit and update member list.

**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 2024.
* Disseminate the Good Doc for accurate number of current committee participants.
* Still interested in possible podcast.

**Budget Requests:**

Request submitted for assistance with air fare and per diem for the committee member who is a Veteran. Budget had 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.