



Commission on Veterans Affairs



January 21, 2025

6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Michael Wilson, Chair

Anneke Vandenbroek, Vice-Chair

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6:00 Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence & POW/MIA Remembrance, Approval of December 2024 Minutes – Michael Wilson, Chair

6:10 Housing Accessibility Rehabilitation Program (HARP) and Habitat for Humanity Veteran's Programs - Sarah Reddinger, Vice President of Housing & Community Strategies, Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland

HARP: <https://habitatmm.org/how-to-apply/home-repair-services-for-homeowners/home-accessibility-rehabilitation-program.html>

Veteran Home Repairs: [Veterans Repairs : Types of Programs : Home Preservation : Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland](#)

6:40 Follow up Discussion on:

- Should Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs be Renamed like the Calvert County Commission for Veterans and Military Families and Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families
- “Our Community Salutes” for High School Graduates Enlisting into Military
- Public School Holidays - Veterans' Day and Purples Star Schools – What is MCPS doing for Gold Star and Blue Star Families?

7:10 Chair and Vice Chair Updates – Michael Wilson & Anneke Vandenbroek

7:20 Updates from Commissioners

7:30 Adjourn

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Duties of the Commission on Veterans Affairs

The Commission duties include:

1. research, assemble, analyze and disseminate information and educational materials relating to activities and programs that will assist in meeting the needs of veterans and their families;
2. institute and conduct educational and other programs, meetings, and conferences to promote the rights and opportunities for veterans;
3. advise the Executive and the Council on the status of programs and services in the State and County related to the needs of veterans and their families; and
4. assist in planning appropriate public acknowledgement of the contributions made by veterans and assist in planning commemoration activities recognizing the contributions made by veterans.