



## Commission on Veterans Affairs



**November 19, 2024**

**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 October 2024 Minutes – Michael Wilson, Chair**
- 6:10 Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families Planning for Efforts to find Land and Expand Its Veteran Home Footprint – Robert Finn, Sr. Advisor to Secretary Woods, Maryland Department of Veterans & Military Families Proposed Veterans Home and Community – Vipin Desai and Scott Wallace, Esq.**
- 6:40 Public School Holidays - Veterans' Day – Michael Wilson**
- 6:50 Discussion on National Veterans and Military Families Month Activities - Should Commission seek to change name to Commission on Veterans and Military Families, similar to Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families recent name change. Need to review how Montgomery County Public Schools is supporting children of military service members, veterans and deceased veterans – All**
- 7:00 Chair and Vice Chair Updates – Michael Wilson & Anneke Vandenbroek**
- 7:10 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.