



Commission on Veterans Affairs



September 17, 2024

6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month

DOD theme: Joining Your Fight: Connect to Protect

Michael Wilson, Chair

Anneke Vandenbroek, Vice-Chair

Join the meeting via Zoom

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- 6:00 Welcome, Welcome of New Members, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence & POW/MIA Remembrance, Approval of June 2024 Minutes – *Michael Wilson, Chair***
- 6:10 Veterans and the Court System & the Veterans Hiring Preference – *Phil Andrews, Director of Crime Prevention Initiatives, Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office***
- 6:40 Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and Military Families - *Introduction of Christina Williams, Veterans Benefits Special (VBS) by David Skisano, VBS***
- 6:50 Discussion on Establishing the Two Policy Issues for the Upcoming Year for County Council HHS Committee Meeting on October 16, 2024 - see attached priorities from last year as FYI**
- 7:05 Chair and Vice Chair Updates – *Michael Wilson & Anneke Vandenbroek***
- 7:15 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.