



Commission on Veterans Affairs



April 16, 2024

6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wayne Miller, Chair – Bob Koffman, Vice-Chair

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- 6:00 Welcome, Welcome of New Members, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence & POW/MIA Remembrance, Approval of March 2024 Meeting Minutes – Wayne Miller, Chair**
- 6:10 Bill to Reduce Property Taxes for Veterans with Severe Disabilities (Bill 6-24) which is currently pending a hearing date – Councilmember Natali Fani-Gonzalez, Montgomery County Council**
- 6:30 Why Psychedelics for Veterans? Why now? – Robert Koffman, MD, MPH Captain, MC, USN (ret.), Vice-Chair, Veterans Affairs Commission**
- 7:00 Chair and Vice Chair Updates**
- 7:15 Commissioner Updates**
- 7:25 Commission Planning for Next Meeting – Wayne Miller**
- 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.