



Commission on Veterans Affairs



MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wayne Miller, Chair – Bob Koffman, Vice-Chair

Via ZOOM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82040980534>

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- 5:50 Gathering and Greet**
- 6:00 Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence & POW/MIA Remembrance, Approval November 2023 Meeting Minutes – Wayne Miller, Chair**
- 6:10 Introduction of Dr. James Bridgers – Jameelah Johnson, JM-HL, MPH, MBA-HCM, BSB, Medical Records Manager, Ex-Officio Commissioner Rep for Commission on Veterans Affairs, Montgomery County Government. Dr. James Bridgers is a Veteran and a service-disabled retired Command Sergeant Major in the U.S. Army Reserve with a combined 30 years of service in the Reserve and Active Duty.**
- 6:15 The County’s Commitment to Veterans and their Families – James C. Bridgers, Jr., Ph.D., MBA., Director, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.**
- 6:45 Discussion on Operation Green Light and what the Department of Transportation has Proposed. Review Gaffer District Hometown Heroes program in Corning New York**
[Gaffer District adds more Hometown Heroes \(the-leader.com\)](#)
Hometown Heroes Banner Program [Hometown Heroes Banner Program - Honor past and present members of the Armed Forces, First Responders, and their family members with durable vinyl banners! \(hometownheroesbanners.com\)](#)
- 7:00 Chair and Vice Chair Report – Appointment of Dr. Cynthia Macri, Commissioner to the DC VA Medical Center Community Based Outpatient Clinic Advisory Board in Gaithersburg**
- 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.