



## Commission on Veterans Affairs



### MEETING AGENDA

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

**6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Wayne Miller, Chair – Bob Koffman, Vice-Chair**

**Join the meeting via Zoom**

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**March 29 - National Vietnam War Veterans Day**

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**6:00 Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence & POW/MIA Remembrance, Approval of February 2023 Meeting Minutes Introduction of Sam Korper, Liaison from the Commission on People with Disabilities – Wayne Miller, Chair**

**6:05 "Reconsolidation of Traumatic Memories" Protocol – Dr. Michael Roy, Walter Reed, and Dr. Greg Jolissaint, MD MS CPE, US Army Veteran (Infantry and Medical Corps)**

PTSD is a long standing issue with Viet Nam Era Veterans, and it is also an issue with many Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans. There is a new, non-pharmacologic therapy being studied called the "Reconsolidation of Traumatic Memories" Protocol, and it is looking very favorable. 90% of patients were "cured" with 3 sessions and 5 hours of "talk therapy" during early research.

**7:00 Updates from Commissioners**

**7:20 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.