

## **Commission on Veterans Affairs**



## MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wayne Miller, Chair – Bob Koffman, Vice-Chair Join the meeting via Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/i/86022127714

## September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

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- 6:00 Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence & POW/MIA Remembrance, Approval May 2023 and June 2023 Meeting Minutes Wayne Miller, Chair
- 6:05 Serving Together & Suicide Prevention Christy Kenady, Program Director
- **6:25 Planning for Veterans Recognition Events:** September, Suicide Prevention Month, for Veterans Day or for Operation Green Light *Dr. Robert Koffman, US Navy Psychiatrist Retired*
- **6:45 Military Initiative Committee –** Roweena Davis, Chair, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., Eta Theta Sigma Alumnae Chapter
- 7:00 Establish Goals/Priorities for Upcoming Year Led by Wayne Miller and Bob Koffman
- 7:25 Chair and Vice Chair Report
- 7:30 Adjourn

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## 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
- assist in planning appropriate public acknowledgement of the contributions made by veterans and assist in planning commemoration activities recognizing the contributions made by veterans.