

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS ANNUAL REPORT 2019

“Advocating for Veterans & Their Families”



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OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

November, 2019

Via Letter of Transmittal Electronically to:
The Honorable Marc Elrich, County Executive
The Honorable Nancy Navarro, President, County Council
Raymond L. Crowel, Psy.D., Director, Department of Health and Human Services

The Commission on Veterans Affairs is pleased to present a summary of its activities for the past year. On November 3, 2008 the Commission was established to advise and consult with you on issues of concern to the self-reported 42,509 Veterans, and their families, who live in the County. Under your leadership and with your support, the Commission is mandated to research, assemble, analyze and disseminate information that will assist in meeting the needs of Veterans and their families.

Since 2011, the Commission had been advocating along with Senator Chris Van Hollen's and Senator Ben Cardin's office to have the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) open a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in the County. The County's CBOC had its ribbon cutting ceremony on September 7, 2018 and we are pleased and proud to see that we are now home to a first-class primary health care clinic that serves Veterans. It is located at 15810 Gaither Drive, Gaithersburg, MD.

On May 21, 2019 the Commission paid tribute for the one year anniversary of the dedication of the memorial honoring the 130 Montgomery County residents who were killed while serving in the Vietnam War.

We continue to encourage cooperation, coordination and collaboration among all agencies and non-profits that serve Veterans so that our community works together to honor and provide the best services possible to Veterans and their families. The Office of Human Resource's merit hiring initiatives has led to, as of May, 2019 the County hiring 203 Veterans, including 12 who have a disability.

We are pleased with the County's efforts to end homelessness amongst Veterans and to assist in obtaining permanent housing with the Zero:16 campaign. Montgomery County has been the direct recipient of 98 HUD VASH vouchers and an additional 25 ported HUD VASH vouchers from DC and other states. We are working to increase outreach to the general Veteran population regarding programs, services and enrollment in VA Health Benefits. The County is considered to be in the top 4 in the country in ending Veteran Homelessness.

We wish to recognize and give our personal thanks to all Commissioners, the many community members, and the agency staff who participate in our meetings for their commitment and dedication. We would like to acknowledge DHHS Director Raymond Crowel for his role in meeting with the Boards, Commissions and Committees to keep us informed of important health and human services issues, Betsy Tolbert Luecking, Community Outreach Manager, and Carly Clem, Administrative Specialist, for their support in providing the Commission with the resources needed to carry out our mission. This report is the result of our combined efforts.

It has been a pleasure to work with you and members of the Commission during our term of service. We are confident that you will continue to support the Commission's efforts to enhance the lives of our Veterans. Our meetings are open to the public, and we invite you to join us for any meeting.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Daniel J. Bullis in black ink.

Daniel J. Bullis, Chairman



Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Wayne Miller in black ink.

Wayne Miller, Vice-Chairman

PTSD AWARENESS MONTH



Councilmember Gabe Alborno, who chairs the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee, and fellow HHS Committee members Councilmembers Craig Rice and Evan Glass, presented a proclamation recognizing June as PTSD Awareness Month. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD, affects millions of people and can occur after a person experiences trauma including, but not limited to, combat, sexual assault, child abuse, bombings, accidents and natural disasters. Despite its treatability, many cases of PTSD remain undiagnosed and untreated due to a lack of awareness of this condition and the persistent stigma associated with mental health conditions.

From the left: Leah Washington, EveryMind/ServingTogether; Charlynn Tanner, Warrior Canine Connection; Cheryl Bingham, Warrior Canine Connection; Councilmember Rice; Councilmember Alborno; Bill Gray, Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs; Councilmember Glass; Charles Shyab, Vietnam Veteran; Mike Subin, Commission on Veterans Affairs; Susan Kenedy.

View the proclamation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QeQ7zcSHLY>

ABOUT VA MENTAL HEALTH

Approach

For the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), nothing is more important than supporting the health and well-being of the Nation's Veterans and their families. A major part of that support is providing timely access to high-quality, evidence-based mental health care. VA aims to address Veterans' needs, during Service members' reintegration into civilian life and beyond.

The [VA Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Guidebook](#) provides information on the variety of mental health services that VA offers on both a national and local level. These programs and services are rooted in several core values:

Focus on Recovery

Keeping a focus on recovery from mental health challenges or substance use issues empowers Veterans to take charge of their treatment and live a full and meaningful life. This approach focuses on the Veteran's strengths offering respect, honor, and hope to Veterans and the family members who support them.

Evidence-Based Treatments

VA provides treatments that are proven to be effective for mental health concerns. These treatments are time-limited and focus on helping Veterans recover and meet their goals. To learn more about evidence-based mental health treatments, please visit [Treatment Works for Vets](#). You can also view a video, "Evidence-Based Treatment: What Does It Mean," and other brief videos about evidence-based treatments for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder on the website for the [VA National Center for PTSD](#).

Measurement-Based Care (MBC)

In MBC, the Veteran and their health care provider use information provided by the Veteran to improve mental health care and ensure it is individualized to the Veteran's specific needs and goals. MBC helps Veterans take an active role in their care. VA is working to ensure MBC is part of the care in all its Mental Health programs.

Coordinating Care for the Whole Person

VA health care providers work together to provide safe and effective treatment for the whole person — head to toe, inside and out using a Whole Health approach. Timely medical care, good nutrition, and regular exercise — along with a sense of purpose and supportive family members and friends — are just as important to mental health as to physical health. Veterans take an active role in their care by partnering with their providers to improve their health and well-being.

Whole Health

It all starts with a simple question: What matters most to you? That's the first step in the Whole Health approach which is designed to help Veterans achieve and maintain their best all-around health and well-being. Through a Whole Health approach, VA is committed to empowering, equipping, and treating Veterans according to their preferences and priorities. Learn more about Whole Health and the impact this is having in helping Veterans live their life to the fullest by visiting the [Whole Health for Life website](#).

Round-the-Clock Service

Emergency mental health care is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at VA medical centers. VAMCs that do not have a 24-hour emergency room must provide these services through a local, non-VA hospital. Telephone evaluations at VAMCs and the [Veterans Crisis Line](#) are also available 24/7.

Care Close to Home

VA is moving closer to where Veterans live by adding more rural area and mobile clinics, and working with other health care providers in the community. VA also uses cutting-edge technologies, including [telemental health](#) through video connection, for Veterans to access care from the comfort of their own homes.

VA SILVER SPRING VET CENTER SERVICES



Readjustment Counseling Services

After war, some veterans experience psychological and social distress and difficulties in readjusting to civilian life. In 1979, the Department of Veterans Affairs established Vet Centers to assist Vietnam-era veterans with such problems. Congress later expanded Vet Center services to include combat veterans of other conflicts. These services are available at Vet Centers in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands and Guam.

Services Available

- Individual counseling
- Marital and family counseling
- VA benefits assistance and referral
- Substance abuse counseling and referrals
- Primary health care for basic medical needs
- Pre-employment assistance and employment counseling
- Discharge upgrade information
- Community, social service and medical referrals
- Sexual trauma / harassment counseling (veterans of all eras)

The Vet Center also has a network of federal, state, city and community resources to help you. We will try to address any concerns or problems you bring to us.

At the Vet Center, you can expect help from professional counselors who will treat you with respect and understanding. Many of the counselors are also war veterans, so they understand your problems first hand, and have the training and skills to help solve them.

There is no charge for the assistance you receive at the Vet Center because of your sacrifices and efforts for this country. Veterans applying for assistance are asked to bring a copy of their Military Separation or Military Discharge (DD214) with them. As of September 2016 VA Vet Centers are now able to provide readjustment counseling to Veterans with dishonorable discharges.

Location and Hours of Operation

2900 Linden Lane, Suite 100
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-589-1073 (V)
Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays: Closed

Eligibility

War Zone Veterans - All Eras Including:

WWII

Three eligible categories
European-African-Middle
Eastern Campaign Medal
(7 Dec 1941 to 8 Nov 1945)
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
(7 Dec 1941 to 2 Mar 1946)
American Campaign Medal
(7 Dec 1941 to 2 Mar 1946)

American Merchant Marines in Oceangoing Service

7 Dec 1941 to 15 August 1945

Korea

27 June 1950 to 27 July 1954
(eligible for the Korean Service Medal)

Vietnam

28 Feb 1961 to 1 May 1975

Lebanon

25 Aug 1982 to 26 Feb 1984

Grenada

23 Oct 1983 to 21 Nov 1983

Panama

20 Dec 1989 to 31 Jan 1990

Persian Gulf

2 Aug 1990 to -

Somalia

17 Sept 1992 to -

Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Albania

(former Yugoslavia operations)

Global War on Terrorism/OIF/OEF/OND

11 Sept 2001 -

Vet Center Combat Call Center
1-877-WAR-VETS (927-8387)

National Suicide Hot Line
1-800-273-8255 (Toll Free)

**Bereavement Counseling for
Surviving Family Members**
202-461-6530 (V)

HOW TO ENROLL IN VA HEALTHCARE

There are 42,000 Veterans living in the County and only an estimated 8,000 are enrolled in the VA Healthcare system. Given that the County will be having its first Community Based Outpatient Clinic in early 2018, the Commission on Veterans Affairs (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/veterans) is encouraging Veterans to enroll now. The very first step in obtaining access to your VA Health Benefits is to apply for enrollment.

Currently, Veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998, can complete applications for enrollment in VA health care by telephone without the need for a signed paper application. All other Veterans could apply by phone effective July 5, 2016.

When Veterans choose to enroll, VA offers an enhancement to their enrollment experience through "Welcome to VA" (W2VA). W2VA enhances communication by reaching out to newly enrolled Veterans through personal phone calls upon enrollment, providing assistance with health care inquiries and assisting with their initial appointment at their preferred VA healthcare facility. In addition, VA sends each new enrollee an introductory letter and personalized Veterans Health Benefits Handbook in the mail. For more information about the Veterans Health Benefits Handbook, visit www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/vhbh/index.asp.

Here are the convenient ways to apply for enrollment:

By Telephone

The telephone application option is a more convenient way to apply for enrollment, and eliminates the need for a signed paper application.

- VA staff members will collect the needed information and process the enrollment application for an enrollment determination.
- To apply, call 1-877-222-VETS (8387), Mon-Fri between 8am and 8pm, EST.

Apply in Person

You may apply in person at your local VA health care facility.

- Complete the healthcare application online.
- For more information about the application process, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/application_process.asp.
- You will also receive information about the appeals process, if you do not agree with the enrollment decision.

By Mail

Pick up an application at your local VA or download, print, and fill out the 10-10EZ, Application for Health Care.

Complete the application (be sure to sign it) and mail to:

Health Eligibility Center
2957 Clairmont Road, Suite 200
Atlanta, GA 30329-1647

Apply Online

Fill out the application online and electronically submit it to VA for processing. No need for additional documents to verify military service. If you were recently discharged, we will get your military information for you.

- To complete the healthcare application, visit www.vets.gov/healthcare/apply.
- Once you complete the application, you may submit your application online.
- You will immediately receive a confirmation message notifying you that your application has been received.
- A signature is not required for online registration.
- For more information about the application process, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/application_process.asp.
- You will also receive information about the appeals process, if you do not agree with the enrollment decision.

Obtaining an Appointment:

You may request a doctor's appointment when you apply for enrollment by checking 'yes' to the question asking if you want an appointment on the application. An appointment will be made with a VA doctor or provider and you will be notified via mail of the appointment. If you need health care before your scheduled appointment, you may contact the Enrollment Coordinator, Urgent Care Clinic or the Emergency Room at your local VA.

Required Signature

When you apply in person or by mail, you or the person acting as your Power of Attorney must sign and date the form. If your Power of Attorney signs and dates the form you must submit a copy of the Power of Attorney with the form. If you sign with an "X", then two people that you know must witness you as you sign the form. They must also sign and print their names on the form.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VA COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC (CBOC) INFORMATION SHEET



Montgomery County VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)

5810 Gaither Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Appointments: 202-745-8000, Option 2 (7am - 4:30pm, M - F)

VA Medical Advice: 202-745-8000, Option 3 (24/7)

Administrative Clinic Receptionist: 301-591-5858, Option 8

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed on Federal Holidays

Services offered at the Montgomery County CBOC

- Primary Care
- Hearing Aid Fittings
- Comprehensive and Preventive Women's Health
- Mental Health (Psychiatry & Psychology)
- Phlebotomy (onsite lab/blood work)
- Nutrition
- Social Work
- Eligibility, enrollments and ID's
- Tele-Health Services including Tele-Retinal

DC VA Medical Center: Ancillary/Specialty Service

50 Irving St., NW; Washington DC 20422 • 202-745-8000

Ancillary/Specialty Care services are provided at the DC VAMC. The Veteran's primary care provider will place consults for medically appropriate services to be rendered and appointments to be made.

- Radiology (X-rays, CT, MRI, Ultrasounds, etc.)
- Specialist/Referrals (Podiatry, Orthopedics, Sleep Studies, etc.)
- Physical Therapy
- Eye Clinic (Does not require a consult) 202-745-8344
- Audiology (Does not require a consult) 202-745-8270

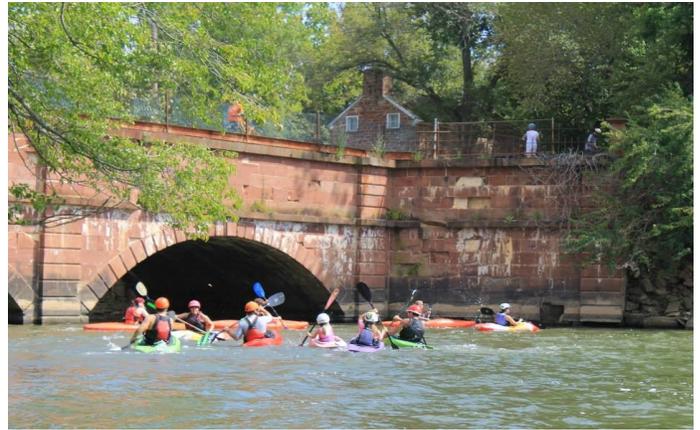
Medication/Medication Refills

- There is no Pharmacy on-site, but there are locations within the community where urgent prescriptions can be obtained
- Veterans should discuss their current medication with their primary care provider to ensure medications are on VA National Formulary
- Routine medication are ordered and delivered via US Postal (mail) from the DC VAMC (Usually 5 - 7 days)
- Veterans may pick up medication from DC VAMC if needed urgently.
- Veterans can contact the Medication Refill Line (202-745-4046) for refill needs or order through My HealthVet

Scheduling Routine Appointments/Follow-up Appointments/Urgent Care Needs

- To schedule a routine or follow-up appointment call the Patient Service Center at 202-745-8000, option 2
- Urgent Care Needs: Veterans should call 911 for any medical emergency
- The Medical Advice Line, 202-745-8247, is available 24 hours/7 days a week. Call to speak with a registered nurse (RN) for medical advice; communicate with primary care provider, or for medication refills assistance.

FUNDING FOR ACCESSIBLE LAUNCH AT RILEY'S LOCK



Montgomery County Parks has informed us that they are making progress with the accessible launch at Seneca Landing at Riley's Lock. They are proceeding with the various permits and approvals with the goal of having the accessible launch itself ready for Spring, 2020 kayaking. Weather will very much determine their work schedule but progress is being made. The Commission had a presentation by Joe Mornini, Executive Director of Team River Runner in June, 2016 where he discussed the accessibility challenges of kayaking with patients from Walter Reed at Riley's Lock on the Potomac River in Poolesville. Team River Runner has a kayaking program with Walter Reed Sunday afternoons, May – November. Kayakers were accessing the river where the power boats are launched and this presented safety issues. That same month, the Commission on People with Disabilities had a presentation from Bob Green, ADA Compliance Manager for Montgomery Parks. The Commission on People with Disabilities advises the County on priorities for funding as a result of the U.S. Department of Justice Project Civic Access Settlement Agreement. Betsy Luecking arranged a meeting with Joe Mornini and Bob Green to see if some accessibility improvements could be done at the launch area as the land where the launch is on Montgomery Parks owns. Bob brought in engineers and architects and a plan was made. Parks received a grant from the State to fund ADA Accessibility improvements to the existing ramp used by motor boats which will be renovated at Seneca Landing Special Park at Riley's Lock. Montgomery Parks' fully funded and constructed the new accessible floating launch for canoeists and at the park upstream of the existing boat ramp. Both Calleva and Team River Runner are thrilled to have these needed modifications so they can work with the kayakers in a way that benefits all. The two accessible launch areas can be used by the public in gaining access to the beautiful Potomac River.

CALLEVA
RIVER SCHOOL

TEAM RIVER RUNNER
HELPING OUR WOUNDED VETERANS

Elks
Lodge #15
USCC

Calleva, Team River Runner and Elks Lodge #15 come together to offer a unique opportunity for physically disabled children to paddle along side our Wounded Warriors.

SERVING TOGETHER

ServingTogether.
Connecting Veterans.

A program of EveryMind.
Affiliated with AmericaServes

ServingTogether was created to coordinate the systems of care for Veterans, service members and their families, so the entire community can better identify those Veterans and direct them to supports that are in place just for them. They have built strong relationships with nonprofits, community Veteran organizations, local businesses and County government, all with a common goal of sharing ongoing support in the many transitions in life beyond the military. Their goal is to get the right person to the right provider in the least amount of time.

ServingTogether serves active duty, National Guard, Reserve Service members as well as Veterans and their families who currently or are seeking to reside in the National Capital Region. They strive to support all individuals who have worn the uniforms of our military - regardless of age, era, branch or discharge status. Though all services may not be available to every member, Veteran Peer Navigators will work diligently to find an appropriate local resource for every need. Veterans can call or sign-up via their website.

Services and care include: housing and shelter; employment; benefits navigation; money management; individual and family support; legal; social enrichment; mental/behavioral health; physical health; substance use; wellness; utilities; education; clothing and household goods; transportation; food assistance; sports and recreation; income support; spiritual enrichment; and entrepreneurship.

This organization is a recipient of a \$150,000 Community Grant from the County Executive.

Website: www.servingtogetherproject.org

Phone: 1-855-738-7176 (Toll Free)

WARRIOR CANINE CONNECTION



Warrior Canine Connection enlists recovering Warriors in a therapeutic mission of learning to train service dogs for their fellow Veterans. Training a service dog for a fellow Veteran provides a valuable opportunity for a Warrior suffering from psychological injuries to reintegrate into civilian life. As part of their training, Warriors have the responsibility to teach the dogs that the world is a safe place. Through that process, they must convince themselves of the same.

Warrior trainers are taught to praise and provide treats to their dogs when they experience a startling event, such as hearing a car backfire. Rather than turning inward to focus on their past trauma, the trainers must get outside of their own heads to focus on the dogs and their mission to help another Veteran. Additionally, dogs offer opportunities for Warrior trainers – who often isolate themselves from society – to experience positive interactions with members of the community. Their training requires emotionally numb Warriors to demonstrate positive emotion in order to successfully teach their dogs.

Warriors participating in the program have reported that using these positive emotions to praise their dogs has significantly improved their family dynamics, as their children are able to experience and respond to this positive parenting strategy.

This organization is a recipient of a \$50,000 Community Grant from the County Executive.

Website: www.warriorcanineconnection.org

E-mail: info@warriorcanineconnection.org

Phone: 301-260-1111 (V)



STEVEN A. COHEN MILITARY FAMILY CLINIC AT EASTERSEALS



Location: 1420 Spring Street, Suite 300, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Phone: 240-847-7500 (V)

E-mail: info.mfc@eseal.org

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic opened in September, 2017, at the Easterseals Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Inter-Generational Center. The Cohen Clinic provides high-quality, accessible, and integrated behavioral health care to veterans and their families or caregivers. Their no or low-cost services are available to any person who has served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, regardless of role or discharge status, and spouses or partners, children, parents, siblings, family caregivers and others.

The Cohen Clinic uses evidence-based practices with a holistic approach to improve the quality of life for veterans and their families. Services are provided by trained and credentialed staff. Veterans and their family members are able to receive services individually and as a family unit at the same place with the same treatment team. The Cohen Clinic can also help connect veteran families to community resources and services, as necessary.

- Depression
- Stress and anxiety
- Post-traumatic stress
- Substance misuse
- Sleep problems
- Hyper-vigilance (being on high alert)
- Anger
- Grief and loss
- Transitional challenges
- Relationship and family difficulties

Case Management

Focus on meeting your needs to improve the quality of life with brief case management and resource con-

- Caregiver support
- Child care
- Education
- Employment
- Housing
- Legal assistance
- Rehabilitation, occupation and/or physical therapies
- Peer support
- Personal finances
- Recreation
- Smoking cessation
- Transportation
- Wellness, health, nutrition, exercise

Treatments

Brief evidence-based therapies, not intended for long-term treatment. Evidence-based therapies include:

- Cognitive processing therapy
- Cognitive behavioral therapy
- Motivational interviewing
- Integrative behavioral couples therapy
- Problem solving therapy
- Prolonged exposure therapy

Free Veterans Legal Clinic - Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

Every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Clinic. You must call the Cohen Clinic to make an appointment. Open to Veterans and military families at no cost. Attorneys and representatives are available to discuss issues and provide legal referrals in the following areas:

- Veterans benefits
- Military discharge upgrade matters
- Family law
- Consumer law

Source: <http://www.easterseals.com/DCMDVA/our-programs/cvn-home.html>

COMBAT²COLLEGE

Mentoring and Support for Veterans and Service Members

Combat2College is Montgomery College's veterans transition program, providing student veterans with resources to help them navigate college.

Program Features

- Gathering spaces on each campus for veterans and service members
- Identified counselors for academic advising
- Benefits information and assistance
- Referral/coordination with external agencies and resources
- Dedicated open gym hours, yoga classes, and guided meditation sessions
- Opportunities for financial assistance
- Activities, outings, and special events

To get involved, contact a Combat2College program manager:

Joanna Starling, ACSM EP-C
Veterans Program Manager
240-567-7103 (V)
joanna.starling@montgomerycollege.edu

Jason Franklin, ACSM EP-C
Veterans Program Manager
240-338-2687 (V)
jason.franklin@montgomerycollege.edu

Website:

<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/veterans-and-military/combat-to-college.html>

Important Campus Locations for Student Veterans and Service Members

Germantown Campus

Veterans Center: Humanities and Social Sciences Building, Room 250A&B

Rockville Campus

Veterans Center: Computer Science Building, Room 107
Center for Women Veterans: Campus Center, Room 002

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

Veterans Center: Resource Center, Room 210



Photo Courtesy of Montgomery College Combat2College

KEY CONTACTS FOR THE VA AND OTHER RESOURCES

New Phone Number to Access VA Services: 1-844-MyVA311 (1-844-698-2311) is a go-to source for Veterans and their families who don't know what number to call. More information:
www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/32858/myva311-one-number-call-reach-va

REQUESTING YOUR DD-214

Whenever a veteran requests benefits and services, a copy of the individual's discharge papers are required to verify eligibility. This includes admission to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Maryland's five cemeteries, VA claims and a myriad of other services provided to veterans and their families. Veterans and their next of kin can request a copy of the service member's DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty from the National Archives. You can request the DD214 online via their website - www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records. Click on the link "Submit your request online". You can also make a request by sending a letter to **The National Archives & Records Administration** at 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740. For questions, please call 1-866-272-6272 (Toll Free).

BENEFITS ASSISTANCE - MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (MDVA)

Tiffany Barker, Veterans Benefits Specialist (VBS)
Montgomery College Service Center
900 Hungerford Drive, Mannakee Building, Room MK251
Rockville, MD 20850
E-mail: tiffany.barker@maryland.gov

240-567-5405 (V)
240-567-4361 (FAX)

Outreach Hours: Ms. Barker is at the VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (15810 Gaither Drive, Room 113, Gaithersburg, MD 20877) the 1st three Tuesdays of each month and the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 8:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ms. Barker is at the Silver Spring Vet Center (2900 Linden Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910) the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The remainder of the days Ms. Barker works at the Montgomery College Service Center weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Please note:** While walk-ins are accepted at both locations, to ensure you are seen please call ahead to schedule an appointment.

Phil Munley, Director, Veteran Service Program
E-mail: phillip.munley@va.gov
www.veterans.maryland.gov

410-230-4444 x 6457 (V)
1-800-446-4926 x 6457 (Toll Free)

The MDVA Service and Benefits Program provides assistance to the men and women who served in the Uniformed Services of the United States, their dependents, and survivors in obtaining benefits from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Dept. of Defense, State of Maryland and other programs for veterans and their families.

HOMELESS OUTREACH AT VA COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC (CBOC) - DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER (VAMC)

15810 Gaither Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

VAMC is providing outreach services to Veterans at the Gaithersburg VA CABOC. VAMC Homeless Outreach Staff are available for both drop in and scheduled visits. The VA will be available to assist Veterans by making referrals and connecting Veterans who are eligible for VA services with the VA healthcare system.

- Aisha Clark, VA HUD VASH Senior Social Worker
E-mail: aisha.clark@va.gov
- Ken Barnum, VA Outreach Social Worker
E-mail: kenneth.barnum@va.gov
Office Hours: Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Fatmata Kamara, VA Outreach Social Worker
E-mail: fatmata.kamara@va.gov, 202-256-9261 (V)
Office Hours: Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SERVING TOGETHER — WHERE VETERANS FIND LOCAL RESOURCES FOR THE MISSION AHEAD

Dan Jones, Peer Navigator
Jason Smith, Peer Navigator
E-mail: peernavigator@every-mind.org
www.servingtogetherproject.org

301-738-7176 (V)
1-855-738-7176 (Toll Free)
Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Peer navigators work to guide military, veterans and their families through a sometimes complicated and fragmented system of resources and information in Montgomery County, MD. They also work to connect the Montgomery County community with veteran events. You can view the event calendar on their website.

KEY CONTACTS FOR THE VA AND OTHER RESOURCES

VA COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC (CBOC) - U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

15810 Gaither Drive,
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Appointments: 202-745-8000, Option 2 (7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon - Fri)

VA Medical Advice: 202-745-8000, Option 3 (24/7)

Administrative Clinic Receptionist: 301-591-5858, Option 8 (V)

www.washingtondc.va.gov/locations/Montgomery_County_Community_Based_Outpatient_Clinic.asp

Operating Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. The new VA clinic provides Veterans with primary care, women's health, mental health and social work services, as well as nutrition counseling, pharmacy consultation, audiology device fitting and adjustment, and specialty care via clinical telehealth technology. Free parking. Conveniently located to the Shady Grove Metro Station via Ride On Bus #63 and #63X. Route #63X provides additional service between Gaither Road & Gaither Drive and the Shady Grove Metro Station to augment Route #63 trips on weekdays. Service is available from approximately 6:20 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

READJUSTMENT COUNSELING AND FAMILY SUPPORTS - SILVER SPRING VET CENTER

Wayne Miller, Vet Center Director
2900 Linden Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20910
E-mail: wayne.miller3@va.gov

301-589-1073 (V) / 202-273-9116 (Bereavement Counseling)

Open Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.;

Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays

Walk-ins permitted, but appointments are requested. After hours appointments as needed. Veterans must show proof of service. Provides benefits counseling and assistance with navigating the VA and paperwork, as well as employment counseling, counseling on PTSD and sub-PTSD, substance abuse counseling, family and marital counseling, psychological counseling related to readjustment, coordination and referral with doctors, employment related issues, assistance with basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing, medical and legal referrals, homeless assistance and will work with Montgomery County to find shelter placement, sexual trauma counseling, community outreach, bereavement counseling, and more. Services are provided at no cost to the veteran and their family.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND REFERRAL CENTER (CRRC) - DC VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

1500 Franklin Street, NE,
Washington, DC 20018

202-745-8000 x 53602 (V)

www.washingtondc.va.gov/locations/Community_Resource_and_Referral_Center_CRRC.asp

Operating Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Offer services to Veterans who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Although not a shelter, the CRRC provides services to assist Veterans which include a computer lab, laundry, showers, social work services and a host of community services. Offices located in the CRRC include the DCVAMC's Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program (HCHV), Employment Assistance, Compensated Work Therapy (CWT), HUD/VASH case workers, vocational rehabilitation specialists, mental health professionals, Veterans Supported Employment Program, and Pathways to Housing.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - EASTERSEALS SERVING DC | MD | VA

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic
Mallary Lass, Outreach Manager
1420 Spring Street, Suite 300
Silver Spring, MD 20910
E-mail: mlass@eseal.org

240-847-7506 (V)

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8:00am to 6:00pm;

Wednesday, 8:00am to 8:00pm; Friday, 8:00am to 3:00pm; and

the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 9:00am to 1:00pm.

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Easterseals provides Veterans, their families, and the families of active duty military with high-quality, accessible, low or no-cost, integrated mental health care services. The Cohen Clinic will also help connect Veterans and their families with community resources and services, as necessary. The clinicians and staff have been trained to work specifically with Veterans and military families. To make an appointment, please call 240-847-7500 (V) or email info.mfc@eseal.org.

MDVA SEC. OWINGS ATTENDS COMMISSION MEETING



Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) Secretary George Owings attended a meeting of the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs on March 19, 2019. Secretary Owings and Mr. Philip Munley, Director of the MDVA Service and Benefits Program briefed the County Commissioners on services offered by MDVA.

From left to right in this photo: Mike Subin, Office of the Montgomery County Executive, Secretary Owings, Dan Bullis, Chair of the Commission, and Wayne Miller, Vice-Chair of the Commission

Highlights from the MDVA 2018 Annual Report include:

- The Service Program, in FY18, submitted 4,827 disability compensation and pension claims for adjudication to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.
- Maryland Veterans received almost 30 million dollars in new/increased and one-time monthly cash benefits with support from the Service Program.
- The most recent 2018 year to date census for the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home reached 90% capacity.
- Volunteers contributed nearly 15,000 donated hours to the Veterans Home in 2018.
- The Cemetery Program interred 3,389 Veterans and dependents in 2018 with three out of five cemeteries among the top ten busiest cemeteries in the Country.
- The Maryland Veterans Trust Fund distributed approximately \$87,000 in grants and loans to Veterans in need.
- The Outreach and Advocacy Program attended 225 events in 2018, made over 4,900 face to face contacts with the community and grew its email distribution to over 100,000 contacts.

View the MDVA 2018 Annual Report:

<https://veterans.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2019/01/2018-Annual-Report-Final.pdf>

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS RESOURCES

VETERANS BENEFITS,
EMPLOYMENT,
EDUCATION AND
PROGRAMS;
FEDERAL, STATE,
COUNTY AND LOCAL
RESOURCES

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS RESOURCE GUIDE FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES



*Under the Department of Veterans Affairs are five major programs:
the Veterans Service and Benefits Program, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home,
the Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Program, Outreach and Advocacy Program,
and the Maryland Veterans Trust.*



Larry Hogan, Governor
Boyd K. Rathenford, Lt. Governor
George W. Owings, III, Secretary

Contact Us: mdveteransinfo@maryland.gov or 410-260-3838
Website: veterans.maryland.gov
Facebook: MDVeterans
Twitter: @MDVeterans

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA)

Resource Guide for Veterans and their Families is designed to educate Veterans and their families, as well as those who serve them, on the benefits to which they may be entitled as a result of their military service. This comprehensive guide includes Federal, state, county and local resources on compensation and pension, benefits for Veterans with service-connected disabilities, services for combat Veterans, education, scholarships and grants, employment, housing, Maryland Homefront - The Veterans and Military Family Mortgage Program, VA home loans, homelessness, legal services, State tax exemptions, cemetery benefits, healthcare, and assisted living and nursing home care programs.

To view the guide online, please visit:

<https://veterans.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2019/08/08-20-19-Resource-Guide.pdf>

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs

Office of the Secretary: 410-260-3838

Service and Benefits Program: 1-800-446-4926 x 6450

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home: 301-884-8171

Cemetery and Memorial Program: 410-923-6981

Outreach and Advocacy Program: 410-260-3842

Maryland Veterans Trust: 410-230-4444

United States Department of Veterans Affairs

Healthcare Eligibility and Enrollment:

Central Maryland/Eastern Shore: 1-800-463-6295 x 7324

Western Maryland: 304-263-0811 x 3758

Southern Maryland/Montgomery/Prince Georges:

202-745-8251

Medical Centers:

Baltimore: 410-605-7000

Perry Point: 410-642-2411

Loch Raven: 410-605-7000

Martinsburg, WVA: 304-263-0811

Washington, DC: 202-745-8000

Hotlines:

The Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255, press 1

Call Center for Homeless Veterans: 1-877-424-3838

Call Center for Women Veterans: 1-855-829-6636

Vet Center Combat Call Center: 1-877-WAR-VETS

VA Coaching Into Care: 1-888-823-7458

VA Caregiver Support: 1-855-260-3274

Maryland's Commitment to Veterans:
1-877-770-4801

Maryland Access Point: 1-844-627-5465

Maryland Department of Human Resources:

1-800-332-6347

Maryland Health Connection:

1-855-642-8572

VA Community Resource and Referral Center

Washington, DC: 202-636-7660

Baltimore: 410-637-3246

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FALLEN HEROES HISTORY

In June, 2009 family members came to the Commission meeting and requested the help of the Commission in renaming the Rockville Library to Rockville Memorial Library. These family members that attended were Richard and Lee Ann Doerflinger – son Army Specialist Thomas Doerflinger killed in Mosul, Iraq on Veteran’s Day November 11, 2004, Paula Davis – son Private First Class Justin Ray Davis. U.S. Army killed on June 25, 2005 in Afghanistan, Tom and Carol Barbieri - son Army Specialist Thomas Joseph Barbieri II, 82nd Airborne Division, killed on August 23, 2006 south of Baghdad Iraq, and Nikki Bunting, wife of Captain Brian “Bubba” Bunting, U.S. Army, killed on February 24, 2009 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, and her sister Tracey Paul all expressed their strong belief that to honor their family members, they request that the Rockville Library be renamed to the Rockville Memorial Library, to honor fallen soldiers. The Commission took on the mission of getting the Rockville Library renamed to the Rockville Memorial Library. Letters were written to the County Executive and the mission was accomplished in that a formal ceremony marking the official renaming of the Rockville Library to the Rockville Memorial Library was held on Friday, May 28, 2010 at 11 a.m. in the front of the building at 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. But following the meeting where family members came, the very next day Carly Clem and Betsy Luecking staffers to the Commission sat down to discuss what we as staff could do immediately to honor the fallen so that they would not be forgotten by our community. It was decided they would build a website with photos of the fallen, whatever background could be found. This was not an easy task as there were no lists and much research needed to be done. Research included visiting the National Archives in College Park, reviewing census and military records on Ancestry.com and researching article on newspapers, going to high schools to look at yearbooks, and the lists published by the Department of Defense. As time went on they were able to research those killed in action from the Gulf War, Vietnam War, Korean War, World War II and World War I. This website contents are on digital displays at the Rockville Memorial Library lobby and the Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza in the front entry. In tribute to those who served and for the family members, Carly Clem did most of the research, creation of website and digital display in an outstanding way.

We proudly remember and pay tribute to the County’s fallen service members who have died in service to our country. The records show these men and women as enlisting, being originally from, or having at one time lived in Montgomery County.

[Global War on Terror](#) • [Gulf War](#)

[Vietnam War](#) - [Montgomery County Sentinel - Montgomery's War Dead 1963 to 1970](#) •

[Korean War](#) • [World War II](#) • [World War I](#)



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and Recognizing the Military Service of our Armed Forces

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL DEDICATION ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

For Immediate Release: Friday, May 10, 2019

The commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the dedication of the Montgomery County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall will be held at Memorial Plaza in Rockville on Tuesday, May 21. The County's Commission on Veterans Affairs will host the event.

The memorial includes the names of 130 service members from Montgomery County who lost their lives or were reported missing in action during the Vietnam War. There are four Montgomery County residents who remain missing.

The dedication ceremonies in 2018 were attended by more than 400 people, including dozens of Vietnam War veterans. The memorial includes a Vietnam Era Honor & Gratitude plaque that pays tribute to all Montgomery County veterans who served during the Vietnam Era from 1955-1975.

This year's ceremonies will be held on Memorial Plaza, which is located between the County Executive Office Building at 101 Monroe Street and the Circuit Court Annex in Rockville. At 5 p.m., four Vietnam veterans will be presented with "Quilts of Valor" from Sue Moats of Capital Cares Quilts of Valor. At 6 p.m., ceremonies will include recognition of attending families of veterans killed in the war. Vietnam era veteran Mike Subin will lead the ceremonies. Dan Bullis, a Vietnam veteran who chairs the Commission on Veterans Affairs, will speak.

Among those attending will be Everett Alvarez, one of the longest-held prisoners in the Vietnam War. After the war, he made Montgomery County his home.

The ceremonies will conclude with the names of the 130 veterans whose names are on the wall will be read on the plaza. For each name read, Commander Darren Francke of the Montgomery County Police Department will ring a bell. The names will be read by Vietnam veterans Jimmy Carter, Bill Gray, Art Holmes, Jane McCarthy and Wayne Miller.

Starting at 7 p.m., dinner will be provided by Mission BBQ in the Executive Office Building cafeteria, which is adjacent to Memorial Plaza.

"It took our commission a long time to have this important memorial established and to find the right place for it," said Commission on Veterans Affairs Chair Bullis. "The ceremonies to dedicate the wall were elaborate and appropriate. We want to thank County Director of General Services David Dise and his team for determining the appropriate location and for their commitment to keep the memorial updated. We also want to thank architect Randy Hawkins for creating a memorial that makes everyone stop and think when they view it. Now our mission is to make sure that the 130 veterans whose names are on the wall, and their families, are never forgotten for the sacrifices they made for our country."

After the ceremonies move inside, Michael Heimall, the medical center director of the Washington, D.C., Veterans Affairs Medical Center, will speak about the status of health care for veterans and the Montgomery County Community Based Outpatient Clinic that opened in Gaithersburg in September 2018. It is the only clinic for veterans in the County.

Heimall became the new director of the Washington, DC VA Medical Center in October 2018. He is a former Army officer who worked as director of Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda from 2015 to 2017. He has been tasked to improving the performance of the DC VA Medical Center.

The Commission on Veterans Affairs was formed 10 years ago. The Montgomery County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Planning Committee was formed by the Commission to find a suitable site for the Memorial Wall.

To learn more about the County Commission on Veterans Affairs, [click here](#).

POLICY PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

**Montgomery County Council HHS Breakfast Meeting
Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs
October 10, 2019
Dan Bullis, Chair**

1. The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking a donation of 25 acres of land to build a Veteran Home like they have at Charlotte Hall. Montgomery County is considered ideal as it is centrally located in the State. Along with the Military Officers Association of America, the Commission Chair met with the County Executive in August to further discuss options.
2. We are pleased with the County's efforts to end homelessness amongst Veterans and to assist in obtaining permanent housing with the Zero:16 campaign. Montgomery County has been the direct recipient of 98 HUD VASH vouchers and an additional 25 ported HUD VASH vouchers from DC and other states. We are working to increase outreach to the general. Veteran population regarding programs, services and enrollment in VA Health Benefits. At our last meeting we were told by Chapman Todd that the County is one of the best 10 jurisdictions in the country to have the best record in ending homelessness. He credited having a veteran commission to advocate was really helpful. The county puts in \$650,000 that serves 45 veterans who did not have the discharge status needed to be eligible for Veterans Administration Supportive Housing vouchers. We hope that the County continues to provide that needed funding.
3. Serving Together was created to coordinate the system of care for Veterans, service members and their families so the entire community can better identify those Veterans and direct them to supports that are in place for them. This organization is a recipient of a \$150,000 Community grant from the County Executive and we recommend this continues.
4. Warrior Canine Connection enlists recovering Warriors in a therapeutic mission of learning to train service dogs for their fellow Veterans. Dogs offer opportunities for Warrior trainers who often isolate themselves from society to experience positive interactions with members of the community. This Organization is a recipient of a \$50,000 Community grant from the County Executive and we recommend that this funding continue.
5. Team River Runner has a kayaking program at Seneca Creek at Riley's Lock where they do kayaking every Sunday with a picnic put on by the Elks Lodge. With encourage from the Commission, Montgomery Parks has received a grant from the State to make two accessible boat launches there and work will begin very soon after all soil testing has been done. These accessible launches will be used by the public including Veterans. Currently wounded Veterans enter the Potomac River where power boats are launched.



The Maryland Military Coalition (MMC) will educate the Maryland Legislature and other elements of State Government about the need to improve the health care, benefits, and quality of life programs of the uniformed services community - including family members. The MMC is modeled on the work of The Military Coalition, a national consortium of military and veterans organizations representing the interests of currently serving members - including the National Guard and Federal Reserves - veterans, survivors, and family members of the seven uniformed services.

Charter Member organizations of the MMC (as of 1 Sept 2018):

Air Force Sergeants Association; American Military Society (AMS); Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS; Disabled American Veterans (DAV); Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV); Maryland Air National Guard Retiree's Association; Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH); Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW); National Association for Black Veterans (NABVETS); NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps; The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA); Veterans of Foreign Wars Maryland (VFW).

Currently Serving

- Encourage increased participation by Maryland employers and residents in the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program. Maryland can visibly demonstrate its support for the Guard and Reserve by ensuring the Maryland ESGR Committee is fully staffed with active participants, so that the vital mission of the ESGR is fulfilled within the State.
- Support interstate reciprocity of licensing and certification requirements in all occupations for uniformed service spouses, and those transitioning from the uniformed services to the civilian sector.

Retiree Benefits

- Work towards full exemption of Uniformed Services retirement income from Maryland income tax.

Surviving Spouses and Family Members

- Insure a process exists so that Surviving Spouses and surviving family members can become aware of and access all Maryland benefits due to them as a result of their loss.

Health Care

- Advocate for establishment of a second State Veterans Home to be operated by the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, in a different geographical location from Charlotte Hall.
- Educate family members of elderly, medically fragile veterans to assist them in application for health care benefits and nursing home placement for the eligible veteran.

Suicide Prevention

- Encourage the Maryland Department of Health to undertake an educational program to improve veterans groups' ability to identify and serve veterans suffering a crisis, actions that should be taken to prevent suicide, and how veterans and their family members can obtain mental health care.
- Support development of a comprehensive action plan for veteran suicide prevention, to include increased access to and availability of professional veteran health services to prevent veteran suicide.

PROJECTED NUMBER OF VETERANS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

The U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 estimates that there are approximately **42,509 veterans living in Montgomery County, Maryland**. According to a 2018 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, 7.3% of Americans self-reported as being a veteran. The Census Bureau defines veteran as men and women who have served (even for a short time), but are not currently serving, on active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or the Coast Guard, or who served in the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II. People who served in the National Guard or Reserves are classified as veterans only if they were ever called or ordered to active duty, not counting the 4 to 6 months for initial training or yearly summer camps. All other civilians are classified as nonveterans.

Veteran Population of Montgomery County, MD

Subject	2017		2018	
	Veterans	Total Population (18 years and over)	Veterans	Total Population (18 years and over)
Civilian Population 18 years and over	41,863 (5.2%)	809,486	42,509 (5.3%)	805,913
Period of Military Service	Veterans	% of 41,863	Veterans	% of 42,509
Gulf War (9/2001 or later), no Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001), no Vietnam Era	6,843	16.4%	8,413	19.8%
Gulf War (9/2001 or later) and Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001), no Vietnam Era	3,869	9.2%	3,796	9.0%
Gulf War (9/2001 or later) and Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001) and Vietnam Era	278	0.7%	171	0.4%
Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001), no Vietnam Era	4,531	10.8%	4,878	11.5%
Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001), and Vietnam Era	1,171	2.8%	504	1.2%
Vietnam Era, no Korean War, no World War II	11,259	26.9%	10,098	23.7%
Vietnam Era and Korean War, no World War II	85	0.2%	453	1.1%
Vietnam Era and Korean War and World War II	168	0.4%	46	0.1%
Korean War, no Vietnam Era, no World War II	2,764	6.6%	3,659	8.6%
Korean War and World War II, no Vietnam Era	381	0.9%	93	0.2%
World War II, no Korean War, no Vietnam Era	1,498	3.6%	2,045	4.8%
Between Gulf War and Vietnam Era only	5,319	12.7%	5,123	12.0%
Between Vietnam Era and Korean War only	3,235	7.7%	2,807	6.6%
Between Korean War and World War II only	384	0.9%	423	1.0%
Pre-World War II only	78	0.2%	0	0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017 & 2018

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Female	6,690	16.0%	7,479	17.6%
Age	Veterans	% of 41,863	Veterans	% of 42,509
18 to 34 years	4,326	10.3%	4,623	10.9%
35 to 54 years	9,661	23.1%	9,911	23.3%
55 to 64 years	7,526	18.0%	7,035	16.6%
65 to 74 years	9,358	22.4%	8,265	19.4%
75 years and older	10,992	26.2%	12,675	29.8%
Age by Gender	Male	% of 35,030	Female	% of 7,479
18 to 34 years	3,354	9.6%	1,269	17.0%
35 to 54 years	7,460	21.3%	2,451	32.8%
55 to 64 years	5,679	16.2%	1,356	18.1%
65 to 74 years	7,150	20.4%	1,115	14.9%
75 years and older	11,387	32.5%	1,288	17.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017 & 2018

PROJECTED NUMBER OF VETERANS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

Montgomery County, MD Veteran Demographics - By City (2013 - 2017)

United States Census QuickFacts only includes data for incorporated places with a population of 5,000 or greater.

Ashton-Sandy Spring	378
Aspen Hill	2,009
Bethesda	2,842
Burtonsville	389
Chevy Chase	638
Clarksburg	655
Damascus	751
Darnestown	194
Four Corners	389
Gaithersburg	2,466

Germantown	3,071
Glenmont	545
Kemp Mill	400
Layhill	207
Leisure World	1,405
Montgomery Village	1,284
North Bethesda	2,093
North Kensington	367
North Potomac	629

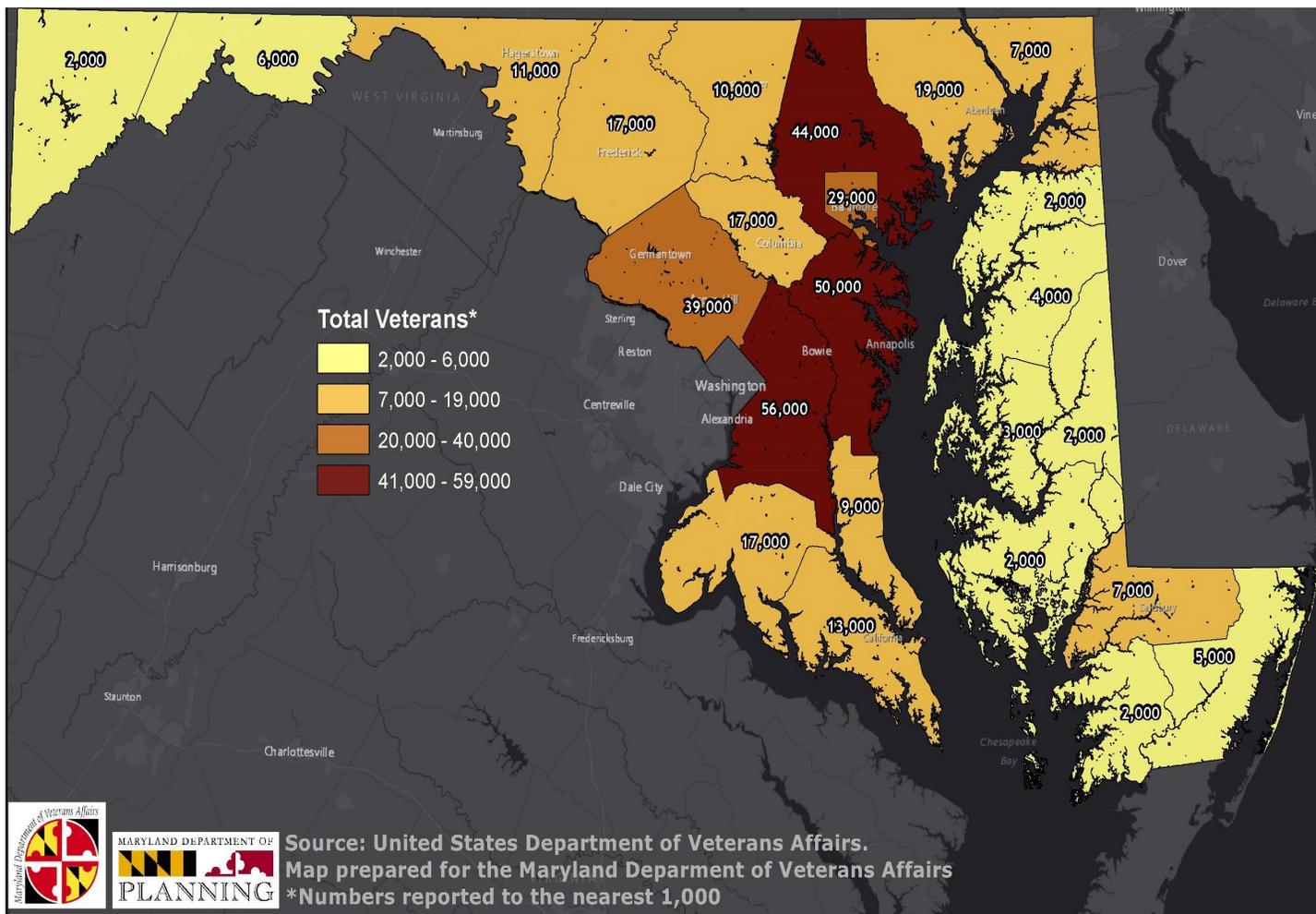
Olney	1,968
Poolesville	304
Potomac	1,973
Rockville	2,791
Silver Spring	2,633
South Kensington	543
Takoma Park	546
Travilah	281
Wheaton	1,750

Source: U.S. Census QuickFacts 2013 - 2017

PROJECTED NUMBER OF VETERANS IN MARYLAND - 2019

Project Number of Veterans in Maryland: 371,000

Projected Number of Veterans in Montgomery County, Maryland: 39,000



MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD EMPLOYMENT DATA ON HIRING OF VETERANS, DISABLED VETERANS, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Commission on Veterans Affairs and Commission on People with Disabilities worked with the County's Office of Human Resources (OHR) to establish employment initiatives which include hiring preferences for veteran, veteran with a disability, and person with a disability and a non-competitive hiring process for persons with disabilities, which was passed into law by Montgomery County voters in 2012.

Karen Hochberg, OHR, has reported that since the hiring preferences and non-competitive hiring process were implemented approximately:

	Person with a Disability (PWD) Hiring Preference	Veteran (Vet) Hiring Preference	Veteran w/ Disability (VWD) Hiring Preference	Non-Competitive Hire	Non-Specified Hire
FY2012	5	18	0	0	0
FY2013	5	31	1	0	0
FY2014	6	51	3	10	0
FY2015	5	40	3	7	1
FY2016	5	17	0	2	1
FY2017	8	26	5	5	1
FY2018	2	4	0	4	0
FY2019	0	4	0	3	0
TOTAL	35	191	12	31	3

A Better Bottom Line - Montgomery County Government video regarding the employment of people with disabilities and Veterans. Jonathan Pruziner served in Iraq and Afghanistan and came home to Become hired as a police officer with the Montgomery County Police Department. (YouTube):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-2A_PbxrqA (6:27 version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWOYNkEWE5s> (11:42 version)



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COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS FOR 2018 - 2019

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- November, 2018:** **The Building of an Accessible Launch and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvements at Seneca Landing at Riley's Lock on the Potomac River in Poolesville – Bob Green, ADA Compliance Manager, Montgomery County Parks, and Steve-O McKone, Director, Calleva at Riley's Lock**
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- December, 2018:** **Legislation Proposed by Senator Kagan – Maryland Police Officer Certification – Tom Manger, Chief, and Russ Hamill, Assistant Police Chief, Montgomery County Police Department**
Commission Veteran Outreach Tools – Neil Greenberger, Montgomery County Public Information
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- February, 2019:** **VA Claims Process – Paul Sullivan, Director of Veteran Outreach, Bergmann & Moore Law Firm**
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- March, 2019:** **Update on Veteran Activities at the State Level – George W. Owings, III, Secretary, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs**
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- April, 2019:** **Planning for Recognition Events and Annual Agenda**
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- May, 2019:** **Commemoration of Montgomery County's Vietnam Memorial Dedication**
DC VA Medical Center Health Care and Montgomery County Community-Based Outpatient Clinic - Michael S. Heimall, FACHE, Medical Center Director
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- June, 2019:** **Flag Incident at Memorial Plaza – Evan Glass, Councilmember, Montgomery County Council**
History and Advances made in Caring for Veterans Requiring Amputee Care Resulting from Combat Injury – Dixie Johnson, RN, MSN, CRRN, CCM Amputee Care Coordinator, WRNMMC Department of Rehabilitation
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- September, 2019:** **Homeless Veteran Updates – Nili Soni, Continuum of Care Coordinator, Services to End and Prevent Homelessness (SEPH), Interagency Commission on Homelessness, Montgomery County, Maryland, Department of Health and Human Services and Chapman Todd, Campaign Manager**
Armed Services Arts Partnership – Valerie Smith, Program Manager
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- October, 2019:** **Overview of the 100 Entrepreneurs Foundation of Mindful Profits – Amanda Weatherby**
www.mindfulprofits.com www.100entproject.org www.EntrepreneurOnFire.com
Concepts, Inc. and Clear2Connect: a free service for Veterans using telephone captioning for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing – Ron Drach
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COUNTY VETERAN TIMELINE 2008 - 2019

Montgomery County's Commission on Veterans Affairs supports various County initiatives and organizations that support Veterans and their families during their transition to the civilian workforce and beyond. Its accomplishments include:

1. County Executive Isiah Leggett had Bill 23-08, Commission on Veterans Affairs - Establishment introduced before the County Council on June 10, 2008 and it was enacted July 22, 2008. He signed it into law to be effective November 3, 2008. The first Commission meeting took place on March 16, 2009.
2. In June, 2009 family members came to the Commission meeting and requested the help of the Commission in renaming the Rockville Library to Rockville Memorial Library. These family members that attended were Richard and Lee Ann Doerflinger – son Army Specialist Thomas Doerflinger killed in Mosul, Iraq on Veteran's Day November 11, 2004, Paula Davis – son Private First Class Justin Ray Davis. U.S. Army killed on June 25, 2005 in Afghanistan, Tom and Carol Barbieri - son Army Specialist Thomas Joseph Barbieri II, 82nd Airborne Division, killed on August 23, 2006 south of Baghdad Iraq, and Nikki Bunting, wife of Captain Brian "Bubba" Bunting, U.S. Army, killed on February 24, 2009 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, and her sister Tracey Paul all expressed their strong belief that to honor their family members, they request that the Rockville Library be renamed to the Rockville Memorial Library, to honor fallen soldiers. The Commission took on the mission of getting the Rockville Library renamed to the Rockville Memorial Library. Letters were written to the County Executive and the mission was accomplished in that a formal ceremony marking the official renaming of the Rockville Library to the Rockville Memorial Library was held on Friday, May 28, 2010 at 11 a.m. in the front of the building at 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. But following the meeting where family members came, the very next day Carly Clem and Betsy Luecking staffers to the Commission sat down to discuss what we as staff could do immediately to honor the fallen so that they would not be forgotten by our community. It was decided to build a website with photos of the fallen, whatever background could be found. This was not an easy task as there were no lists and much research needed to be done. Research included visiting the National Archives in College Park, reviewing census and military records on Ancestry.com and researching article on newspapers and the lists published by the Department of Defense. As time went on they were able to research those killed in action from the Gulf War, Vietnam War, Korean War, World War II and World War I. This website contents are on digital displays at the Rockville Memorial Library lobby and the Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza in the front entry. In tribute to those who served and for the family members, Carly Clem did most of the research, creation of website and digital display in an outstanding way.
3. Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett signed a proclamation declaring that the name of the library be changed to honor "those who have given their lives defending the principles of freedom [during every military conflict since the County was created in 1776] and will be deserving of the highest gratitude and honor by the people of Montgomery County." It is fitting that this magnificent library stand in name and purpose as a tribute to the memory of the brave women and men from Montgomery County who gave their lives so that we and future generations may enjoy the benefits of such a facility," said Leggett who is a Vietnam Veteran, having commanded U.S. and South Vietnamese troops in field combat during his tour of duty in 1968-69.
4. The County Council passing legislation in 2009 for the County's hiring preference for people with disabilities and Veterans including disabled Veterans. As of May, 2019 the County has hired 203 Veterans including 11 disabled Veterans.
5. The Warrior Canine Connection program of Walter Reed <http://warriorcanineconnection.org/> made a presentation to the Commission and at the time they were located in Brookville, but had been told it needed to relocate. Mike Subin assisted the program in accessing DNR property and is now located at 14934 Schaeffer Road, Germantown, MD.
6. The Veterans Education Partnership, which was established by the Commission, increases outreach to the general veteran population regarding programs and services including the Montgomery College Combat to College Program, Universities at Shady Grove Veterans Services and the University of Maryland Terp Vets.

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7. The Commission continues its fight against Veteran homelessness through its support of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers and the Zero 16 Campaign to End Veteran Homelessness. As part of the County's Fiscal Year 2016 budget, the County Council approved an appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 to provide housing and supportive services to functionally end Veteran homelessness in the County. The funding is reoccurring every year and is available to Veterans who have received less than an honorable discharge and are therefore not eligible for VA programs. The County has received 98 VASH vouchers between the years of 2010 - 2016 years, each worth \$13,122 or \$1.2 M total per year in housing subsidies.
8. The Commission supports the important of the Silver Spring Vet Center. Operated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Vet Centers provide free readjustment counseling to combat veterans and their families to help with the transition from military to civilian life. Counseling can help with issues such as employment assessment, PTSD, sexual trauma, substance abuse, and screening and referral for medical issues such as traumatic brain injuries and depression. The Silver Spring Vet Center's telephone number is 301-589-1073 and is located at 2900 Linden Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Mike Subin of the Commission worked with the Department of Transportation and CSX to make public transportation and the railroad crossing accessible.
9. The Commission supports the work of Serving Together, which is a collection of local community-based resources for veterans, service members and their families. Its goal is to provide clear guidance on how to access the care and support veterans need. This includes support during transition to the civilian world and job placement. www.servingtogetherproject.org.
10. The County's Office of Human Resources agreed to partner with the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs when they launched Operation Hire July 1, 2015. The mission of Operation Hire Maryland is to create an ongoing program which supports employers as they develop or expand upon their Veteran hiring and retention initiatives. Through the collaboration and efforts of Operation Hire participants, a veteran friendly business network will be established to share best practices and proven methods for Veteran recruitment, hiring, on boarding, and retention in the civilian work place.
11. In October, 2015 County Cable Montgomery and the Commission launched a new monthly show called "Homefront" that provides information on topics and services for Veterans and their families living in the County. The 15-minute program is hosted by Mike Subin and airs on Comcast/RCN channel 6 and Verizon channel 30 on Sundays at 6:30 pm and 10:45 pm and on Fridays at 10:30 pm. The show is also available for viewing on deman on the County Cable Montgomery website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ccm.
12. The Commission continually seeks job placement resources for Veterans and their families. It supports the team at Montgomery Works - partner of the American Job Center Networks - and Tony Cancelosi of Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind for their work on Veteran hiring.
13. In observance of Veterans Day, the new Memorial Plaza located on the Government Complex Center Terrace between the new Courthouse annex and the Executive Office Building in Rockville along Route 28 was officially dedicated and the eternal flame unveiled on November 10, 2014. The ceremony was an opportunity for the County to show its appreciation and support for those people who put their lives on the line, domestically and abroad, to ensure our continued safety. Among those participating was retired Navy CDR Everett Alvarez Jr. of Rockville, who dedicated the POW flag. He was the first U.S pilot to be downed and detained during the Vietnam War and spent over eight years in captivity, making him the second longest held American POW, after U.S. Army Colonel Floyd James Thompson. The plaza is part of the Judicial Center Annex construction project that began in 2011 and involved an addition to, and renovation of, the existing Judicial Center, according to a county news release. The plaza and green spaces were redesigned to invite public use of the space. The area features a water fall, an eternal flame, new trees, benches and a Memorial Walkway to receive the plaques that were relocated from the original Memorial Garden to allow for the construction of the annex.

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14. MOAA Transition Support to Veterans in Montgomery County Business and Networking Group (BANG) – The Military Officers Association of America Transition Group for Northern VA and Southern MD is concerned that military service members transitioning back into civilian life are unprepared when seeking employment. The Northern Virginia (NOVA) Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Business and Networking Group (BANG) was created in 1996. BANG is a monthly program that provides business and networking assistance. Each month an employer is invited to speak about their company and offers assistance as well as accepting resumes. In addition, BANG sends out a weekly e-mail broadcast that provides employment opportunities, Veterans' updates, and job fair announcements. The group is open to non-military job seekers and networkers. The Montgomery County Chapter of the MOAA started BANG in Montgomery County and held its first meeting with students at Montgomery College on November 3, 2015. The Commission endorsed and supports this project of the Montgomery County MOAA of creating BANG in the County.
15. To honor our Veterans, the County, at the suggestion of the Commission, installed a digital TV display in the Rockville Memorial Library and a 55 inch digital display between the entry doors at the Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza that show photos and names of those County residents from World War II to the present who were killed in action defending our Nation. The Silver Spring display also provides current announcements of Veteran- related activities. The Commission's staff maintains this display.
16. The Honor & Gratitude Salute to Vietnam Veterans was held on October 24, 2015 at the Universities of Shady Grove. Over 200 Vietnam Veterans and a crowd of over 800 attended this event that honored the service of Vietnam Veterans and Vietnam Era veterans. The event has been chosen by the City-County Communications Association (3CMA) as one of the top three special events held by local governments in the U.S. over the past year. CMA is the nation's most prestigious organization of government communications officials.
17. The Commission will continue its satellite meeting program whereby the Commission holds monthly meetings at different locations throughout the County. The Commission's November 2015 meeting was held at Leisure World, which gave Leisure World Veterans and their families an opportunity to directly address the Commission and learn more about County and state support.
18. In June, 2016 Joe Mornini, Executive Director, Team River Runner made a presentation on their Walter Reed kayaking program which takes place Sunday afternoons from May through November at Riley's Lock on the Potomac River. He explained how the boat launch area is not accessible and they often use the power boat launch which is not as safe as it should be. Betsy Luecking was able to put them in contact with Bob Green, ADA Compliance Manager for Montgomery Parks as they own some of that land. Drawings have been completed and funding has been applied for to the State. The State approved the funding and work began July 1, 2019 to construct it.
19. The Veterans Tribute Concert was held on November 14, 2017 at the Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza. Dan Bullis was a featured speaker and they honored the military service of County Veterans and their families.
20. The Commission in its outreach to the County's 44,000 Veterans worked with Finance and the Public Information Office to design a property tax insert that was mailed out in June, 2016 to 42,000 households.
21. Through advocacy with the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Benefits Specialist was hired by the State to serve Montgomery County Veterans. This person works full time and offers services at Montgomery College, the Community Based Outpatient Clinic and the Silver Spring Vet Center.

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22. Though the advocacy of the Commission, Senator Chris Van Hollen and Senator Ben Cardin, the DCVA Medical Center established a VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) which is located at 15810 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD. The lease was awarded on April 11, 2016. The DCVA Medical Center have leased 11,600 square feet making it one of the largest in the State. The goal and hope is to co-locate other programs that serve Veterans and their families. There is 57,000 additional square feet that could be leased by other non-profits and government agencies. The Golden Hammer event took place September 19, 2016 at the location.
23. The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) is providing outreach services to Veterans at the Gaithersburg VA CBOC. VAMC Homeless Outreach Staff are available for both drop in and scheduled visits. The VA will be available to assist Veterans by making referrals and connecting Veterans who are eligible for VA services with the VA healthcare system.

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24. The Commission hosted an event with Mike Love, founder of the Beach Boys at the American Legion for Veterans on May 31, 2016. Max Cleland contacted the Commission to let us know that his friend Mike Love would be in town for the Concert on the Capitol lawn on Memorial Day, 2016. Mike wanted to meet with Veterans to share his experience with Transcendental Meditation (TM). Mike talked about TM and how it has helped him for the past 45 years with stress and wellness. He took the training in India in 1967 and the Beatles were there as well at the time. It was really an interesting evening as Commissioners Bill Gray and Wayne Miller talked about how they have used TM in their life. We had about 50 people and Montgomery Media there.
25. In June, 2017 the Commission wrote a letter to County Executive Ike Leggett to request support in establishing a Vietnam War Memorial in the existing Wheaton Veterans Park. The Commission formed the Montgomery County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Project, which has developed several recommendations for establishing this memorial for your consideration. We owe this recognition not only to our fallen 130 who died during service in Vietnam, but to our County's Vietnam Veterans and their families. It will demonstrate our determined resolve and support for them. Over the next five years, we hope that the County will recognize all County residents who have been killed in action back to World War I and have memorials also located in the Wheaton Veterans Park for the Global War on Terror, Gulf War, Korea, World War II and World War I. It is the hope that it will be dedicated on Memorial Day 2018. On June 30, 2017 the County Executive approved the preliminary plan.
26. The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic opened in September, 2017, at the Easterseals Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Inter-Generational Center. The Cohen Clinic provides high-quality, accessible, and integrated behavioral health care to veterans and their families or caregivers. Their no or low-cost services are available to any person who has served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, regardless of role or discharge status, and spouses or partners, children, parents, siblings, family caregivers and others. The Cohen Clinic uses evidence-based practices with a holistic approach to improve the quality of life for veterans and their families. Services are provided by trained and credentialed staff. Veterans and their family members are able to receive services individually and as a family unit at the same place with the same treatment team. The Cohen Clinic can also help connect veteran families to community resources and services, as necessary.
Location: 1420 Spring Street, Suite 300, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8:00am to 6:00pm; Wednesday, 8:00am to 8:00pm; Friday, 8:00am to 3:00pm; and the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 9:00am to 1:00pm.

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27. There has been established a Mental Health Court and the Commission advocated that a Veterans docket be included. The Commission is very interested in providing support/mentoring to incarcerated Veterans and their families. The Commission recommends that the STEER and Sequential Intercept Model be used in the new Mental Health Court, but it can also functional independently, be used to identify Veterans and refer them to needed services. The goal of the Deflection Model project is to deflect low-risk individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs) away from the criminal justice system and directly into community-based treatment. This deflection model presents an evidence-based approach to providing individuals treatment for substance use and will have many benefits not only for the affected individuals, but also for their families and our communities, as well as Montgomery County's overburdened expensive criminal justice system. We are now working on having the key elements of a Veterans Docket be included in the Mental Health Court.
28. Over the years we have had some very interesting presentations that include presentations on Buffalo Soldiers, the Vietnam Wall Director who lives in Rockville, Bikers against Child Abuse, VA Behavioral Health Ritchie Cam Richie and many others you can read up about in our posted annual reports at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cva.
29. On May 21, 2018 a Vietnam War Memorial was dedicated by County Executive Isiah Leggett at Memorial Plaza with the names of the 130 County residents who were killed in action or reported missing in action during the Vietnam War. Over 400 persons attending this event. Mike Subin, County Executive designee to the Commission was the MC of the event. Please go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/veterans.
30. The DC VA Medical Center hosted the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new DC VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) on Friday, September 7, 2018 at 1:30 pm. It is located at 15810 Gaither Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20877 and has ample parking and easy access. It will be the first Department of Veterans Affairs primary health care clinic in the County offering health care services to the more that 42,000 Veterans living in the County and other Veterans in the surrounding area. The newly renovated building space will offer 11,600 square feet with room for primary care and mental health clinics as well as spaces for exams, telehealth, telemedicine, pharmacy, lab, patient education, hearing aid fittings and specialty health care. The Commission on Veterans Affairs Chair and staff along with Michael Subin of the Executive's Office, Austin Morris of Senator Chris Van Hollen's Office and Ken Reichard of Senator Ben Cardin's staff met with the VA to have this clinic established since 2011. To date they have 800 patients and their goal is 2,400.
31. On May 21, 2019, the Commission had a one-year commemoration of the dedication of the Vietnam War Memorial at Memorial Plaza. Several family members of those who were killed in action attended the event. This was followed by a presentation by Michiael Heimall, Director of the DC VA Medical Center.
32. The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking a donation of 25 acres of land to build a Veteran Home like they have at Charlotte Hall. Montgomery County is considered ideal as it is centrally located in the State. Along with the Military Officers Association of America, the Commission Chair will be meeting with the County Executive in August to further discuss options.

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