

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS ANNUAL REPORT 2022
“Advocating for Veterans & Their Families”
HONORING THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTY VETERANS



Montgomery County Operation Green Light and Veteran Day Joint Proclamation
*County Executive Marc Elrich, County Council President Gabe Albornoz and Councilmember Craig Rice
presented a joint proclamation to Wayne Miller, Chair Commission on Veterans Affairs*



Wayne Miller, LCSW, Chair
Robert Koffman, MD, MPH, Vice-Chair



LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

November 4, 2022

Via Letter of Transmittal Electronically to:
The Honorable Marc Elrich, County Executive
The Honorable Gabe Albornoz, 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. 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. Please see link to the timeline and major accomplishments of the Commission since it was established -- www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Resources/Files/A&D%20Docs/CVA/CVATimeline.pdf

We continue to support coordination and collaboration among federal and state agencies, and non-profits that serve Veterans so that our community works together to provide the best services and resources possible to Veterans and their families. We commend the County for having functional zero homelessness amongst Veterans in the County. In collaboration with the Commission, Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, constructed and maintains an accessible floating launch for non-motorized boats at Seneca Landing Special Park. We are asking the County Council to provide needed funding of an estimated \$100,000 through the Parks CIP for the design and construction of a shelter for the picnic area there for all but especially for people who have disabilities, and who have temperature regulation issues.

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,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Miller".

Wayne Miller, LCSW, Chair



Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Koffman".

Robert Koffman, MD, MPH, Vice-Chair

MEMBERSHIP LIST 2021 - 2022

Veterans Representatives

Elwood Gray, Veteran
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 Cynthia Macri, Veteran
 Wayne Miller, Disabled American Veterans
 Reggie Mitchell, Veteran
 Scott Schlesinger, Jewish War Veterans Post 360
 Anneke Vandebroek, Veteran
 Michael Wilson, Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Jameelah Johnson, Dept. of Health & Human Services
 Joanna L. Starling, Montgomery College
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 Susan Webman

Non-Voting Congressional Representatives

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Congressional Attendees

Christa Burton, Office of Congressman Jamie Raskin
 Vikki Garcia, Office of Congressman John Sarbanes
 Ken Reichard, Office of Senator Ben Cardin

Staff

Betsy Luecking, Community Outreach Manager
 Carly Clem, Administrative Specialist I

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ABOUT THE COMMISSION

HISTORY

The Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs was established by County legislation in 2008 with the goal of the Commission to provide advice to the County Executive and County Council on the status of programs and services related to the needs of Veterans. Veterans have made an important contribution to the community by their service in the Armed and Uniformed Services of this Nation, and Montgomery County is committed to showing its commitment and support for all veterans and their families.

MISSION

The Commission will 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; institute and conduct educational and other programs, meetings, and conferences to promote the rights and opportunities for veterans; 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.

The Commission does not provide services. The Commission maintains a Veterans Directory online that include all the services offered by the federal state and local government and non-profit agencies - www.montgomerycountymd.gov/vnd.

MEMBERSHIP

The Commission on People with Disabilities is composed of 16 voting members who serve in a volunteer capacity. Members are appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.

The Commission includes:

- ▶ 9 Veterans,
- ▶ 4 members representing the general public, and
- ▶ 3 ex-officio members representing the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; the County Executive; and the Director of Montgomery College.

The Executive must invite a representative of the County's Congressional delegation who is either a

member of the delegation or an individual designated to represent the delegation to be a non-voting member of the Commission. The Executive must also appoint a member from the Commission on People with Disabilities to be a non-voting member of the Commission.

MEETINGS

All Commission and Committee meetings are open to the public. The Commission welcomes visitors to join us as we serve the County and its residents. Meetings are subject to change without advance notice. Please call to confirm day and time of meetings and to request any special accommodations. As possible, we adjust meeting dates in order to accommodate days of major religious observances. You can view the Commission meeting minutes or check meeting schedules times online at:

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cva.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2022 - 2023

Full Commission Meeting

3rd Tuesday of the month,
except for July and August
via Zoom

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



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AS VETERANS DAY APPROACHES ON FRIDAY, NOV. 11, MONTGOMERY COUNTY PREPARES TO JOIN 'OPERATION GREEN LIGHT' AND COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS SEEKS ADDITIONS TO TRIBUTE TO COUNTY VETERANS

For Immediate Release: Friday, October 28, 2022

As Veterans Day approaches on Friday, Nov. 11, Montgomery County is preparing to join the national "Operation Green Light" salute to veterans and the County's Commission on Veterans Affairs is seeking additions to its virtual tribute to County veterans.

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich and the County Council are supporting the effort to join Operation Green Light, a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties to honor those who have made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom. The program asks for displays of a green light, from Nov. 7-13, in a window of businesses or residences to honor veterans.

From Nov. 7-13, Montgomery County's Memorial Plaza, which is located adjacent to the County Executive Building at 101 Monroe St. in Rockville, will be lit with green lights.

More information about Operation Green Light is available at <https://www.naco.org/blog/counties-take-action-participate-operation-green-light-veterans>.

The County's Commission on Veterans Affairs is continuing to pay tribute to County veterans through a virtual "Tribute to Montgomery County Veterans" website. As Veterans Day approaches, the commission wants to add tributes to the site. The website is open to all residents who have served in military service.

In addition, there will be Montgomery County veterans' tributes during the month of November in the display cases at the Rockville Memorial Library and the Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza.

Many people confuse [Memorial Day](#) in May and Veterans Day in November. Memorial Day honors military personnel who died in service, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. While those who died are also remembered on [Veterans Day](#), the upcoming holiday is set aside to honor all of those who served honorably in the military—in wartime or peacetime. Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans and acknowledge their contributions to national security.

The commission is seeking to expand the Tribute to Montgomery County Veterans website by adding information on more veterans whose information is supplied either by the veterans themselves, by family members or by friends.

The tribute to veterans website can be found at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/veteransday. From this site, there is a link to the commission's Fallen Heroes page at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fallenheroes.

A veteran can share their story, or someone can share the story of a friend or family member, by filling out the Commission's [Google form](#) or filling out its [PDF form](#). Questions can be directed to MCCVA@montgomerycountymd.gov.

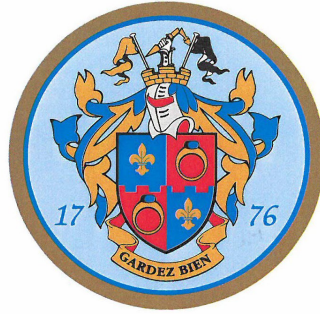
The following information is needed on the forms:

- Veteran's name.
- Name of person submitting information and relationship to the individual.
- Branch of service and rank.
- Years of service.
- Era served (WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, Global War on Terror or peacetime/other).
- Brief narrative of their service.
- Connection to Montgomery County (where the individual currently lives, grew up, attended high school or college/university, etc.).
- Photos (preferably one during their service and one present day).

By sending an e-mail to be included, the sender agrees to have the information shared on the County's website and in the Commission on Veterans Affairs social media.

To learn more about the Montgomery Commission on Veterans Affairs, go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cva.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY OPERATION GREEN LIGHT AND VETERAN DAY JOINT PROCLAMATION



Proclamation

Montgomery County Maryland

- WHEREAS,** this year Veterans Day marks the 104th anniversary of the Armistice, and we again pay tribute to those who have served our country and this community in the Armed and Uniformed Forces; and
- WHEREAS,** Montgomery County extends our deepest appreciation to the members of the Armed and Uniformed Forces past and present, and their families, who sacrifice so much to keep our country safe and strong; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and
- WHEREAS,** there is currently an estimated 36,000 Veterans living in Montgomery County that we work to promote their well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** a grateful County recognizes that service members may have a challenging transition to civilian life; and
- WHEREAS,** studies indicate that 44 to 72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and
- WHEREAS,** Montgomery County has joined the efforts of the National Association of Counties in recognizing "Operation Green Light for Veterans" in their mission to show support for Veterans and raise awareness about the challenges faced by many Veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist Veterans and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** as part of Operation Green Light, which is a national initiative to support veterans, Montgomery County will light in green Memorial Plaza in Rockville from November 7 to 13 to "send a clear message to encourage County Veterans to reach out to Serving Together and other veteran service organizations for benefit information and other services."

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE,

Marc Elrich, as County Executive, and Gabe Albornoz, as County Council President, and Craig Rice as County Councilmember of Montgomery County, Maryland, do hereby proclaim from November 7 to 13 in support of

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

in Montgomery County to be a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of those who serve in uniform transitioning from Active Service. We encourage businesses and residences to join us in displaying a green light and recognize the importance of honoring all those who have served.



Signed this 1st day of November in the year 2022

MARC ELRICH
County Executive

GABE ALBORNOZ
Council President

CRAIG RICE
Councilmember

MONTGOMERY COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS HONORS COUNTY'S FALLEN HEROES FROM MILITARY ACTION DATING TO WORLD WAR I WITH ONLINE TRIBUTES OF BIOS AND PHOTOS

For Immediate Release: Friday, May 27, 2022

The Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs is honoring many "Fallen Hometown Heroes" with County connections dating back to World War I with detailed tributes displayed on a special website created by the commission. The tribute is especially notable as the County prepares to commemorate Memorial Day on Monday, May 30.

The Commission on Veterans Affairs Fallen Hometown Heroes website honors veterans who were killed in action in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and the Global War on Terrorism (including [Operation Iraqi Freedom / Operation Enduring Freedom / Operation Inherent Resolve / Operation Freedom's Sentinel / Operation New Dawn](#)). The website includes photos and military histories of Fallen Hometown Heroes who were either originally from the County or who lived in Montgomery after their service. The site can be viewed at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fallenheroes.

"It seems that every day we are reminded of how our freedom is so special, and throughout the history of our nation, some special men and women have given their lives to protect that freedom," said Wayne Miller, a Vietnam veteran who now chairs the County Commission on Veterans Affairs. "The Commission on Veterans Affairs wanted residents of all ages to know more about these people and our Fallen Heroes website is a great way to learn their fascinating and heroic stories."

County Executive Marc Elrich said residents should take time to recognize the people who sacrificed their lives while serving the nation.

"Montgomery County is forever indebted to the men and women who served and gave their life in protection of our freedoms and liberty," said County Executive Elrich. "As we honor those we lost in defense of our nation during the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend, I encourage all Montgomery County residents to explore this website and learn about our hometown heroes. This County will never forget them and their families for their ultimate sacrifice."

Someone can share the story of a friend or family member by filling out the Commission's [Google form](#) or filling out its [PDF form](#). Questions about the tribute program can be directed to MCCVA@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Learn more about the Montgomery Commission on Veterans Affairs, go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cva.



COUNTY EXECUTIVE ELRICH SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER TO RENAME SILVER SPRING LIBRARY AFTER TUSKEGEE AIRMAN BRIG. GEN. CHARLES E. MCGEE

For Immediate Release: Monday, February 28, 2022

On Monday, Feb. 28, the last day of Black History Month, Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich was joined by Montgomery County Councilmember Will Jawando, Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) Director Anita Vassallo, the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs, the Tuskegee Airmen, members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, family members of Brig. Gen. Charles E. McGee, and others in ceremony to sign an executive order that will enable the County to rename the [Silver Spring Library](#) to the “Brigadier General Charles E. McGee Library.”

“There is no better way for us to conclude Black History Month than by memorializing a Montgomery County resident who was an American hero, a trailblazing African American, and a man who lived an extraordinary life,” said County Executive Marc Elrich. “We are renaming this building for Brig. Gen. McGee because of the example and opportunities he provided to the generations who followed in his footsteps. Thank you to Councilmember Jawando for championing this effort and to Department of General Services Director David Dise and MCPL Director Anita Vassallo for their support and efforts to quickly get all the work done to enable this renaming.”

“Brigadier General Charles E. McGee was a man of honor, integrity, and kindness,” said Councilmember Jawando. “It had been my great honor to get to know him and his family over the last 20 years. The General fought against racism and for equality his entire career and served as a mentor and role model to me and so many others in our County. I am proud we are able to honor his legacy and by announcing the Brigadier General Charles E. McGee Library. I want to thank County Executive Elrich for his partnership in this effort.”

Brig. Gen. McGee, who passed away early this year at the age of 102, served as a fighter pilot and member of the 332nd Fighter Squadron, famously known as the “Tuskegee Airmen,” an all-Black unit in World War II, followed by combat missions in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He fought against racism and for equality his entire career and paved the way for many African American service members.

A Montgomery County resident for many years, Brig. Gen. McGee prioritized learning and engaging with young people and served as a role model to Montgomery County residents and Americans. He passed away peacefully at his home in Bethesda on Jan. 16.

A dedication ceremony for the building was held June 18, 2022. View photos from the event [here](#).



Renaming ceremony



Dr. Bob Koffman, Vice-Chair, Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs, gives remarks at the renaming ceremony

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED COUNTRY WITH VIRTUAL TRIBUTES DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

For Immediate Release: Thursday, January 20, 2022

The Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs will honor County uniformed service members and veterans with an expanded detailed virtual display of tributes as part of its celebration of February as Black History Month.

The tributes to service members and veterans who live or have ever lived in Montgomery County include photos, background information and details of accomplishments during their military careers and afterward.

In past years, the tributes were displayed at the Silver Spring Civic Building. Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, this year the Black History Month tributes will be displayed online only. They can be viewed at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/ADS/VETERANS/BlackHistoryMonth.html.

The number of individual tributes recognized for Black History Month continues to expand as more service members and their family and friends contribute information. The Commission on Veterans Affairs is seeking the stories of additional service members and veterans so they can be included with this year's tributes.

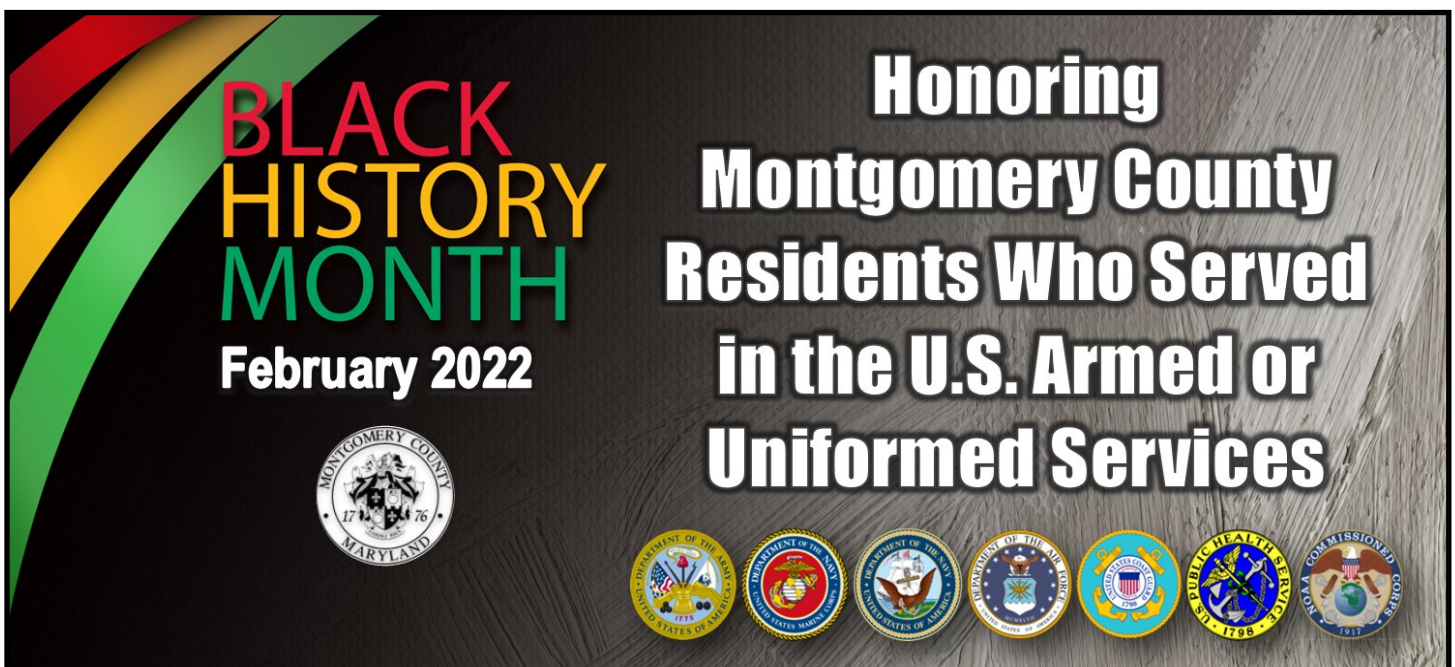
"Every veteran who has served in the history of the U.S. military has their own unique story," said Wayne Miller, chair of the County's Commission on Veterans Affairs. "It is the intent of our commission to allow residents to learn more about these remarkable people. The veterans we are honoring during Black History Month all have stories that the people of this County should know."

A service member or veteran can share their story, or someone can share the story of a friend or family member, by filling out the Commission's [Google form](#) or filling out its [PDF form](#).

Questions about the tribute program can be directed to MCCVA@montgomerycountymd.gov.

To view Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich's thoughts on helping veterans or to learn more about the Montgomery Commission on Veterans Affairs, go to <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/veterans>.

To learn more about the Montgomery Commission on Veterans Affairs, go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cva.



MONTGOMERY COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS HONORING VIETNAM WAR ERA VETERANS WITH VIRTUAL TRIBUTES AS 'NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS DAY' APPROACHES ON MARCH 29

For Immediate Release: Wednesday, March 2, 2022

The Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs is honoring dozens of Montgomery County Vietnam War Era veterans with detailed tributes displayed on a special website created by the commission.

The tribute honors the veterans leading up to "National Vietnam War Veterans Day," which is observed every year on March 29. The special day recognizes U.S. Armed Forces and Uniformed Services personnel with active duty service between Nov. 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975, regardless of location of service.

The Montgomery Commission on Veterans Affairs website includes photos, military histories and later personal updates of Vietnam veterans who are either originally from the County or who lived in Montgomery after their service. The site can be viewed at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/vietnamvetday.

"A special day has been created to honor the veterans who served in the Vietnam War era," said Wayne Miller, a Vietnam veteran who now chairs the County Commission on Veterans Affairs. "However, the people who served in that difficult period of our nation's history should be honored every day. This website enables people of our current generation to learn more about the Americans who served during the Vietnam War. The website provides details on how the war influenced the rest of their lives. It also pays tribute to those who gave their lives when asked to serve their country."

According to the latest available U.S. Census Bureau estimates, there are more than 36,000 County residents who are veterans. Of that number, more than 10,400 are Vietnam War Era veterans.

Records show that 130 County residents were killed in Vietnam and their names are on the County's Vietnam Memorial Wall, which was dedicated in 2018 on Memorial Plaza adjacent to the Executive Office Building in Rockville. A video summary of the memorial dedication can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6QWL-Z81Uk.

The Vietnam Veterans site also provides access the County's tribute to "Fallen Heroes." That site pays tribute to the County's fallen service members who died in service to the country since World War I. The records show the men and women honored as enlisting, being originally from or having at one-time lived in Montgomery County. That site can be accessed directly at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/ADS/VETERANS/FallenHeroes.html.

A service member or veteran can share their story, or someone can share the story of a friend or family member, by filling out the Commission's [Google form](#) or filling out its [PDF form](#). Questions about the tribute program can be directed to MCCVA@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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FY24 POLICY PRIORITIES



Commission on Veterans Affairs Statement on FY24 Policy Priorities October 2022

Wayne Miller, Chair • Robert Koffman, Vice-Chair

The Commission on Veterans Affairs thanks the County Council for the support you have provided over the past 14 years for funding programs that benefit the quality of life for Veterans and their families. We recognize that the COVID-19 public health emergency is placing difficult and unprecedented pressures on programs and services of the County as well as the rest of the country. We recommend the following:

- 1. Shelter for Safety at Seneca Landing Special Park Accessible Launch** - Montgomery Parks has completed construction of a new floating launch for non-motorized boats, improving accessibility and safety for kayakers, canoeists, and paddle boarders at Seneca Landing Special Park. It is heavily used daily by the general public, but it especially benefits severely disabled Veterans and others to access Seneca Creek and the Potomac River. Team River Runner facilitates two important treatment modalities: exercise and nature. Many of the Veterans were or are at Walter Reed for treatment and participate in Team River Runner that meets there Sundays. It used to take an hour to get in the water for some and now about 1 minute. We recommend the County Council provide needed funding of an estimated \$100,000 through the Parks CIP for the design and construction of a shelter for the picnic area for all but especially for people who have disabilities, and who have temperature regulation issues, to be safer and more comfortable while using and enjoying the park.
- 2. Veteran Peer Support** - That the Commission on Veterans Affairs support the establishment and funding of a Veteran Peer Support Specialist Program consisting of Veterans with lived experience in recovery from a mental health condition, substance abuse, and/or military trauma who provide support to other Veterans who are in recovery and seeking behavioral health care in Montgomery County. These programs are evidenced-based and effective and reduce barriers and stigma. In addition, they also serve as an important resource for veterans since they are individuals who have undergone mental health treatment and are able to share their experiences in helping guide others towards seeking treatment. If the funding for this is established, agencies such as the Steve A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Easterseals or Serving Together could apply to administer this program.
- 3. Commission Support for Continued Full Funding of Public Safety** - Public safety affects everyone and dollars committed to public safety should not be reallocated to other programs. We need to ensure public safety is a priority for schools, crossing guards, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- 4. Vouchers for Homeless Veterans and their Families** - We would like to ensure that Health and Human Services / Services to End and Prevent Homelessness remains funded as many of our veterans are impacted and need these services. We continue to be pleased with the County's efforts to end homelessness amongst Veterans and to assist in obtaining permanent housing. The program was highly successful during 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 in strong support of Bethesda Cares expansion of their outreach to Veterans. We commend the County making a priority of the addition of permanent affordable housing for homeless populations and working to achieve racial and social equity through sound housing policy.

FY24 POLICY PRIORITIES CONTINUED

- 5. Serving Together** - 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 funding from the County, and we recommend this funding continue. The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provides funding for Serving Together programming through a Behavioral Health & Crisis Services (BHCS) General Funds/based budget contract. Contractual services were originally funded, in FY11, by Community Grant award. Last year the total contract went from \$150,000.00 to a \$154,500.00. Thanks to this year's 8% Inflationary Adjustment (\$12,360) the base funding of the contract will increase from \$154,500 to \$166,860.00. At this point only 6% IA has been executed (\$9,270), and hopefully the additional 2% (\$3,090) will be executed soon.
- 6. Warrior Canine Connection** - Warrior Canine Connection enlists wounded, ill, and injured Warriors in a therapeutic mission of learning to train service dogs for their fellow Veterans. To train a service dog, an otherwise isolated Warrior must necessarily re-enter society, experiencing positive interactions with members of the community. Warrior Canine Connection continues to grow. WCC's largest graduating class of 19 assistance dogs was this year. To accomplish this, WCC has served a total of 6,075 Veterans through their Mission Based Trauma Recovery: 600 alone this year. Additionally, WCC was selected by the VACO to provide programming under the PAWS Act signed 8/21. According to the VA, the PAWS Act is an "unfunded mandate". Therefore, WCC needs help to provide these services for Veterans both locally and nationally. Once again, the impact WCC has on the Veteran community merits approval of the \$50,000 Community grant. We recommend that this funding continue.

FY23 OPERATING BUDGET PRIORITIES



Commission on Veterans Affairs Statement on FY23 Budget Priorities April 2022

Wayne Miller, Chair Robert Koffman, Vice-Chair

The Commission on Veterans Affairs thanks the County Council for the support you have provided over the past 13 years for funding programs that benefit the quality of life for Veterans and their families. We recognize that the COVID-19 public health emergency is placing difficult and unprecedented pressures on programs and services of the County as well as the rest of the country. We recommend the following:

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- 4. Warrior Canine Connection** - Warrior Canine Connection enlists wounded, ill, and injured Warriors in a therapeutic mission of learning to train service dogs for their fellow Veterans. To train a service dog, an otherwise isolated Warrior must necessarily re-enter society, experiencing positive interactions with members of the community. The demand for trained service dogs has created wait lists years long. Many Veterans report that after working at training service dogs they are recovered to the point that they no longer need a service dog of their own. This novel approach and one-of-kind therapy merits WCC for approval of a \$50,000 Community grant and is included as part of the Capital Budget within the cost sharing. We recommend that this funding continue.

HOW TO ENROLL IN VA HEALTHCARE

There are an estimated 37,000 Veterans living in the County and only an estimated 10,000 are enrolled in the VA Healthcare system. Given that the County now has a Community Based Outpatient Clinic located in Gaithersburg, 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.

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), Monday to Friday 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.

ABOUT VA MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

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 SUPPORT 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

Wayne Miller, Vet Center Director
2900 Linden Lane, Suite 100
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-589-1073 (V)

Ask for a counselor.

Services are currently being provided virtually as well as in person by appointment.

www.va.gov/silver-spring-vet-center

The closest bus stops are at Seminary Rd and Forest Glen Road, bus number 5.

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 28 February 1991

Somalia

17 Sept 1992 to - Present

Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Albania

(former Yugoslavia operations)

Global War on Terrorism/OIF/OEF/OND

11 Sept 2001 - Present

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)

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



Montgomery County VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)

15810 Gaither Drive, Suite 130, 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

www.va.gov/washington-dc-health-care/locations/montgomery-county-va-clinic

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed on Saturday, Sunday and Federal Holidays

Services offered at the Montgomery County CBOC

- Primary care
- Hearing aid fittings
- Comprehensive and preventive women's health
- Behavioral health (psychiatry & psychology)
- Phlebotomy (onsite lab/blood work)
- Nutrition
- Social work
- Eligibility, enrollments and ID's
- Telehealth services including mental health, retinal care (eye), bariatric surgery (before and after operation), dermatology, rehabilitation, and primary care.

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 HealtheVet.

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.

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 \$154,500 Community Grant from the County. Contractual services were originally funded, in FY11, by Community Grant award, and last year, FY21, Contract Funding switch from Community Grant to DHHS/BHCS Based Budget. \$150,000.00 was originally encumbered for FY22, and Behavioral Health added a 3% Inflationary Adjustment of \$4,500 per County Resolution. This increase in funding changed the Contract's funding total from \$150,000 to \$154,500 in FY22.

WARRIOR CANINE CONNECTION



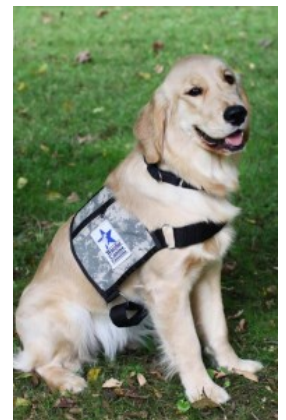
Warrior Canine Connection enlists recovering Warriors in a therapeutic mission of learning to train service dogs for their fellow Veterans. Training a service dog for a fellow Veteran provides a valuable opportunity for a Warrior suffering from psychological injuries to reintegrate into civilian life. 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.

Website: www.warriorcanineconnection.org
E-mail: info@warriorcanineconnection.org



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.

www.easterseals.com/DCMDVA/our-programs/cvn-home.html

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Easterseals opened in September 2017 in Silver Spring, Maryland. The Cohen Clinic at Easterseals provides high-quality and accessible behavioral health care to the veteran, active-duty, and military family community. 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 their families as defined by the service member such as: spouses or unmarried partners, children age 4 and up, parents, siblings, caregivers, survivors, and other household members.

The Cohen Clinic at Easterseals uses evidence-based practices with a holistic approach to improve the quality of life for veterans and military families. Services are provided by culturally competent, trained, and credentialed staff. Veterans and military family members are able to receive services individually and as a family unit at the same clinic. The Cohen Clinic at Easterseals can also help connect veteran and military families to community resources and services, as necessary. Services are available through telehealth to those in D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia.

- 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

Provides assistance with unmet needs and connecting to resources such as:

- 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

Therapy is evidence-based and goal focused with a typical treatment window of about 4 months. Evidence-based therapies include:

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

Telehealth

Telehealth provides high-quality, confidential care through secure video conference when you are unable to visit your therapist at the clinic.

- It's **Easy**. Get access to care from the comfort of your own home. All you need is a smartphone, tablet, or computer with internet and video capabilities.
- It's **Accessible**. Continue to receive treatment if you are unable to visit the clinic due to distance, lack of transportation, work schedule, health problems, or other reasons.

Offer a variety of wellness programs, workshops, events, and opportunities to include:

- Arts and Crafts
- Mindfulness and Yoga
- Creative Writing Workshops
- Legal Clinics
- Finance Workshops
- Psychoeducational Classes such as Stress Management, Sleep Enhancement, and Problem-solving
- And more!

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



Photo Courtesy of Montgomery College Combat2College

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: 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: Student Services (SV), Room 204

Center for Women Veterans: Campus Center, Room 002

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

Veterans Center: Resource Center, Room 210



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.

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)

David Skisano, Veterans Benefits Specialist II (VBS) 301-987-8412 (V)
E-mail: davidj.skisano@maryland.gov 301-987-8496 (FAX)
Gaithersburg Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration Service Center Contact via email or phone.
Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Please leave a message and he
15 Metropolitan Grove Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 will return the call as soon as possible.
By appointment only. No walk-ins.

Phil Munley, Director, Veteran Service Program 410-230-4444 x 6457 (V)
E-mail: phillip.munley@va.gov 1-800-446-4926 x 6457 (Toll Free)
www.veterans.maryland.gov

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.

BENEFITS ASSISTANCE - VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS - NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION BENEFIT OFFICE

Miguel A. Sapp, Associate Director 202-530-9385 (Main)
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States 202-530-9388 (Direct)
1722 I Street, NW, Suite 207 Email: msapp@vfw.org
Washington, DC 20421 Email: miguel.sapp@va.gov

VFW Service Officers are trained experts, helping Veterans develop their case with ease by reviewing and applying current law, pertinent legislation, regulations and medical histories. Assist in filing for disability compensation, rehabilitation and education programs, pension and death benefits, and employment and training programs. Request hearings before the VA and the Board of Veterans Appeals to present oral arguments when needed. VFW Service Officers are with America's veterans every step of the way once they're ready to file a claim. The VFW offers these services free of charge to anyone seeking assistance with the claims process.

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.

****Homeless Outreach Walk-In Hours Temporarily Suspended Due to COVID-19****

- Aisha Clark, VA HUD VASH Senior Social Worker E-mail: aisha.clark@va.gov
- Fatmata Kamara, VA Outreach Social Worker E-mail: fatmata.kamara@va.gov, 202-256-9261 (V)
- Imani Colbert, VA HUD VASH Senior Social Worker E-mail: imani.colbert@va.gov, 202-714-9362 (V)

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 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.

KEY CONTACTS FOR THE VA & OTHER RESOURCES CONT.

SILVER SPRING VET CENTER - READJUSTMENT COUNSELING AND FAMILY SUPPORTS

Wayne Miller, Vet Center Director
2900 Linden Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Services are currently being provided virtually as well as
in person by appointment.
www.va.gov/silver-spring-vet-center

301-589-1073 (V)
Ask for a counselor.
202-273-9116 (Bereavement Counseling)
Open Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.;
Friday 8 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 veterans 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.

THE STEVEN A. COHEN MILITARY FAMILY CLINIC - EASTERSEALS SERVING DC | MD | VA

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

240-847-7500 (V)
Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and
the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Easterseals provides veterans, active-duty, and the entire military family (as defined by the service member/veteran: spouse, children, partners, household members, caregivers, and survivors) with high-quality and accessible behavioral health care services by culturally competent, trained, and credentialed staff. Counseling options include individuals, child/adolescent (ages 4+), group, couples, and family. To make an appointment, please call 240-847-7500 (V) or email info.mfc@eseal.org.

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

Erica Fatal, Senior Peer Navigator, peernavigator@every-mind.org
Alexander Shamis, Peer Navigator, peernavigator@every-mind.org
Jason Marshall, Program Manager, jmarshall@every-mind.org
Christy Kenady, Director, ckenady@every-mind.org
www.servingtogetherproject.org

301-738-7176 (V)
1-855-738-7176 (Toll Free)
Monday through Friday, 9 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.

MILITARY ONESOURCE

www.militaryonesource.mil

1-800-342-9647 (24/7 Toll Free)

Information on family and recreation, health and relationships, financial and legal, career and education, military life and deployment, and crisis. Offer three kinds of short-term, non-medical counseling to active-duty, Guard, and Reserve service members and their families. Eligible individuals may receive confidential services at no cost. Participate in online webinars, subscribe to monthly e-newsletters, read expertly prepared articles about issues that concern military families, and order or download free CD's, booklets, and DVDs. Offer online Live Chat assistance. Part of the U.S. Department of Defense's Military OneSource network.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

veterans.maryland.gov



Service and Benefits Program

Providing representation for veterans and dependents seeking VA benefits



410-260-3838



MDVeterans



@MdVeterans



@mdveteransinfo



Cemetery and Memorial Program

Providing interment services for veterans and eligible dependents
410-923-6981, Cemeteries
410-354-3550, Memorials



Maryland Veterans Trust Fund

Assisting veterans who are experiencing temporary financial difficulties
1-800-446-4926, ext 6460



Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Providing skilled nursing & assisted living care to veterans and eligible spouses
301-884-8171, ext 5111



Outreach and Advocacy Program

Providing education to the community about veteran benefits and services
410-260-3842/3840

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides healthcare, benefits and access to national cemeteries to former military personnel and their dependents. The VA has responsibility over three administrations. They are: the Veterans Health Administration; the Veterans Benefits Administration; and the National Cemetery Administration.

For VA healthcare enrollment:

Central Maryland/Eastern Shore veterans are seen by the VA Maryland Healthcare System and can call 1-877-222-8387

Western Maryland veterans are seen by the Martinsburg VA Medical Center and can call 1-800-817-3807, press 4

Montgomery County/Prince George's County/Southern Maryland veterans are seen by the Washington DC VA Medical Center and can call 202-745-8000, ext 56333

For VA benefits questions: Federal VA benefits, veterans can call 1-800-827-1000
Federal VA education benefits, veterans can call 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551), 7am-6pm CT,
M-F Federal VA home loan program, veterans can call 1-877-827-3702

If a veteran has questions about burial in a National Cemetery, they can call 1-800-535-1117

If a veteran has questions about Arlington National Cemetery (managed by the Dept of the Army), they can call 1-877-907-8585

MDVA SERVICE PROGRAM OFFICE LOCATIONS

Unless otherwise noted, all MDVA Service Program offices are open Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm by appointment only. Please call an office near you to schedule an appointment in advance of visiting.

Baltimore Regional Office

Phil Munley, Director
Debra Hynes, Deputy Director
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1-800-446-4926, ext. 6450 (follow prompts for transfer to appropriate staff person)

Baltimore VA Medical Center

(Hours: Monday through Friday, 9am to 3pm)
Garry Brown, Veterans Benefits Specialist II
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10 North Greene Street, 6th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201
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Bel Air

Michael Cantrell, Veterans Benefits Specialist II
Motor Vehicle Administration
Bel Air Service Center
501 W. Macphail Road
Bel Air, MD 21014
410-638-6501 (benefits specialist)
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410-683-6549 (fax)

Camp Springs

(Per Prince George's County/Harriet Hunter Building: in person appointments now accepted, visitors must be masked, agree to temperature checks, and complete a COVID screening questionnaire upon entry)
Joseph Thornton, Veterans Benefits Specialist II (temporarily assigned to Gaithersburg)
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Camp Springs, MD 20748
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410-386-3800

Charlotte Hall

Willie Borden, Jr., Veterans Benefits Specialist II
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Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
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Cumberland

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Cumberland Motor Vehicle Administration Service Center
13300 Winchester Road, SW
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Easton

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Catherine (Cathy) Clevenger, Office Secretary II
11 South Harrison Street
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Gaithersburg

David Skisano, Veterans Benefits Specialist II
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15 Metropolitan Grove Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-987-8412

Glen Burnie

James Wilkes, Veterans Benefits Specialist II
Sarah Jackson, Office Secretary II
Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA)
Glen Burnie Service Center, Ground Floor
6601 Ritchie Highway
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Glen Burnie, MD 21062
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Hagerstown

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18306 Col. Henry K. Douglas Drive
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Laurel

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Vacant, Veterans Benefits Specialist II
Howard County Multi-Service Center
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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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PROJECTED NUMBER OF VETERANS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

The U.S. Census Bureau 2021 American Community Survey estimates that there are approximately **32,083 veterans living in Montgomery County, Maryland**. According to the American Community Survey 6.4% of all 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. **Please note:** There was no American Community Survey published in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Veteran Population of Montgomery County, MD

Subject	2021		2019	
	Veterans	Total Population (18 years and over)	Veterans	Total Population (18 years and over)
Population 18 years and over	32,083	810,630	36,264	804,686
Period of Military Service	Veterans	% of 32,083	Veterans	% of 36,264
Gulf War (9/2001 or later), no Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001), no Vietnam Era	6,429	20.0%	6,499	17.9%
Gulf War (9/2001 or later) and Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001), no Vietnam Era	3,441	10.7%	3,183	8.8%
Gulf War (9/2001 or later) and Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001) and Vietnam Era	230	0.7%	46	0.1%
Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001), no Vietnam Era	4,819	15.0%	4,734	13.1%
Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001), and Vietnam Era	363	1.2%	289	0.8%
Vietnam Era, no Korean War, no World War II	8,241	25.7%	10,084	27.8%
Vietnam Era and Korean War, no World War II	118	0.4%	94	0.3%
Vietnam Era and Korean War and World War II	138	0.4%	0	0%
Korean War, no Vietnam Era, no World War II	1,318	4.1%	1,702	4.7%
Korean War and World War II, no Vietnam Era	0	0%	148	0.4%
World War II, no Korean War, no Vietnam Era	697	2.2%	1,288	3.5%
Between Gulf War and Vietnam Era only	4,473	13.9%	4,592	12.6%
Between Vietnam Era & Korean War only	1,816	5.7%	3,436	9.5%
Between Korean War & World War II only	0	0%	169	0.5%
Pre-World War II only	0	0%	0	0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019 & 2021

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Veteran Population of Montgomery County, MD

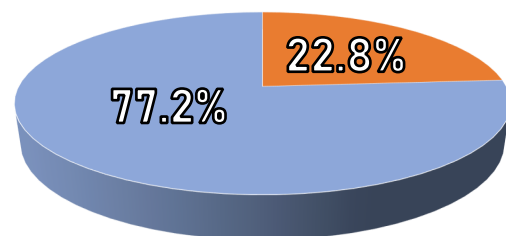
	2021		2019	
Subject	Veterans	Total Population (18 years and over)	Veterans	Total Population (18 years and over)
Civilian Population 18 years and over	32,083	810,630	36,264	804,686
Gender	Veterans	% of 32,083	Veterans	% of 36,264
Male	27,166	84.7%	31,268	86.2%
Female	4,917	15.3%	4,996	13.8%
Age	Veterans	% of 32,083	Veterans	% of 36,264
18 to 34 years	2,452	7.6%	3,174	8.8%
35 to 54 years	9,290	29.0%	9,145	25.2%
55 to 64 years	5,357	16.7%	5,509	15.2%
65 to 74 years	5,854	18.2%	8,057	22.2%
75 years and older	9,130	28.5%	10,379	28.6%
Age by Gender	Female	% of 4,917	Female	% of 4,996
18 to 34 years	291	5.9%	1,122	22.5%
35 to 54 years	2,306	46.9%	1,783	35.7%
55 to 64 years	983	20.0%	1,277	25.5%
65 to 74 years	807	16.4%	524	10.5%
75 years and older	530	10.8%	290	5.8%
Age by Gender	Male	% of 27,166	Male	% of 31,268
18 to 34 years	2,161	8.0%	2,052	6.6%
35 to 54 years	6,984	25.7%	7,362	23.5%
55 to 64 years	4,374	16.1%	4,232	13.5%
65 to 74 years	5,047	18.6%	7,533	24.1%
75 years and older	8,600	31.6%	10,089	32.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021 & 2019

VA Health Care Enrollment Montgomery County, Maryland

TOTAL	7,507
Under 19	181
19 to 64	3,365
65 Years and over	3,961
19 Years and over	7,326
Source: U.S. American Community Survey, 2021	

VA Health Care Enrollment Total Montgomery County Veteran Population (Veteran Population 19 years and over)



Enrolled (7,326) Not Enrolled (24,757)

PROJECTED NUMBER OF VETERANS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

Montgomery County, MD Veteran Demographics - By City (2016 - 2020)

QuickFacts provides statistics for all states and counties, and for cities and towns with a population of 5,000 or more.

Ashton-Sandy Spring	198
Aspen Hill	1,495
Bethesda	2,716
Burtonsville	362
Chevy Chase	565
Clarksburg	742
Damascus	991
Darnestown	266
Four Corners	394
Gaithersburg	2,033

Germantown	3,102
Glenmont	525
Kemp Mill	395
Layhill	170
Leisure World	1,261
Montgomery Village	1,271
North Bethesda	1,926
North Kensington	425
North Potomac	595

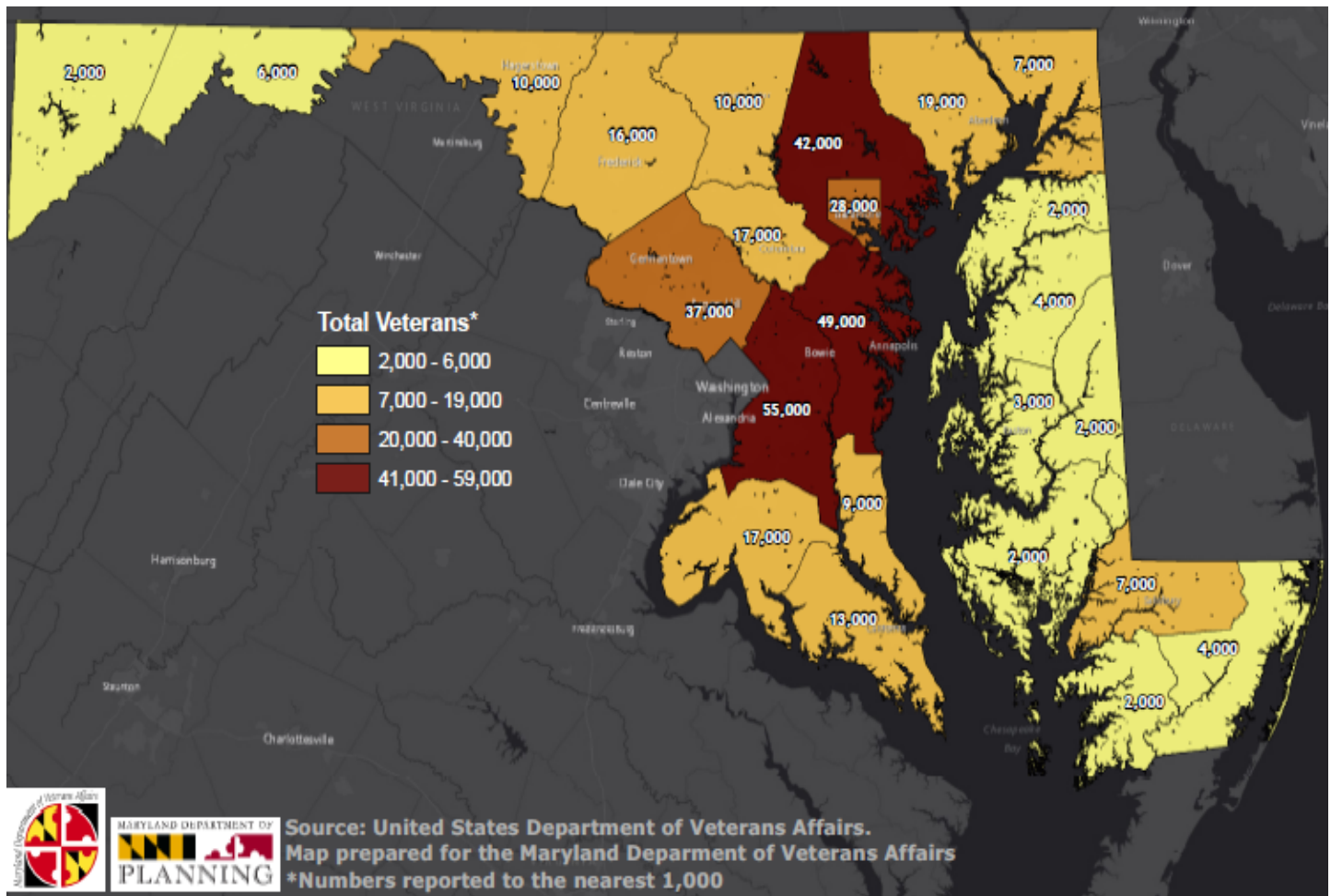
Olney	1,843
Poolesville	368
Potomac	1,734
Rockville	2,550
Silver Spring	2,124
South Kensington	412
Takoma Park	549
Travilah	274
Wheaton	1,596

Source: U.S. Census QuickFacts 2016 - 2020

PROJECTED NUMBER OF VETERANS IN MARYLAND - 2020

Projected Number of Veterans in Maryland: 362,000

Projected Number of Veterans in Montgomery County, Maryland: 37,000



MOBILE APPS TO SUPPORT VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES



PTSD Coach provides the information, support and tools needed to manage PTSD. A companion app, PTSD Family Coach, is for family members and friends supporting someone with PTSD.



ACT Coach aims to help Veterans live with unpleasant thoughts, feelings and impulses without avoiding them or being controlled by them.



AIMS for Anger Management provides users with education about anger, opportunities for finding support, the ability to create an anger management plan, anger tracking and other tools to help manage angry reactions.



Beyond MST is a secure, trauma-sensitive mobile app created for survivors of Military Sexual Trauma (MST).



Insomnia Coach features a guided, weekly training plan to help you track and improve sleep.



Couples Coach is designed for partners who want to improve their relationship and explore new ways to connect.



STAIR Coach is designed to help users manage trauma symptoms and help improve their emotional well-being and relationships with others.



Stay Quit Coach helps people create a tailored plan to quit smoking and stay smoke-free.



VA Mental Health Checkup for Veterans allows Veterans to monitor, assess and access information for mental health conditions from the comfort of their home.



COVID Coach supports self-care and overall mental health during the coronavirus pandemic.

NEW VETERANS CRISIS LINE NUMBER



Share the new
Veterans Crisis Line number
with your Veteran loved ones.

Dial 988 then Press 1



COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS FOR 2021 - 2022

- November 2021:** **In Honor of Veterans Day: Veterans who Serve on the Commission Sharing Their Experience in the Military and as A Veteran – Discussion led by Wayne Miller**
Update Veterans Day Exhibit at Rockville Memorial Library and Silver Spring Civic Building – Michael Wilson and Bill Gray
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- December 2021:** **Coping with the (Happy) Holidays – Anneke Vandenbroek, Ph.D., ABPP, Clinic Director & Senior Vice President, The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Easterseals**
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- January 2022:** **Various Measures DHHS is Taking to Help with Mental and Physical Well-Being within the Community – James C. Bridgers, Jr., Ph.D., M.B.A, Acting Health Officer and Chief, Public Health Services, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services**
Project Opportunity – Joe Giordano, Owner and Founder of Project Opportunity
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- February 2022:** **Overview of 2022 Veteran Related Legislation in the Maryland General Assembly – Bob Norton, President, Maryland Military Coalition**
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- March 2022:** **Duties of the Commission on Veterans Affairs – Wayne Miller and Bob Koffman**
Review of the Commission’s Websites – Carly Clem and Betsy Luecking
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- April 2022:** **Discussion on the Services/Plans of the DC VA Medical Director – Michael Heimall, FACHE, Director (CEO), Washington D.C. Veterans Medical Center**
Discussion on the Homefront Interview of Commissioners Dr. Cynthia Macri and Jameelah Johnson on Women Veteran Issues and Planning for Upcoming Homefront Shows – Wayne Miller and Mike Subin
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- May 2022:** **Accessible Kayak/Canoe Launch at Riley’s Lock (Seneca Landing Special Park) on the C&O Canal - How You Can Get Involved with Team River Runner – Joe Mornini, Chief Executive Officer, Team River Runner, and Bob Green, Senior ADA Compliance Project Manager, Montgomery Parks, M-NCPPC**
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- June 2022:** **Memorial Day at Vietnam Veteran Memorial Talk and Message – Jane McCarthy CRNA, PhD, FAAN, former Commissioner**
View Captain McCarthy’s speech which was given at the annual Memorial Day ceremony co-hosted by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and National Park Service: <https://youtu.be/DQbSx3zk--0?t=991>
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- September 2022:** **Pedestrian Master Plan Discussion – Eli Glazier, Transportation Planner Coordinator, Montgomery County Planning Department**
VA’s Announcement That It Will Provide Abortion Services – Dr. Cynthia Macri, M.D., FACS, FACOG, CAPT MC USN (Ret.)
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- October 2022:** **A Conversation on Veteran Entrepreneurship – Anthony M. Butler, Sr., Placement Director, NPower Maryland, & Founder/Executive Director, E3/Eagle Soaring Management Inc., US Air Force Veteran**

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Marc Elrich**

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*Standing: Hans Riemer, Gabe Alborno, Craig Rice, Andrew Friedson, and Tom Hucker.
Seated, left to right: Will Jawando, Sidney Katz, Nancy Navarro and Evan Glass.*

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Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director
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Commission on Veterans Affairs
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