

Calvert County Veterans Affairs Commission

Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Determination of Quorum
- B. Approval of agenda
- C. Approval of June meeting minutes
- D. Strategic Goals/Tactical Activities
 - a. Membership – Updated Info Sheet emailed on 6/21/22
 - Vacancy: University of MD, Director of Stateside Military Operations of U of MD Global Campus
 - Resolution Section 2.E makes provision for adding Ex-Officio Members: “Upon motion passed by majority vote, the Commission may choose to include additional ex officio, non-voting members.”
 - b. Designate representatives for regional veterans groups (see attached for details)
 - **Veterans Regional Advisory Committee (VRAC)**
 - State level **Joint County Veteran Commission (Aug 16, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm)**
 - **Joint Southern Maryland Serving Together Collaborative**
 - c. Veterans Resource Guide – Next Steps
 - Distribute Promotional Business Cards
 - Facebook Promotions
 - d. Veterans Survey
 - Identified Priorities
 - Draft FAQ
 - e. Annual Report to BOCC – August 23, 2022
 - f. Legislative Issue – SB901 - Disabled Veterans and Senior Property Tax Credit
 - g. Outreach Opportunities/Veterans Calendar
 - Veterans Regional Resource Fair – Saturday, September 10, 2022 (10 am to 4 pm)
Melwood Recreation Center, 9035 Ironside Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662
 - County Fair (September 28 – October 2)
 - Others – See Calendar
- E. Information Sharing
- F. Adjourn

Open Meetings Act (OMA) requirements

Reasonable accommodation will be provided upon request.

Requests are encouraged to be submitted in advance of the meeting date.

This agenda is subject to change and the times listed are approximate. If any items are added for consideration, they will be included on a revised agenda that will be issued prior to the closed session.

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Southern Maryland and Maryland State Regional Veterans Organizations

- **Veterans Regional Advisory Committee (VRAC)** coordinated by SoMD Tri-County Council- 1st Monday of the Quarter unless it falls on a holiday, next meeting September 12, 9:00 to 10:30 am; Contact: Sharon Meyer (smeyer@tccsmd.org) 301-274-1922 ext. 326. This body serves Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, but also includes state level reps including George Owings, representatives from Cardin and Hoyer's offices, the Director of the Washington VA and representatives from advocacy groups such as Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Three Oaks and others. **Matt Blackwelder will represent CCVAC on this committee.**
- State Level "**Joint County Veteran Commission,**" next in-person meeting, Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 11 am, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD 21032. Contact: Dana Burl (dana.burl@maryland.gov). Meetings are NOT held on a specific date and time. All Maryland counties that have an existing commission/council/collaborative are invited. See this page for the complete list: <https://veterans.maryland.gov/local-veteran-commissions-workgroups-and-councils/>. **Brandon Temple will represent CCVAC on this commission.**
- **Joint Southern Maryland Serving Together Collaborative**, next meeting June 21, 2022 at 1 pm. Meets virtually on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 pm. Contact: Jennifer Watson (JWatson@every-mind.org) to be added to the distribution list. She sends out the "log-in" information 3-5 days prior to the meeting.
- **Southern Maryland Connection Veteran Support Group** – Contact: Laurie Cangelosi, Charles County Veterans Affairs Commissioner 301-653-1812. The Charles County Veterans Affairs Commission is interested in NAMI's Connection Veteran Support Group, currently offered in Howard County. The point of contact for that group is Louise Daigneault ldaigneault.namihc@gmail.com. Veterans (the group is limited to veterans only) meet monthly to talk about challenges. We are currently looking for veterans who would be good facilitators to help run a Southern Maryland Connection Veteran Support Group. See attached documents for details. Additional Peer to Peer courses can be found on the NAMI website: <https://nami.org/Support-Education>. Virtual courses in another state can be taken if courses in Maryland are not available.