



COMMISSION FOR VETERANS  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES  
6420 ALLENTOWN ROAD  
CAMP SPRINGS, MD 20748



## COMMISSION FOR VETERANS PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

### Meeting Minutes 7 May 2018

Meeting Location: Prince George's County Department of Family Services  
6420 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, MD 20748

Co-Chairman Andy Martel call the meeting to order at 6:15pm

- Welcome
- Commissioner's recited the pledge of allegiance
- Pause for a moment of silence in remembrance of our POW & MIA Veterans and their families.
- Co-Chairman took Roll Call:
  - **Present:** Andre Martel, Brad Jewitt, Yolanda Hendricks-Roach, Kenneth Hafford, Glynn Parker, Ron Dickens, and Richard Hollis
  - **Absences:** Chairman Harris, Fred Nordhorn, Eric Watson, Trulesta Pauling, and Bill Milligan
- Introduction of the Commissioners

#### Comments from:

Mr. Curtis Cutler

- May 31, 2018 Prince Georges County will host the Veterans Appreciation Day- Prince George's County, Prince George's Community College, Thursday, 31. May 2018.

Attendee:

- Notified the commission that he had trouble downloading the minutes from the website.

6:19 pm

#### Review Minutes (April 2018)

- Commissioners were unable to review and approve 2 April 2018 minutes -- Secretary has not completed and the Commissioners did not have a quorum.

6:30 pm

A quorum was successfully established upon Commissioner Dicken's arrival.

## **Old Business**

- Attendee: Asked about the status of creating a database to enter the name and contact information of visitors that attend the monthly meetings. This information will be used to keep guest aware of upcoming events and monthly meetings. Commissioner Roach stated she could build an Excel spreadsheet to send to Mr. Cutler with guest information. Mr. Cutler will send document to his SharePoint/Web Team to incorporate the information. Mr. Cutler will email Commissioner Roach the names and information.
- Attendee: Asked if the “Point in Time” survey has come back yet, in regards to the # of homeless veterans. Mr. Cutler replied: No, not yet”.
- Commission Dickens: Inquired as to why we are not hosting our events elsewhere (rotation) like the PG Community College. We get with Prince George’ Community College they have local broadcast every week; we should advertise there.

6:54 pm

## **New Business**

Mr. Curtis Cutler spoke on the following:

- Spoke on the subject area: Veterans Appreciation Day which will be held on 31 May 2018 from 8:00am – 6:00 pm. The event will be hosted at the Prince Georges Community College. He stated that the commissioner’s will receive the flyer as soon as he receives it. In addition, Mr. Cutler recommended the commissioner utilize media access to promote the commission. Commissioner Dickens expressed his concerns about the promotion of the Veterans Appreciation Day due to no flyers or marketing materials to present to the public until the last minute.

Commissioner Hollis and Commissioner Roach

- Suggested to host one of our meetings on Andrew AFB /Fort Meade to address transitioning military members and understand their concerns.

Commissioner Jewitt

- Recommended a “Listening Tour” around the community. Host our commission meetings around the community at different locations (populated areas with veterans). Commissioner Roach agreed.

OFC Roach

- Spoke on the “No Funding” in the county for Veterans initiatives. The Commissioner’s cannot promote with flyers, shirts for events attending, or any other form of marketing due to lack of funds. She asked Mr. Cutler was the county grant writer’s submitting grants for Veteran and if so how many and how many were not awarded. No substantial response (# or \$).

7:08 PM

Co-Chairman Martel

Read announcements outlined in the Agenda document.

Commissioner Jewitt

- Discussed that MCVETS will have their Homeless Veterans Stand Down @ the Baltimore War Memorial Building, 101 North Gay Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, Saturday, June 2nd & 3rd, 2018 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Veterans Connection to Services and Benefits: Housing, Employment/Training, Social Security, Medical, Veterans Benefits, Maryland State I.D., Legal, Personal Hygiene, Give-Aways, Free Meals.
- On June 10, 2018, the 23rd Annual MCVET 5k/10k Races and Walk @ the Baltimore War Memorial Building, 101 North Gay Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. The event will start at 7:30 am.

Commissioner Parker

- Discussed the DAV Transportation initiative and handed out pamphlets. They need volunteers to drive.
- Notified the commission of the Annual Volunteer Award Luncheon VAMHCS sponsors.

Commissioner \_\_\_\_

- Spoke on utilizing Rodney Minor at BRTV to assist in promoting the commission. There was no discussion. Commissioner Roach agreed. Co-Chair Martel stated they would have to look into the legalities.

Co-Chair Martel

- Mentioned the next meeting will be held on the first Monday in June and that will be the last meeting held until September 2018.
- Commissioner Parker mentioned he will be at the DAV State convention from May 29 - Jun 2018.

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Co-Chair Martel

- Adjourned the Meeting