

CALVERT COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION



Annual Report to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners

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Dr. Brandon Temple, Educator Rep
Patricia McCoy, Am. Legion Post 206 Rep

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Purpose

To report to the
Board of County Commissioners
and the Citizens of Calvert County
on the accomplishments of the
Calvert County Veterans Affairs Commission in
their inaugural year.

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- **March 23, 2021** - Created by Resolution 13-21
- **August 11, 2021** - First Meeting
- **September 28, 2021** – Appointments Completed

CALVERT COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION



Michael Wood, Chair

Jeffrey King, Vice Chair

Matthew Blackwelder, District 1

Patricia McCoy, American Legion Post 206

Wilson Parran, American Legion Post 220

Michael Richardson, American Legion Post 274

Robert Sprecher, American Legion Post 85

Michael Sweeney, District 2

Dr. Brandon Temple, Educator/Educational Admin

Melanie Woodson, BOCC Rep

Christian Zimmermann, CSM

**Dr. Nicole DeRamus, Asst. VP, Veterans Programs,
University of Maryland Global Campus**



Organizational Purpose

Honor, advocacy and respect for Calvert County Veterans.

Vision

“All Calvert County veterans are receiving the benefits and services to which they are entitled.”

Mission Statement

“To advocate for all Calvert County veterans and their families while fostering a spirit of fellowship for veterans in our community.”

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Informational presentations by:

- Calvert Hospice
- Carroll County Veterans Services
- Christmas in April
- Greenwell Foundation
- Secretary George Owings, MD Dept of Veterans Affairs





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VETERANS SURVEY

Assessing the needs of Calvert County Veterans

- **Launched February 1, 2022**
- **Closed April 11, 2022**
- **230 Completed Surveys**



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ARE YOU A CALVERT COUNTY RESIDENT AND VETERAN?
**WE WANT YOUR
FEEDBACK!**

The Calvert County Veterans Affairs Commission (VAC) invites citizens to take a brief online survey to help the VAC provide targeted resources to local veterans. Please share the survey with veterans, family members, caregivers or others who know a veteran.

TO TAKE THE SURVEY OR FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE VAC VISIT
WWW.CALVERTCOUNTYMD.GOV/VAC SURVEY

For questions, please contact Community Resources Executive Administrative Assistant
Loraine Joyner at Loraine.Joyner@calvertcountymd.gov or call 410-335-1000, ext. 8803.

VETERANS SURVEY

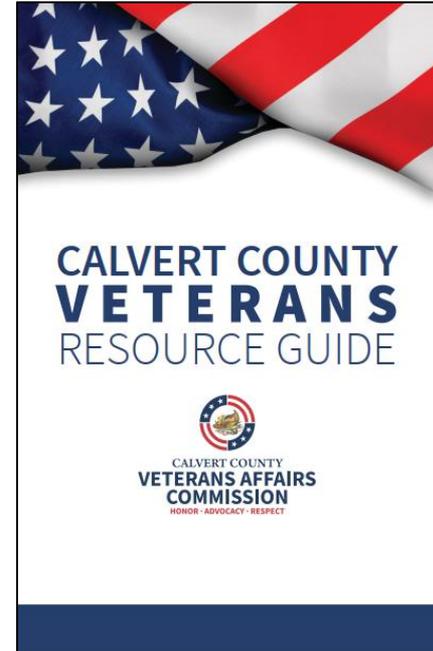
Most frequently identified needs:

- Access to VA benefits and services
- Mental health/medical care
- Transportation to VA medical facilities
- Legal resources
- Quality of life concerns

VETERANS RESOURCE GUIDE



- Members reviewed and updated
- Revised and added QR Code
- Social media campaign
- Promotional business cards



VETERANS EVENTS



- 2021 Veterans Day Ceremony
- Guest speakers at 2022 Memorial Day Events
 - Jeff King, Vice Chair keynote speaker at Court House
 - Dr. Brandon Temple, Guest speaker at Chesapeake Stars & Stripes Memorial Day Ceremony
- Laying of the Wreath at the WWII memorial
- Special thanks to the four American Legion Posts

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- Press Release (November 5, 2021)
- BOCC invited to attend VAC meetings
- New Logo
- Procured branded items with BOCC/private support
- Veterans/Military Calendar
- Discounted Transit Fare for Veterans
- Dedicated email veterans@calvertcountymd.gov





NEXT STEPS

Recommend Board of County Commissioner support for these initiatives:

- Expanded local tax credits for veterans less than 100% disabled
- Resolution for Operation Greenlight for Veterans (November 7 to 13th observance)

GOALS

1. Increase our understanding of the demographics of Calvert's veteran population in order to better serve them
2. Continue to increase public awareness of CVCAC
3. Participate in regional/state-level veterans efforts
4. Study feasibility of providing services locally
5. Develop FY24 budget request



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QUESTIONS?



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