

Dear Veterans and Veteran Organization,

I'm so excited to announce that the Charles County Commissioners have formed a **Commission for Veterans Affairs** to serve over 17,000 county resident veterans! We want to get the word out and request that you put up the attached flier in a high traffic area. Also, please feel free to share it and pass it along! Don't hesitate as the Board of County Commissioners will start to appoint membership in July 2018.

This is a 13-member Commission established to meet the communication needs of our veteran community, so Charles County can better understand and address their needs. Membership will include county veterans, various veteran organizations and any organizations affiliated with and/or supporting veteran's needs. The Commission is seeking all veterans, e.g. junior and senior enlisted, junior and senior officers, all five service branches, as well as, those veterans who served in either hostile and peace serving assignments from all decades. There are also three membership positions available for civilians on this Commission, e.g. parents, siblings, caregivers, loved ones.

The initial appointments will be for one, two, or three years as determined by the Board of County Commissioners with all subsequent appointments for a three-year term. The first scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 6 p.m. The quarterly meeting schedule will be established at the initial meeting.

I encourage you all to apply! To be considered for a board member, applications are available on the Charles County Government website at <http://www.charlescounty.org/apps/citizenadvisory/public/enterApplication.jsp> or by contacting Carol DeSoto, Senior Commissioner Specialist, via phone at [301-645-0691](tel:301-645-0691) or by email [DeSotoC@charlescountymd.gov](mailto:DeSotoC@charlescountymd.gov).

These Commission meetings will be open to the public and we invite all those interested in our veterans to attend and/or speak, even if he/she doesn't have a membership position. If any veterans need guidance, please feel free to send them to me at the contact information below or Pearl Zimmerman at [301-645-0550](tel:301-645-0550) or email [ZimmerP@charlescountymd.gov](mailto:ZimmerP@charlescountymd.gov).

Best Regards,

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