



Greetings:

The American Minority Veterans Research Project presents the Veterans Community Celebration and Health Fair. This event will take place on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at the Silver Spring Civic Center, One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. A formal celebration brunch will take place from 11:00am – 1:00pm in Buffalo Soldiers Hall. Our Keynote Speaker is Norvell V. Coots, MD, president and CEO of Holy Cross Health in Silver Spring, MD.



Dr. Coots joined Holy Cross Health in August 2016, after retiring from the United States Army as a Brigadier General. In 2018, he was one of 14 executive leaders to receive the Distinguished Healthcare Leader Award from the National Association of Health Services Executives for his dedication to health care in his community.

While we celebrate veterans, we cannot forget the current reality of the impact of COVID-19. Over 80,000 Montgomery County residents have tested positive and nearly 1,700 have died due to the coronavirus. From 9:00am – 4:00pm, both COVID -19 testing and vaccinations will be offered. Come get tested or vaccinated. Participants will receive free COVID safety kits, food bags,

and information on community resources.

Invited Military Veteran participants include the Olympics Men's Basketball: Jerami Grant; Kevin Durant; Women's Rugby: Abby Gustaitis; Sailing: Farrah Hall; Swimming: Chase Kalisz; Phoebe Bacon and Katie Ledecky (Bethesda); Track and Field: Mathew Centrowitz, Jr.; Christiana Clemons; Triathlon: Katie Zaferes; Wrestling: Kyle Snyder; Helen Maroulis (Rockville); John Stefanowicz; Tennis: Frances Tiafoe; Gymnastics: Kayla DiCello (Montgomery County)

This event is sponsored in coordination with Montgomery County, the National Center for Children and Families AAHP COVID Response Program, American Minority Veterans Research Project, and other Montgomery County Community groups and organizations.

Please RSVP to the Veterans Community Celebration Brunch **no later than November 1, 2021** by contacting Kathy Everett-Gaines | 240-688-6286 | keverettgaines@gmail.com.