



Veteran Key Contacts and Other Resources

Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs • Aging & Disability Services

County Veterans Homepage: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/veterans • Veterans Network Directory: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/vnd

Commission on Veterans Affairs: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cva • Facebook: www.facebook.com/MCGCVA

E-Subscription: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/govdelivery

New Phone Number to Access VA Services: 1-844-MyVA311 (1-844-698-2311) is a go-to source for Veterans and their families who don't know what number to call. This new national toll-free number will help eliminate the feeling of frustration and confusion that Veterans and their families have expressed when navigating the 1000-plus phone numbers that currently exist. With 1-844-MyVA311, Veterans, families, and caregivers can access information about VA services like disability, pension, healthcare eligibility, enrollment, and burial benefits, in addition to a self-service locator to find the nearest VA facility. And if they're looking for immediate assistance with housing or are having a mental health crisis, MyVA311 will route callers to the Homeless Veteran help line and the Veterans Crisis Line. If you know what number you're calling – keep calling it. None of the existing VA numbers will go away. The future vision is that 1-844-MyVA311 will become a 24/7 one-stop information service platform for all VA services. More information: www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/32858/myva311-one-number-call-reach-va/

BENEFITS ASSISTANCE – MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (MDVA) – MONTGOMERY COUNTY SERVICE CENTER

<p>Montgomery College Service Center Michelle Morgan-Bey, Veterans Benefits Specialist 51 Mannakee Street, Counseling and Advising Building, Room CB 103 Rockville, MD 20850 E-mail: michelle.morgan-bey@maryland.gov</p>	<p>240-567-5405 (V) 240-567-4361 (FAX)</p>
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EFFECTIVE MAY 22nd, 2017: Michelle Morgan-Bey, Veterans Benefits Specialist, will be working at the Montgomery College Service Center Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Outreach Hours:** Ms. Morgan-Bey will be at the Silver Spring Vet Center (2900 Linden Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910) the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Please note** that while walk-ins are accepted at both locations, to ensure you are seen please call ahead to schedule an appointment.

<p>Phil Munley, Director, Veteran Service Program E-mail: phillip.munley@va.gov www.veterans.maryland.gov</p>	<p>410-230-4444 x 6457 (V) 1-800-446-4926 x 6457 (Toll Free)</p>
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The MDVA Service and Benefits Program provides assistance to the men and women who served in the Uniformed Services of the United States, their dependents, and survivors in obtaining benefits from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Dept. of Defense, State of Maryland and other programs for veterans and their families.

READJUSTMENT COUNSELING AND FAMILY SUPPORTS – SILVER SPRING VET CENTER

<p>Wayne Miller, Team Leader/Director 2900 Linden Lane - Silver Spring, MD 20910 E-mail: wayne.miller3@va.gov</p>	<p>301-589-1073 (V) 202-273-9116 (Bereavement Counseling)</p>
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**Open Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Second Saturday each month, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Walk-ins permitted during these hours, but appointments are requested. After hours appointments as needed. Veterans must show proof of service. Provides benefits counseling and assistance with navigating the VA and paperwork, as well as employment counseling, counseling on PTSD and sub-PTSD, substance abuse counseling, family and marital counseling, psychological counseling related to readjustment, coordination and referral with doctors, employment related issues, assistance with basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing, medical and legal referrals, homeless assistance and will work with Montgomery County to find shelter placement, sexual trauma counseling, community outreach, bereavement counseling, and more. Services are provided at no cost to the veteran and their family.

OUTREACH AT PICCARD - DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER (VAMC)

1301 Piccard Drive, Room 1005 - Rockville, MD 20850

VAMC is providing outreach services to veterans at the County's Crisis Center. VAMC Homeless Outreach Staff and Veteran's Justice Outreach Staff are available for both drop in and scheduled visits. The VA will be available to assist veterans by making referrals and connecting veterans who are eligible for VA services with the VA healthcare system. Maryland's Commitment to Veterans (MCV) is also providing staff to be on-site to assist veterans and their families with coordinating behavioral health services, including mental health and substance abuse services - either with the VA or Maryland's Public Health System; facilitate transportation to behavioral health appointments; provide information and referrals related to employment, education, housing or VA benefits; and provide outreach to educate residents, veterans and community groups about MCV.

- Fatmata Kamara, VA Outreach Social Worker
E-mail: fatmata.kamara@va.gov, 202-256-9261 (V)
Ken Barnum, VA Outreach Social Worker
E-mail: kenneth.barnum@va.gov
Office Hours: Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
(Staff alternate Mondays)
- Melissa Barber, Regional Resource Coordinator, Maryland's Commitment to Veterans
E-mail: mbarber.mcv@gmail.com, 410-725-9971 (V)
Winston Smith, Outreach Specialist, U.S. Vets, 202-734-8298 (V)
Clayton McGee, Senior Outreach Specialist, U.S. Vets, 202-573-4961 (V)
Office Hours: Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Staff alternate Thursdays)
- Jennifer Watson, Peer Navigator, Serving Together
E-mail: peernavigator@servingtogetherproject.org, 301-738-7176 (V)
Office Hours: Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PEER NAVIGATION - SERVING TOGETHER – WHERE VETERANS FIND LOCAL RESOURCES FOR THE MISSION AHEAD

Jennifer Watson, Peer Navigator

E-mail: peernavigator@servingtogetherproject.org
www.servingtogetherproject.org

301-738-7176 (V)

1-855-738-7176 (Toll Free)

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Peer navigators work to guide military, veterans and their families through a sometimes complicated and fragmented system of resources and information in Montgomery County, MD. They also work to connect the Montgomery County community with veteran events. You can view the event calendar on their website.

EMPLOYMENT – WORKSOURCE MONTGOMERY – A PROUD PARTNER OF THE AMERICAN JOB CENTER NETWORKS

Bob Pelletier, Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER)

11002 Veirs Mill Road, 1st Floor - Wheaton, MD 20902

E-mail: rpelletier@dllr.state.md.us
www.worksourcemontgomery.com

301-929-4378 (V)

Conduct job search workshops and help veterans obtain training and placement services and find and retain jobs.

ENROLL IN HEALTH CARE – VA AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA) AND YOU

Enroll in the VA Health Care System

www.va.gov/health
www.va.gov/health/aca

1-877-222-VETS (Toll Free)

ACA, also known as the health care law, was created to expand access to coverage, control health care costs and improve health care quality and care coordination. Veterans should apply here first. The health care law does not change VA health benefits or Veterans' out-of-pocket costs.

Direct Montgomery County Veterans concerns to Dan Bullis, Chairman, Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs, 301-310-3364, danbullis1@gmail.com

Contact: Betsy Tolbert Luecking, Community Outreach Manager, Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs, 240-777-1256, betsy.luecking@montgomerycountymd.gov

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