

LEXINGTON'S COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Presentation at:

General Government and Social Services Committee



LEXINGTON



Our Mission



The Lexington Commission on Veterans Affairs' mission is to establish an integrated support system for veterans and their families by enhancing services, resources, and initiatives. The Commission shall strengthen communication across organizational lines and promote veteran-friendly community relations in Lexington. The commission shall evaluate and recommend programs, policies, and practices designed to improve benefits, opportunities and recognition of veterans and their families in the Lexington community.



Commission Representation



- **Members will come from various organizations**
 - **Branches of Military - 6**
 - **VA Hospital - 1**
 - **Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) - 5**
 - **Council Members - 3**
 - **ROTC - 1**
 - **Public Safety - 1**
 - **Representative from CAO's Office - 1**
 - **Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame – 1**

For a total of 19 members



Initiatives



Community Assessment / Annual Report

Attract Conferences to Lexington

Veteran Recognition

Employment Networking

Community Services

Benefit Awareness

Calendar of Events

Newsletter

Week of Valor Opportunities

Facilitate Community Forums (“Veterans Connecting”)

Reintegrating Veterans to the Community



Primary Responsibilities



- **Facilitate a Comprehensive Community Network**
- **Increase Communication and Promote Cooperation**
- **Share information and resources and create avenues where veterans can communicate**
- **Identify Needed Veteran Programs, Resources, and Local Policy**
- **Plan and Develop Community Events to Raise Awareness and Support for Veterans**



Questions?