

# Montgomery Military and Veterans Commission Committee Goals and Responsibilities

## Montgomery Military and Veterans Committees Executive Committee

- **Goals:**
  - Provide strategic direction and oversight for all veteran-related initiatives in Montgomery.
  - Ensure strong collaboration between the various committees and subcommittees.
  - Act as a central liaison to the Mayor's Office and other city departments regarding military and veteran affairs.
- **Duties:**
  - Plan and facilitate meetings
  - Review and approve plans from subcommittees.
  - Advocate for veterans' issues at the local, state, and federal level.

## MMVC Veterans Memorial Park Committee

- **Goals:**
  - Plan and establish a veteran's memorial park in the capital city.
  - Plan to maintain and enhance the beauty and significance of the park.
  - Plan for commemorative events and ceremonies at the park.
  - Develop educational programs to promote awareness of military service and veterans' sacrifices.
- **Duties:**
  - Identify and procure a location.
  - Design the layout of the park. Include beautification projects (landscaping, clean-up, etc.).
  - Coordinate with local schools and youth groups for park involvement.
  - Plan a capital fundraiser and identify other funding.

## MMVC Veterans Day Parade Committee

- **Goals:**
  - Plan and execute an annual Veterans Day Parade to honor and celebrate veterans of all service branches.
  - Foster a sense of community pride and support for veterans.
- **Duties:**
  - Secure parade route permits and logistics.
  - Recruit parade participants (veteran's groups, marching bands, local businesses, etc.).
  - Coordinate event promotion and outreach.
  - Secure funding.

## MMVC Homeless Veterans Committee (working in conjunction with CHSC)

- **Goals:**
  - Eliminate homelessness among Montgomery's veteran population.
  - Provide comprehensive support services tailored to veterans' needs.
- **Duties:**
  - Assist with renovations.
  - Partner with the CHSC to streamline veterans' access to housing, healthcare, and other resources.
  - Conduct outreach to identify and assist homeless veterans.
  - Develop job training and placement programs specifically for veterans.

## MMVC Veterans Housing Committee

- **Goals:**
  - Increase affordable housing options for veterans in Montgomery.
  - Ensure veterans have access to safe and stable housing environments.
- **Duties:**
  - Collaborate with housing developers and agencies on veteran-specific projects.
  - Advocate for policies that prioritize veterans' housing needs.
  - Assist veterans in navigating housing applications and resources.

## MMVC Spouses' Ambassador Program Committee

- **Goals:**
  - Provide military spouses with resources, guidance, and community connections to smooth their transition to Montgomery.
  - Cultivate a strong sense of support and belonging within the military spouse community.
  - Raise awareness of military culture and the unique needs of military families among the broader Montgomery community.
  - Build a positive reputation for Montgomery as a welcoming and supportive community for military families.
- **Duties:**
  - Develop detailed policies and procedures for the Ambassador Program (recruitment, training, operations).
  - Liaise with leadership at Maxwell Air Force Base and other military installations in the area.
  - Research best practices from other successful military spouse support programs.
  - Craft compelling narratives about the program's impact for reports, media outreach, and presentations.
  - Regularly communicate program successes to the Commission, stakeholders, and the general public.

## MMVC Female Veterans Group

- **Goals:**
  - Foster a supportive and strong network of female veterans in Montgomery where they can connect, support one another, and create a sense of belonging.
  - Raise awareness of unique challenges faced by female veterans and advocate for policy changes (locally and at a broader level) that improve the lives of women who have served.
  - Provide guidance and assistance on accessing essential resources, such as healthcare, benefits, employment support, and mental health services.
  - Actively engage with female veterans in the community, including those who may be isolated or unaware of existing support, to ensure they feel included and valued.
- **Duties:**
  - Build relationships with local and national organizations focused on veteran support, women's issues, and relevant service providers to optimize the group's reach and effectiveness.
  - Organize regular workshops, seminars, and speaker events covering topics important to female veterans like benefits navigation, mental health, financial management, and women's health issues.
  - Facilitate regular gatherings for social connection, mentoring, and peer-to-peer support, tailored to diverse needs of women veterans.
  - Maintain a clear and accessible communication platform (website, newsletter, social media) to keep members updated on events, resources, and policy news.