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County Executive

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 5, 2023

The Honorable Thomas E. Dernoga  
Chairman  
Prince George's County Council  
1301 McCormick Drive  
Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Chair Dernoga:

It is my pleasure to submit to you and the County Council the appointments of Ms. James Childs, Jr., Mr. Gerald D. George, Mr. Henry W. Harris, and Mr. Darrell C. Odom and the reappointment of Mr. Kenneth Hafford, Ms. Kimberly V. Lewis, Esq., Ms. Ethel L. Sligh and Chair, Ms. Lisa L. Williams to the Commission for Veterans. Prince George's County remains home to many military veterans in the State of Maryland and I am certain that the dedicated public service and expertise shown by this nominee will be an asset to the Commission and our community.

Mr. James Childs, Jr., a resident of Capitol Heights, is a Human Resource Manager with over twenty-five (25) years of military service an Army veteran. He is currently employed with the Department of Defense (DoD) National Guard Bureau as a Human Resource Specialist (Information Systems Military) after previously serving in multiple capacities with the District of Columbia Army National Guard. His professional memberships include the Department of Maryland American Veterans, Kappa Lambda Chi Military Fraternity, and Maryland Veterans Commission. Mr. Childs received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Maryland Global Campus and will serve as the American Veterans (AMVETS) representative.

Mr. Gerald (Jerry) D. George, a resident of Bowie), is a Marine veteran and life member of the Free State Marine Detachment of the Marine Corps League in Bowie where he serves as Commandant. He is also Chaplain, Joint Veterans' Commission and member of the Disney Bell Post and Fleet Reserve Association. Dr. George is an Adjunct Instructor at Prince George's Community College and a Senior Adjunct Instructor at Howard Community College. He received his undergraduate degree from Clarion University of Pennsylvania and his Master of Arts and Doctorate degrees from Bowling Green State University and will serve as the Marine Corps League representative.

Mr. Kenneth Hafford, a resident of Bowie, retired from the United States Government Printing Office in 2005 after 32 years of dedicated service. He served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1972, with service in Vietnam from 1969 to 1971. Mr. Hafford was initially appointed in 2016 will continue to serve as the Vietnam Veterans of America representative.

Mr. Henry W. Harris, a resident of Fort Washington, is a retired United States Air Force (USAF) 30-point Veteran Training and Telecommunications professional with more than a decade experience conducting in-person and online training classes, voice, and data project management. He is currently

Executive Director of Strategic Music Partnerships, Inc. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland University College; his Master of Business Administration degree from University of Maryland Global Campus; and his Master of Music Business degree from Berklee College of Music. Mr. Harris will serve as the Disabled American Veterans representative.

Ms. Kimberly V. Lewis, a resident of Clinton, is Special Counsel in the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Prince George's Office of Child Support, Department of Human Services. Professionally, she has seen the adverse effect that lack of services and/or lack of access to services has on veterans. Ms. Lewis seeks to take a proactive approach to supporting veterans. Ms. Lewis possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of William and Mary and a Juris Doctor from Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. She was appointed in 2019 and will continue to serve as a public member.

Mr. Darrell C. Odom, Sr., a resident of Brandywine, served in both the United States Army and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) having retired from service from the USCG. His military enlisted service totals an impressive thirty-one (31) years combined active duty and reserve. He maintains membership with the following Veterans Service Organizations: American Legion, American Veterans (AMVETS), Fleet Reserve Association, and is a life-member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He will serve as the VFW representative.

Ms. Ethel L. Sligh, a resident of Glenn Dale, spent three decades assisting veterans while employed with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Central Office. She advised the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health Policy and Planning (ADUSH) on national healthcare policies, legislative policy initiatives and collaborated with senior management officials. Ms. Sligh is also a former military spouse. She possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cameron University and a Master of Arts degree from Virginia State University. She was appointed in 2019 and will continue to serve as a public member.

Ms. Lisa L. William, a resident of Hyattsville, is a project Manager Analyst with Partner Forces and Chair of the Commission. She previously served as a Community Program Administrator at the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and as Program Specialist, Disabled Veteran Outreach, Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Chair Williams was a Yeoman Seaman in the United States Navy and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland Baltimore County and a Master of Arts degree from The George Washington University. She was appointed in 2019 and will continue to serve as a public member.

Pursuant to Section 2-489 of the Prince George's County Code and Sections 322 and 504 of the Charter, I am appointing of Ms. James Childs, Mr. Gerald D. George, Mr. Henry Harris, and Mr. Darrell C. Odom and reappointing Ms. Kimberly V. Lewis, Esq., Ms. Ethel Sligh and Chair, Ms. Lisa L. Williams to the Commission for Veterans.

Mr. James Childs, Jr.

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Appointment: AMVETS

Replacing: Andre Martel

Term Expiration: 10/28/26

Dr. Gerald D. George

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Appointment: Marine Corps

Replacing: Vacant

Term Expiration: 10/28/2026

Mr. Kenneth Hafford

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[REDACTED]

Reappointment: Vietnam Veterans

Term Expiration: 10/28/24

Mr. Henry W. Harris

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[REDACTED]

Appointment: Disabled American Veterans  
Replacing: Vacant

Term Expiration: 10/28/2026

Ms. Kimberly V. Lewis, Esq.

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[REDACTED]

Reappointment/Public

Term Expiration: 10/28/2025

Mr. Darrell C. Odom. Sr.

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[REDACTED]

Appointment: VFW

Replacing: Ronald Dickens

Term Expiration: 10/28/2026

Ms. Ethel L. Sligh

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[REDACTED]

Reappointment/Public

Term Expiration: 10/28/2025

Ms. Lisa L. (nee Alston) Williams

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Reappointment/Public

Term Expiration: 10/28/2025

Attached for the County Council's consideration is Appointee Data Forms and resumes for the appointees. Your favorable consideration of this appointment is appreciated. If I may provide you with additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Miriam L. Brewer, Appointments Liaison on (301) 952-4136.

Sincerely,



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#### Attachments

cc: Members of the County Council  
Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator  
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council  
Rhonda L. Weaver, County Attorney