

Paul P Rivers

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I first like to thank our county executive Dr. Ball and the county council for giving me the chance to be a part of this very important commission

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and give you a quick summary of my back ground.

I have lived in Howard county for the past 16 years. I am a father of two sons (Paul and Jeremy), husband to wife (Sandra)for 25 years, and community leader. Over the past 2 years I was the PTSA president for Wilde Lake High School. I coached youth football and basketball for 6 years. I participated in the drug take back programs and neighborhood cleanup as a volunteer.

My credentials include a Master of Science in Strategic Leadership from Mountain State University, Bachelor of Science in Administration of Criminal Justice from Mountain State University, Associate in Public Service with a major in Criminal Justice technology from Greenville Technical College and management training courses from Management concepts and technology.

During my 28 years with the United States Marshal Service, my time as a United States Marine Corp Sergeant and my work in the community, I have enhanced my skills concerning legal and criminal issues that directly impact the relationship between the Marshal Service and other government agencies. Furthermore, my Master's degree in Leadership provided me with a wide range of comprehension on managing people.

Over the pasted years I have set up and participated in visiting wounded veterans in military hospitals. I am also an active volunteer with the U.S.O, American Legion and several veterans' groups.

I began to develop a logical model to evaluate means and ways of achieving maximum potential benefits. I continue to look for ways to develop a training program capitalizing on veteran's strengths, creativity and establishing priorities.

I was wound in 1983 in Beirut Lebanon and spent over 30 days in a military hospital. I received a purple heart and combat action ribbon. I am strongly committed to helping military families and veterans

My goals are to see that every veteran gets the support and help they may need to be successful after they have given there all to support our nation.