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**SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSIONER AMBER MILLS AND MAYOR LEE HARRIS  
ANNOUNCE EXPANSION OF VETERANS SERVICES ACCESS WITH NEW  
LOCATION IN MILLINGTON**

*The Shelby County Office of Veterans Services ensures veterans and their families receive  
needed assistance by increasing access.*

MEMPHIS, TN – Shelby County Commissioner Amber Mills, Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris, and Veterans Services Officer Dr. Michael Ellis, are excited to announce the grand opening of a new Veterans Services Office in Millington.

On September 30, 2019 at 10 a.m. the public is invited to join the Mayor, veterans, and their families to celebrate this new satellite location. Championing this increased access and speaking at the event are Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris, County Commissioner Amber Mills, Millington Mayor Terry Jones, and Director of Community Services Dorcas Young Griffin.

The majority of claims submitted for VA benefits come through county veterans services offices. Staffed by an accredited veterans services officer, the main office at 1060 Madison Avenue and new satellite office in Millington are equipped to assist veterans and their families obtain the services they need and deserve.

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**Grand Opening**  
**Shelby County Veterans Services Office in Millington**  
**Monday, September 30, 2019, 10 a.m.**  
**Millington City Hall**  
**7930 Nelson Street**  
**Millington, TN 38053**

“Providing access to our veterans in District 1 was the first request I presented to Mayor Harris’ administration,” says Shelby County Commissioner Amber Mills. “I am elated to see it come to fruition so quickly because our veterans deserve nothing but the best.”

“It takes very special men and women to risk everything in service of something you can’t touch, or buy, or put a price on: American values, freedom, and protection of others. That’s why it is essential that those who have served this country feel supported in their civilian life,” says Mayor Harris. “I am thrilled Shelby County Government is able to expand services to our veteran community in Millington.”

“Approximately 75,000 veterans reside in Shelby County and the Mid-South and many aren’t aware of the services and benefits they’re entitled to. Some know but haven’t had easy access to a VSO and we’re here to change that,” Ellis says. “We hope this new location is more convenient to the thousands of veterans and their families in the area, especially given how close we are to the Naval Base, just down the road.”

The Shelby County Veterans Services Offices can assist veterans and their families with burial benefits, educational assistance, guarantee home loans, and filing claims for disability compensation, pension, dependency, and indemnity compensation. The office works closely with the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and both veterans’ cemeteries in Shelby County.

The new location will be open the last Wednesday and Thursday of every month, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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