MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MILITARY AFFAIRS BOARD

MISSION STATEMENT

• The mission of the Military Affairs Board (MAB) is to provide the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners with recommendations with regards to the military and veterans.

FOCUS

 The Military Affairs Board's focus will be concentrated on issues concerning the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard Reserves. The Military Affairs Board will serve as an advocate for active duty, reserve, retired, disabled and deceased military personnel in Miami-Dade County.

VETERAN POPULATION

• The Department of Veteran Affairs estimates between 77,000 to 82,000 veterans reside in Miami-Dade County

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Veteran Organizations Veterans of Foreign Wars American Legion Vietnam Veterans of America **Disabled American Veterans** Cuban American Veteran Association Korean War Veterans Association Military Order of the Purple Heart AMVETS

IMPORTANCE OF INVOLVEMENT

- The proposed FY 2020 Department of Defense budget is \$718 billion
- The proposed FY 2020 Department of Veteran Affairs budget is \$220.0 billion

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Like all federally funded and regulated programs, the veteran community relies on accurate data to project funding and resources
- Accountability is paramount
- Miami-Dade County due to its geographical, cultural, economic and educational components will continue to attract veterans
- Let our voices be heard