



## **Glenn Welling Jr. Appointed to Hamilton County Veterans Service Commission**

**CINCINNATI, OH** – The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners has appointed Glenn F. Welling Jr. to the Hamilton County Veterans Service Commission (VSC), bringing decades of military and veteran-focused leadership to the role. Welling will fulfill the unexpired term previously held by Bill Burwinkel, serving through December 31, 2029.

Mr. Welling currently serves as Director of the Veteran and Military Family Center at Xavier University, where he leads efforts supporting more than 390 military-affiliated students. Since joining Xavier in 2019 and assuming the Director role in 2023, he has overseen strategic direction, external relations, and fundraising to strengthen the Center's long-term impact.

A retired Master Chief Petty Officer, Mr. Welling completed 37 years of service in the U.S. Navy, culminating in his selection to the prestigious Command Master Chief program. He has led over 1,200 Sailors—including a combat-deployed battalion—and logged more than 5,000 hours flying Maritime Patrol missions. He is a decorated combat veteran, having served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom and earning the Bronze Star, among numerous other commendations.

Mr. Welling also brings significant national experience, having served as Vice President of Operations at the United Service Organizations (USO) and as Executive Director of the Department of Defense's Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program. In these roles, he led large-scale, multi-agency efforts supporting millions of military families around the globe.

The Board of Commissioners made the appointment under the authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 5901.021, which permits the Board to expand the VSC to meet additional budgetary oversight responsibilities. Mr. Welling, a resident of Hamilton County and an honorably discharged veteran, will serve as one of the additional members appointed to support the Commission's expanded scope.

Mr. Welling holds a Bachelor of Science in Geography and Environmental Science and a Master of Arts in Economic Geography from the University of Cincinnati. He is also a graduate of the Harvard University Senior Executive Fellows Program.

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