

October 31, 2023

Hello Warden Holland,

I am writing to touch base with you regarding the upcoming Veteran's Day event at MCIW. Multiple veterans have discussed and expressed concerns regarding the "Step/Dance" performance that is being planned and rehearsed by non-veterans to be acted out for the veterans. The tone of the conversations regarding the performance is that a "Step performance" does not represent veterans and will not be received at all followed with an action of abstaining from the event. I am a veteran that is appreciative for the celebratory event and feel this is not a time for hurt feelings, anger, anguish, or embarrassment. There are only 10 veterans to consider for the upcoming event. I am writing you out of respect due to I was asked to boycott the Veteran's event due to anything in the order of dance/step performance that is put together or headed, directed by non-veterans will not be received as appropriate to represent veterans. Anything regarding the veterans, please let the veterans have a say for the plans to be as small or big as the veterans are comfortable to be able to attend and participate. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Deidra Griffin

CC Assistant Warden, Ms. Parker  
CC Chief of Security, Ms. Goodall  
CC VAC Coordinator, Ms. Ngugi