



**Government Office Building
9830 Patuxent Woods Drive
Columbia, MD 21046**

**Agenda
Thursday, March 5, 2020**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present:

Members Excused:

Howard County Government Officials in Attendance:

Special Guests:

Others in Attendance:

Commission Business Items:

- 1) Consideration of the February 2020 Meeting Minutes.
- 2) Presentation(s) by invited guests
- 3) February Events and Old Business.
 - a. Update on Veterans Day Lessons Learned (review of CA-hosted meeting for February). (Lisa Terry)
 - b. Feedback on VAMHCS Monthly Meeting for February (Steve Bolen)
 - c. Update on HoCo Veterans Resource Fair scheduled for Tuesday April 21 at the HoCo Community College Galleria (Lisa Terry)
 - d. HCCVMF Commission Annual Report Submission (Lisa Terry)
 - e. Update of Commission's Exploratory Committee for studying the feasibility of building a Veterans Home in Howard County (e.g., identifying potentially donated land; etc.). Committee Members: Mike Blum (Chair), Jennifer Anthony, Kelly Kesler, and Bob Moore (Mike Blum)



- f. Update on Foundation Presentation of Monument design to Veterans on February 20th, hosted by Yingling-Ridgely VFW & Auxiliary Post 7472 (Lisa, All).
 - g. Update on Veterans Support Group (organizational ownership/sponsorship; location? Etc.). (Lisa Terry)
- 4) New Business.
- a. Discussion of MHFA and Presentation made by John Way to Fort Meade leaders. (John Way)
 - b. Update on Veterans Day in Schools Program and possibility of speaking with the HCPSS School Board (Bob Moore)
 - c. Legislative Update (Steve Bolen)
 - d. Update on Joint activities Calendar (Ed Hall and Lisa Terry)
 - e. Howard County Joint Military Council (JMC) significant items (Ed Hall)
- 5) Upcoming Events of Interest/Importance:
- a. The HoCo Flag Retirement Ceremony has been standardized and is set for the **third Saturday of each calendar quarter**. The next ceremony will be conducted on April 18 at the Ellicott City American Legion Post 156. Flag retirement preparation: 0830 - 1100 hours; class on flag etiquette: 1100 - 1130 hours; US Flag Retirement Ceremony: 1200 hours.
 - b. Howard County Fair, August 8-15; Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship
- 6) Additional items for discussion from commission members or attendees
- 7) Next Commission Meeting Date(s) - April 2, 2020; June 4, 2020
- a. Note there will be ***no Commission meeting in May.***
 - b. ***Commissioners are asked to attend the Veterans Resource Fair scheduled for Tuesday April 21 at the HoCo Community College Galleria starting at 4pm***