**Agenda for Virtual Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, November 4, 2021**

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1. **Roll Call of Commission Members to Establish a Quorum**
2. **Acknowledgement of Howard County Government Officials in Attendance:**

Lisa Terry (Manager, Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families)

1. **Special Guest(s):**
2. **Others in Attendance:**
3. **Welcome by the Commission Chair; Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by the Commission Chair**
4. **Reminders of Virtual Meeting Etiquette**
5. **Consideration of the October 2021 Meeting Minutes**
6. **Guest Speakers:**
7. **Opening Comments by Commission Chair.**

\*Thanks for those Commissioners and County VSO Leaders who attended the Flag Retirement Ceremony conducted at the VFW Post #7472 in Ellicott City on October 30th.

\*Thanks to those of you who have made plans to attend the annual Veterans Day parade and ceremony on Sunday November 7th

\*Thanks also to those who are proudly displaying Lawn Signs advertising the Veterans Day Parade

1. **Old or Reoccurring Business**
2. Update on **Veterans Support Group** (Paul Rivers and John Way)
3. Highlights from the **October VA Maryland Health Care System Meeting** (Steve)
4. **Upl!ft Energy Coaching** Marketing Materials for distribution (Lisa)
5. **VBOC** Marketing Materials for distribution **(**Lisa)
6. **Veterans Day Parade** finalfundraising status (John Spain and Lisa)
7. **New Business**
8. **Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony** Sunday November 7, 2021; Step off at 9:30am; Lake Ceremony ~10:45am (John Spain and Greg)
9. **Howard Community College Veterans Day Ceremony** November 11th (Lisa and Mike G)
10. **Wreathes Across America** – do we want to participate officially or unofficially in a local cemetery?
11. **Howard County Joint Military Council (JMC)** significant items (Ed Hall or John Spain)
12. **Renewed Commissioner terms** (Jolissaint, Lowell, Nafrettifi) – Lisa and Greg
    1. CE introducing reappointment of all 3 terms to County Council in January
    2. Council should conduct its vote in February
13. **New Business from Commissioners (Greg)**
14. **Dates of Significance:**
    1. Veterans and Military Families Month (November)
    2. Marine Corps Birthday, November 10, 2021
    3. Veterans Day, November 11, 2021
15. **Next Commission Meeting Dates:**

**December 2nd**