



**Agenda for Virtual Monthly Meeting
Thursday, January 13, 2022**

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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)
- 3. Special Guest(s):**
- 4. Others in Attendance:**
- 5. 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**
- 6. Reminders of Virtual Meeting Etiquette – please try to stay muted, but please use chat function or raise hand**
- 7. Consideration of the November and December 2021 Meeting Minutes**
- 8. Guest Speakers:**
- 9. Opening Comments by Commission Chair.**

Thanks to our commissioners, friends, and family members:

*who participated in the annual Veterans Day parade and ceremony on Sunday November 7th

*who proudly displayed Lawn Signs advertising the Veterans Day Parade

*who attended the Howard Community College Veterans Day event.



*who made Veterans Day special for the Veteran Residents living at Bridal Gardens Senior Living Community in Columbia.

*who were able to join us for our December mini-meeting and Holiday Party on December 2 at the Timbuktu Restaurant in Hanover (and thanks to Nafre Griffin for coordinating the venue)

10. Old or Reoccurring Business

- a. Update on **Veterans Peer Support Group** (Paul Rivers and John Way). Status of 1 Page Information Paper that Commissioners can use to share with their networks?
- b. **Wreathes Across America** participation. Lisa and Kelly
- c. **Other?** Greg and Lisa

11. New Business

- a. **New Commission Recorder needed.** Transition February – April. Start Date in May.
- b. **Commission Priorities for 2022-2033.** Current priorities include:
 - 1) Participation in Clarksville July 4th Parade
 - 2) Participation in Howard County Veterans Day Parade and Lakefront Ceremony
 - 3) Participation in annual Howard County Fair in West Friendship
 - 4) Veterans Day Presentations in HoCo Public Schools
 - 5) Support of Veterans Support Group
 - 6) Veterans and Families Monument that will be erected in Millie Bailey Park

**Recommendations for adding new priorities or changing old priorities?*
- c. **Howard County Joint Military Council (JMC)** significant items (Ed Hall or John Spain)
- d. **Expired Commissioner terms** (Jolissaint, Lowell, Nafrettifi) – Lisa and Greg
 - 1) CE introducing reappointment of all 3 terms to County Council in January
 - 2) County Council should conduct its vote in February
- e. **Steve Bolen “retiring” from the Commission May 5, 2022.** New commission applicants will be solicited by the county. **Lisa**
- f. **New Business from Commissioners.** **Greg**



g. Upcoming Dates of Significance:

- 1) Flag retirement ceremony** – Hosted by HoCo VSOs. Conduct at VFW Post #7472 in Ellicott City on Saturday January 29th. HCVMFC Commissioners, Friends, and Family Members are encouraged to attend. HoCo Civil Air Patrol participating. Ceremony 11:00 to 11:30am. Cold weather will be “accommodated.”

- 2) National Salute to Veteran Patients** -- recognized during the **week of February 14th** and pays tribute to the ~100K patients a day that receive medical treatment in VA medical facilities around the world (as well as the Veteran patients who receive their care in the VA’s Community Care Program network).

12. Next Commission Meeting Dates:

February 3, 2022; March 3, 2022