



**Meeting Agenda
HCCVMF Commission Meeting
November 3, 2022**

Role Call of Commissioners:

Greg Jolissaint, Chair	Michael Griggs
Jonathan Branch, Co-Chair	Cherron "Lula" Blakely
Jerry Wykoff	Terri Taylor
Kelly Kesler	Paul Rivers
Mike Blum	Reg Avery
Nafrettifi Griffin	Keith McGuire
	Vernon "C.J." Parks

1. **Quorum established** (Chair)
2. **Recognition of Howard County Government Officials in Attendance** (Chair)
Lisa Terry (Manager, Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families)
Others
3. **Special Guest(s):**
4. **Others in Attendance:**
5. **Commission Chair Welcome; Chair leads recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.**
6. **Consideration of the October 2022 Meeting Minutes** (Chair)
7. **Opening Comments by Commission Chair** (Greg)

*Quarterly Flag Retirement Ceremony conducted on Saturday October 22nd at 11am, St. John's Episcopal Church, Ellicott City.

8. **Reoccurring or Old Business**
 - a. Veterans Peer Support Group Update (Paul Rivers)
 - b. VA Mental Health Council (Paul Rivers)
 - c. Update on Veterans Day Presentations in HCPSS (Reg Avery)
 - d. HoCo Fallen Heroes Tribute page (Terri Taylor)

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/fallen-heroes>



Special Task Force update on establishing recommended inclusion criteria

- e. Veterans Treatment Court Initiative (Lisa Terry)
- f. Honor Cords for enlisting HoCo high school graduates (Kelly Kesler, Reg Avery) – defer until January 2023 Meeting
- g. Commissioners Serving as Judges for the HoCo Public Schools Simulated Congressional Hearings (Reg Avery) – defer until January 2023 Meeting
- h. Local Health Improvement Coalition Veteran’s Resources on www.hclhic.org website. (Kelly Kesler)
- i. Recommendations to fill **HCCVMF Veteran Commissioner Avery’s impending vacancy**. NOTE: Commissioner Avery is allowed, by statute, to continue serving until a new Commissioner has been approved by the County Council.

11. New Business

- 1. **Election Day 2022**, November 8th (all day)
- 2. **Veterans Day Celebration at Sunrise Assisted Living** in Columbia, November 8th, 2pm (Greg)
- 3. **Howard Community College Veterans Day Celebration** November 10th (CJ, Jerry, Greg)
- 4. **Veterans Day Parade and Lakefront Ceremony Sunday November 13.**
 - 1) Parade Grand Marshall. Theme: Honor Through Service
 - 2) Yard Signs Advertising Parade
 - 3) Commissioners participating in the Parade on November 13th
 - 4) Lakefront Tables for “vendors”
 - 5) Lakefront Ceremony planning and logistics
- 5. **Howard County Joint Military Council Report** (Bob Pelletier, JMC Vice Chair)
 - 1) **VFW Bull Roast October 29th**, Ellicott City VFW Post, \$50 per person.
 - 2) **Veterans Day Dinner in Sykesville November 11th**
 - 3) **Supporting Wreathes Across America in HoCo** (Terri Taylor, CAP, and Greg J, VFW)
 - 4) **BWI Honor Flights – May 2023?**
- 6. **New Business from HCCVMF Commissioners** (Greg)



7. **Additional Dates of Significance for Veterans and Military Families:** The Chair reminded meeting attendees of the following dates and their military significance:

- 1) US Marine Corps Birthday, November 10, 1775
- 2) Veterans Day, November 11, 2022
- 3) Veterans and Military Families Month (November)
- 4) Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941
- 5) National Guard Birthday, December 13, 1636
- 6) National Wreathes Across America Day, December 17th

12. Next Commission Meeting Dates

- December 1*
- January 5th