**Meeting Agenda**

**HCCVMF Commission Meeting**

**9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia**

**12 June 2025**

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| **Sean Keller, Chair - V** | **Paul Rivers, Vice Chair - V** |
| **Greg Jolissaint, Past Chair - V** | **Lisa Steptoe, Secretary - V** |
| **Lisa Terry, Administrator - V** | **Nafretiffi Griffin - E** |
| **Michale Griggs - E** | **Vernon ‘CJ’ Parks - V** |
| **Jai Salters- V** | **Lorinzo Foxworth - V** |
| **Sean Thomas - V** | **Gabriel Zaldazar - V** |
| **Xavier Bruce - E** | **Paul Turlington - V** |

**Special Guest(s):**

None

**Others in Attendance: Lisa Terry, George Delaney**

1. **Call to Order (Chair) – 7:01 pm called to order**
   1. Establish Quorum
   2. Pledge of Allegiance (Commission Vice Chair)
2. **Consideration of May 2025 Minutes (Secretary) - approved**
3. **Special Presentations**
   1. None
4. **Opening Comments by Commission Chair and Introduction of Special Guests**
   1. **Recognized Lisa Terry for her award at Bright Minds. June 11th as Lisa Terry Day**
   2. **Recognized all those who took part in Memorial Day events.**
   3. **Good Vibes – thanked Gabriel for set up volunteers & table.**
   4. **Ground Breaking of Monument. Media was present.**
5. **Recurring Business:**
6. Veterans Support Group (Rivers) – avg 10ppl/meeting. People returning. Trying to put together an in-person event. Coin for repeat attendance. Expanding to 2 days/mo if they get up to 15ppl.
7. Mental Health Council (Rivers)- 6/12 meeting – programs at VA. Virtual Mental health checks – they may not be enough to assess people. Call 988 to talk to someone.
8. **Old Business**
   1. VALOR Program (Keller) – working logistics. Sean send out invite to follow up. Looking at Oct. May offer books
   2. Good Vibes and Voices Concert (Terry) – see opening comments
   3. Memorial Day ceremonies (Keller, Terry) – see opening comments
   4. Monument Groundbreaking (Terry) – see opening comments
9. **New Business from Commissioners** (Keller, Terry)
   1. Veteran and Military Spouse Owned Small Biz Expo and Fall Fest Vendor and Sponsor Request, 27 Sept, 12-4pm in HCEDA Building. $25 vendor fee. Gaming truck with DJ, pizza truck, snowcone truck, therapy horses and other vendors.
   2. Flag Day Ceremony at Alpha Ridge Landfill, 14 June at 10:00am – American Legion sponsoring.
   3. Independence Day Parade at River Hill, 04 July – appreciate as many commissioners to be there. A lot of elected officials will be there. Greg is lead. 8:15 arrival, meet at Pointers Run ES.
   4. Howard County Fair Armed Forces Day, Aug 3 – John Spain – reserves space. Paul Turlington – lead on volunteers

1. **New Business from VSOs** (VSO Reps)
   1. Other items of interest (VSO Reps)
      1. George sets the bar on recruiting
      2. American Legion Post is #1 in membership in State of Maryland 121% of goal
      3. 1 truck, 1 auto, 6 members and troop 540 will be at July 4th parade
      4. AL Post 300 attended the Coast Guard Yard in May. AL Commander Andrew Pecora is one of our members
      5. Dennis Thornton, Korean War Vet was presented with the Ambassador of Peace award by Korean Consulate at Monument. He is from Post 156.
   2. Sat Nov 1st Belmont Manor – Armed Forces 250th Celebration. Community Audience, Youth, JROTC. County has allocated $100K for 250th US Birthday of our Country.
2. **Additional Dates of Significance for Veterans and Military Families:** The Chair reminded meeting attendees of the following dates and their military significance, if any:

* PTSD Awareness Month
* June 6 - D-Day
* June 12 - Women Veterans Day
* June 14 - Army Birthday
* June 14 - U.S. Flag Day
* June 19 - Juneteenth
* June 23 - Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
* June 27th PTSD Day

1. **Next Commission Meeting Dates**
   1. 04 September
2. **Adjournment**