

### **Colonel Robert P. Lowell, USA, (Ret)**

COL Robert P. (Bob) Lowell was appointed to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families in November 2016, for a five-year term. He is a native of Keene, New Hampshire. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Syracuse University, and his Juris Doctor degree, *cum laude*, from the State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Law. He also received a Masters in Law (LL.M.) degree from the Georgetown University Graduate Law Center, Washington, DC. He is licensed to practice law in the States of Maryland and New York.

COL Lowell was commissioned as a Military Intelligence officer through the Army ROTC program at Syracuse University. Following law school, he branch-transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Corps. After completing the JA Officer Basic Course, COL Lowell was assigned to HQ, First U.S. Army, and then to HQ, U.S. Army Garrison (USAG), Fort Meade, MD, where he served on active duty from 1972-1976.

Following active duty service, COL Lowell served in active Army Reserve troop program units from 1976, until his retirement from the Army in June 1999, with 31 years of creditable service. His reserve assignments include Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, HQ, 2122d USAG, Baltimore MD, and Contract Law Officer in the 207<sup>th</sup> JAG Detachment, 10<sup>th</sup> Military Law Center, Washington, DC. He became the Detachment Commander in 1989, and in September 1990, the unit was ordered to active duty in support of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Then lieutenant colonel Lowell deployed to the Middle East and served from 1990-1991, as Chief, Contract Law Branch, OSJA, 22d Support Command (Theatre Army Area), Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. After the war, COL Lowell again served in the 10<sup>th</sup> Military Law Center, first as Chief, International/Claims/Operations Law and S-1, and then as the Deputy Commander. Upon his promotion to colonel, he was selected in 1995 to serve as the Senior Legal Officer for the Joint Reserve Unit supporting the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command, Norfolk, VA.

COL Lowell's professional military education includes the JA Officer Basic and Advanced courses and the Command and General Staff College. His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Army Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Overseas Training Ribbon, the Kuwait Liberation medals, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award.

In his civilian career, COL Lowell served from 1977-1984, as a Department of the Army civilian attorney in the OSJA, HQ, Fort Meade, where he was the Chief of the Procurement and Labor Law Branch. From 1985-1999, he was an attorney with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, first as an administrative judge in the Baltimore District Office, and then as a senior attorney at Headquarters in the Office of Federal Operations, Washington D.C. From 1999, until his retirement from federal service in May 2014, COL Lowell served as a senior attorney in the Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, at the U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. He retired with 42 years of total federal service.

Bob is committed to volunteer service in support of military veterans and their families in Howard County. He is a member of American Legion Post 156 in Ellicott City, and serves as the Post Judge Advocate. He is also a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7472 in Ellicott City, and is the president of the Syracuse University Army ROTC Alumni Association. Bob and his wife, Cindy, have been residents of Howard County for 40 years and they reside in Dorsey

Hall. They have one daughter, Stephanie, who graduated from Wilde Lake High School. Stephanie received her BA degree from Clemson University and a master of science in occupational therapy degree from the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center in Richmond, VA.