ATTENDANCE:

Members Present:

Members Excused:

Howard County Government Officials in Attendance:

Special Guests:

Others in Attendance:

Commission Business Items:

1) Establishment of Quorum

2) Consideration of the June 2020 Meeting Minutes.

3) Presentation(s) by invited guests? Howard County Executive, Dr. Calvin Ball

4) June-July Events and Old Business.

   a. Update from the Equity and Racial Justice Sub-committee (Jonathan Branch, Committee Chair)

   b. Update of Commission's Exploratory Committee for studying the feasibility of building a Veterans Home in Howard County (e.g., identifying potentially donated land; etc.). (Mike Blum)

   c. Update on Columbia Lake Monument (Lisa, Bob Gillette).

   d. Update on Veterans Support Group and feasibility of NAMI conducting virtual peer facilitator training (Paul Rivers, Lisa Terry, Kelly Kesler)

   e. Brief feedback on VAMHCS Stakeholder Meetings in June and July (Steve Bolen)
f. Update on Veterans Day Presentations (in person or virtual) in HoCo Schools, to include outcomes of contact with HCPSS, Teacher’s Union, PTAC, and schools with JROTC programs. (Bob Moore)

g. Update on the Joint Activities Calendar (Ed Hall, Lisa Terry)

h. Update on MHFA Proposal to Fort Meade Alliance Foundation Board (John Way, Lisa Terry)

i. Update on HoCo school level “buddy” program (and identification of a Pilot Elementary/Middle School and High School). The program would be designed to provide support for children of military families and recognize their achievements. (Lisa Terry)

5) New Business.

a. Howard County Joint Military Council (JMC) significant items (Ed Hall)

b. Col Lou Schott’s 100th birthday “Drive By” parade and celebration. Sunday, August 9, 2020; American Legion Post 223, Sykesville Maryland; Parade kicks off at 1300 hrs; all Veterans and friends are invited (Ed Hall)

c. New business from Commission Members?

6) Announcements and Events of Importance:

a. HoCo Fair cancelled August 8-15 due to COVID
b. August 15 - Warrior Retreat at Bull Run
c. August 18 - DAV/RecruitMilitary Veterans Virtual Job Fair, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm EST
d. August 30 – Leidos Virtual Chat with Transitioning Service member, Spouses and Veterans, 1-3pm.
e. Sept 1- Recruit Military/DAV Virtual Career Fair, 12-4pm ET
f. Resignation of Jen Anthony due to relocation

7) Additional items for discussion from commission members or meeting attendees?

8) Next Commission Meeting Date(s) - September 3, 2020; October 1, 2020; November 5, 2020
9) Adjournment