



Virtual Commission Meeting

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Meeting Agenda Thursday, 5 November 2020

1. Roll Call of Commission Members for Establish Quorum:

Mr. J. Greg Jolissaint, Chair
Mr. Jonathan K. Branch, Co-Chair
Mr. Reginald Avery
Mr. Michael Blum
Mr. Steven M. Bolen
Ms. Nafrettifi Griffin
Mr. Michael Griggs
Ms. Kelly Kesler
Mr. Robert Lowell
Mr. Keith McGuire
Mr. Paul Rivers

Acknowledgement of Howard County Government Officials in Attendance:

Ms. Lisa Terry (Manager, Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families [HCOVMF]).

Special Guest(s):

Others in Attendance:

2. Meeting Opened by Meeting Chair

Meeting Chair will lead attendees in the **Pledge of Allegiance** (*everyone except the Chair should mute their microphones*)

3. **Reminders of Virtual Meeting etiquette** (please stay muted; use Chat box to notify chair if anyone has a comment or question; if calling in, please don't place the phone on "hold")

4. Consideration of the October 2020 Meeting Minutes

5. Presentation by Invited Guest(s)?



6. Old Business:

- a. Update from the Commission's Subcommittee on Equity and Racial Justice (Jonathan Branch):**
Subcommittee members: Mr. Branch (Chair), Mr. Avery, Mr. Blum, Mr. Gillette, Ms. Kesler, Mr. Lowell, Mr. Rivers, and Ms. Terry.
- b. Exploratory Committee to Investigate the Feasibility of Building a Veterans Home in Howard County (Mike Blum)**
- c. Update on Veterans Support Group (Paul Rivers, Kelly Kesler, Lisa Terry)**
- d. Update on Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony (John Spain; Bob Gillette)**
- e. Feedback on September VAMHCS Meeting (Steve Bolen)**
- f. Update on Veterans Day Presentations in HoCo Schools (Reg Avery)**
- g. Update on MHFA Proposal to the FMA Foundation Board (John Way)**

7. Business "On Hold"

- a. Columbia Lake Monument completion; fundraising for the monument; dedication ceremony**
- b. Howard County Schools "Buddy Program" for incoming military family members**

8. New Business

- a. Millie Bailey Park Dedication Ceremony October 22, 2020 (Bob Gillette; Greg Jolissaint)**
- b. November 17 – NAMI hosting a virtual forum on Veterans Mental Health and Well Being during the COVID19 Pandemic (Steve Bolen; Paul Rivers)**

Registration link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkcOCupj0qE9PDeYCiK4bNIP5ZHojUv_cr



c. Tribute to Howard County Veterans similar to [Montgomery County](#)

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

November 6 – Marine Corps Birthday Party (actual USMC Birthday is November 10)

November 7 – flag raising ceremony at St. John’s Episcopal Church.

November 8 – Colonel Lou Schott 200 yard Off-Hand Championship: 20 rounds, 20 minutes, \$20; AGC 200 yd Range, 1230 hrs to 1600hrs

e. Other Items of Interest. (Greg)

November 1-7th [Veterans Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Virtual 5K](#) organized by female Life Scout in Glen Burnie

November 8 – 6th Annual Howard County Veterans Day Celebration.

The HoCo Veterans Foundation is hosting a modified event that will be closed to the public; participation will be via livestream of the event. Please follow the Foundation’s [Facebook](#) page for updates.

November 10 - Virtual Government Agency Expo Webinar: Life as an Older Adult - 3 Important Things You Need to Know, 1-2pm

Join this important discussion at: Webinar Link: <https://tinyurl.com/y27jimpch>

Event Number: 172 861 3889 Event Password: xyHPYJH4K72

Join by phone: 1-415-655-0001

Please register on Eventbrite at: <https://tinyurl.com/y4u2fz4v>

November 11- Veterans Eat Free at Mission BBQ.

November 12 - Washington DC/ Baltimore Virtual Career Fair for Veterans, 11am-3pm In advance of the event, we will be hosting informational webinars on "How to Navigate a Virtual Career Fair" Mondays at 5:30pm ET and Tuesdays at 12:00pm ET. Registration Link: rmvets.com/VCF

December 3 – HiredDC-Metro Virtual Multi-University Alumni Career Fair, 10am-4pm. Employers meet 1:1 with candidates in private interview sessions.

NOTE: other items of interest can be found in the eBulletin distributed twice per month by Lisa Terry

f. Legislative Affairs Update (Steve Bolen)



- g. December Commission Meeting discussion (conduct or cancel)**
- h. New business from Commission Members (Greg Jolissaint)**
- i. Update on county's solicitation for new commission members (Lisa)**
- j. Comments or requests for other meeting attendees (Greg Jolissaint)**

9. Other Announcements or dates of importance (All)

10. Next Commission Meeting Date(s)

- a. Thursday December 3?; Thursday January 7, 2021

11. Adjournment