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If you need this information in an alternate format, contact the Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families at 410-313-6400 (voice/relay).

AARP Maryland State Office

200 St. Paul Place, Suite 2510 | Baltimore, MD 21202 • 866-542-8163

md@aarp.org • www.aarp.org/md • www.facebook.com/aarpmid • twitter.com/aarpmid

We salute and honor everyone who has served our great country. It's why we're proud to support veterans and their families. Whether it's advocating on Capitol Hill or providing caregiving resources, we're helping veterans face their unique challenges so they can discover their Real Possibilities.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Maryland Chapter

Contact Kathrin Olbrich at kolbrich@afsp.org

www.afsp.org/maryland • www.facebook.com/AFSPmaryland

Established in 1987, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is a voluntary health organization that gives those affected by suicide a nationwide community empowered by research, education and advocacy to take action against this leading cause of death. AFSP is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. AFSP creates a culture that's smart about mental health by funding scientific research, educating the public about mental health and suicide prevention, advocating for public policies in mental health and suicide prevention, and supporting survivors of suicide loss and those affected by suicide.

American Legion: Ellicott City Post 156*

P.O. Box 2416, Ellicott City, Maryland 21041 • 410-340-7892 • www.legionpost156maryland.org

Contact Michael Blum at adjutant@legionpost156maryland.org

Since its charter in 1974, Adams, Hanna, Moore Memorial Post 156 has been welcoming veterans from all branches of our Armed Forces. Joining Post 156 enables you to continue serving your God, country and community. Our mission is to implement the goals, aspirations, dreams, peace and blessings for our country, friends and families embodied in our preamble. Some of our programs include Boy Scout Venturing Crew in marksmanship, Boy Scout shotgun merit badge sponsorship, Flag Retirement program, Vets-in-School program, Boys State/Girls State sponsorship program, Veterans Day Parade, Annual First Responder Recognition and JROTC award program.

American Red Cross Service to Armed Forces*

4800 Mt. Hope Dr., Baltimore, MD 21215 • 410-624-2000 • www.redcross.org

The Service to Armed Forces Department of the American Red Cross offers support to Military Members, Veterans, DOD, and their families in times of emergency and times of need. This includes our 24/7/365 emergency call service, our casework and referral services, resiliency training, and volunteers in Medical Treatment Facilities on bases worldwide. We also support our veterans by placing volunteers in VA facilities all around the country.

Armed Services Arts Partnership (ASAP)

625 N. Washington Street, Suite 425, Alexandria, VA 22314 • 202-730-8206 • www.asapasap.org

Contact Grace Belizario at grace@asapasap.org

We reintegrate veterans back into the community through the Arts. We offer intro-level courses in story-telling, comedy, improv, drawing, acting, and writing free-of-charge to veterans, service members, and military family members.

Army OneSource

www.MyArmyOneSource.com • www.facebook.com/ArmyOneSource

Army OneSource is a website that provides a network of services to support active, reserve and guard soldiers and their families regardless of their component or geographical location.

Baltimore Military Muster*

Baltimore, Maryland • www.facebook.com/groups/BaltimoreMilitaryMuster/

Contact kkilby@missioncontinues.org

The Baltimore Military Muster is a quarterly meet-up style event in Baltimore County that serves to connect veterans of all eras and active duty military with the vast variety of organizations that exist to engage and serve them in Central Maryland. It is our vision to be a one-stop-shop for organizations looking to share their missions and grow their recruiting pipelines, and also for veterans of all eras and active duty military to interact with a diverse array of military and veteran engagement organizations.

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The Baltimore Station*

140 W. West Street, Baltimore, MD 21230 • 410-752-4454 x301 • www.baltimorestation.org

Outreach Coordinator James Hardy at jhardy@baltimorestation.org

At The Baltimore Station, we turn lives around. We are an innovative therapeutic residential and outpatient treatment program supporting veterans who are overcoming obstacles to regain self-sufficiency. We operate out of two facilities in Baltimore City, but will take veterans from anywhere in the country. We also offer a comprehensive workforce development program and intensive outpatient services.

Blue Star Families Baltimore Chapter*

www.BlueStarFam.org • www.facebook.com/groups/BSFMaryland

Contact Rachel Belt at rbelt@bluestarfam.org

Blue Star Families was founded by military spouses in 2009 to empower families to thrive as they serve. This groundbreaking research is raising the nation's awareness of the unique challenges of military family life. With the help of neighbors across the country, Blue Star Families is overcoming the isolation and alienation of frequent moves, deployments, and reduced support from the government. Our innovative programs are solving specific challenges for military families, including fighting economic insecurity with resources that foster spouse career development, creating family strength with rich programming, and providing critical peer support for caregivers, whose numbers are increasing. Blue Star Families touches more than 1.5 million military family members every year. Through its research and program partnerships, Blue Star Families ensures that wherever American military families go, they can always feel connected, supported and empowered to thrive in every community, across the nation, and around the globe.

Building Healthy Military Communities (BHMC)

29 Division Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 • 410-576-6884

Contact William Crow at william.t.crow.ctr@mail.mil

www.jointservicesupport.org/BHMC • [www.facebook.com/BHMC Maryland](https://www.facebook.com/BHMCMaryland)

The DoD has launched the BHMC pilot, which targets the enhancement of recruitment, retention, readiness, and resilience of the total force. They seek to better understand resource challenges and develop a comprehensive strategy to support Total Force Fitness (TFF), DoD's framework for improving health, readiness, and resiliency of service members through eight domains of fitness (physical, environmental, medical/dental, nutritional, spiritual, psychological, behavioral, and social). The BHMC pilot will inform the TFF Capabilities-Based-Assessment in evaluating and supporting current programs and services addressing TFF domain areas, identifying any capability gaps, and how the DoD can help meet the gaps. This service provider network (SPN) is a great resource for service members, veterans and families; its SPN map provides location-sensitive contacts and resources.

Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB)*

177 Defense Hwy, Suite 9, Annapolis, MD, 21401 • 410-266-5722 • www.crabsailing.org

sarah@crabsailing.org

CRAB has been providing sailing opportunities for people with disabilities and recovering warriors for over 27 years. Two Recovering Warrior Sailing Regattas are held each year (Spring and Fall) to practice newly-acquired sailing skills. One Sunday a month a Family Sail Sunday event is held at Sandy Point State Park for veterans to come out and sail with their family and friends. We invite you to experience the thrill, freedom and therapeutic value of sailing with CRAB.

Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC)

9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-6440 • infocac@cac-hc.org • www.cac-hc.org

CAC's goal is to diminish poverty, enable self-sufficiency, and advocate for low-income families and individuals. For nearly 50 years, CAC has served the Howard County community by helping people help themselves. Our aim is not to provide a hand-out, but rather a hand-up. Through strong partnerships with all levels of the public and private sector, along with dedicated volunteers, we serve our clients with strong dedication every day by providing a quality, year-round pre-school through our Head Start program; assistance with utility bills; access to Howard County's Food Bank; and weatherization of client residences.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) Office of Servicemember Affairs

1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552

military@cfpb.gov • www.consumerfinance.gov/practitioner-resources/servicemembers

CFPB's Office of Servicemember Affairs (OSA) works to help military families overcome unique financial challenges by providing educational resources, monitoring complaints, and working with other agencies to solve problems faced by service members.

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Dog Tag Inc.

3206 Grace Street NW, Washington, DC 20007 • 202-527-9388

Contact Kiki Spiezio at program.coordinator@dogtaginc.org

www.dogtaginc.org • www.facebook.com/dogtagbakery

Dog Tag Inc. (DTI)'s social enterprise — Dog Tag Bakery — acts as a living business school for transitioning service-disabled veterans, military spouses, and caregivers. We empower people to discover personal and professional fulfillment through a five-month, innovative business and entrepreneurship-focused fellowship program. Focusing on developing the whole person and facilitating the military-to-civilian cultural shift, DTI's Fellowship Program provides individualized attention and connects Fellows to the resources, tools, and networks needed to discover purpose post-service. Our program includes earning a Certificate in Business Administration from Georgetown's School of Continuing Studies, experiential learning, workshops and guest lectures, and wellness components. We offer two program options: July through November, or January through June. Contact us for more information.

Fort Meade Army Community Service (ACS)*

830 Chisholm Avenue, Ft. Meade, MD 20755 • PHONE 301-677-5590 • FAX 301-677-2910 • www.home.army.mil/meade

The mission of ACS is to facilitate the commander's ability to provide comprehensive, standardized, coordinated, and responsive services that support service members, Department of Defense civilians, and families regardless of geographical location and to maximize technology and resources, eliminate duplication in service delivery, and measure service effectiveness.

Fort Meade Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC)

2212 Chisholm Avenue, Ft. Meade, MD 20755 • 301-677-9014/9017

NIOCMDFSC@navy.mil • www.meade.armymwr.com/programs/fleet-and-family-support-center

The FFSC provides unified, customer-focused, consistent, efficient programs and services to support sustained mission and readiness. We provide services to strengthen personal and family competencies to meet the unique challenges of the military lifestyle. Services and programs include clinical counseling, crisis response, deployment support, family advocacy, family employment readiness, personal financial management, life skills education, Navy Gold Star, new parent support, ombudsmen support, relocation assistance, sexual assault prevention and response, transition assistance, and a volunteer program.

Give an Hour

P.O. Box 5918, Bethesda, MD 20824 • 240-668-4365 • info@giveanhour.org • www.giveanhour.org

Give an Hour is a national nonprofit that provides free mental health counseling to service members, veterans, their families and caregivers. Providers offer individual, couples and family counseling. Support is available face-to-face, by phone or via HIPAA secure video counseling. Visit our site and click GET HELP.

Hero Dogs, Inc.*

P.O. Box 64, Brookeville, MD 20833-0064 • 888-570-8653 (FAX AND PHONE) • <http://www.hero-dogs.org/>

Contact Gary King at hero@hero-dogs.org

Hero Dogs, Inc., a Maryland 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, improves quality of life for our nation's heroes by raising, training, and placing service dogs and other highly skilled canines, free of charge with lifetime support of the partnerships. We have a small staff and more than 120 active volunteers committed to the success of our mission. Hero Dogs serves veterans who live within 50 miles of the 20833 zip code. We train service dogs to assist with mobility, hearing loss, PTSD and other mental health challenges.

Heroes on the Water — Maryland Chapter

P.O. Box 706, Manchester, MD 21102 • 410-790-1695

maryland@heroesonthewater.org • www.facebook.com/HeroesOnTheWaterMarylandChapter

Heroes on the Water provides therapeutic kayak fishing events for wounded service members, veterans (anyone who has ever served in the military), including first responders and their families. Heroes of the Water provides all gear, fishing guides and lunch for the day — completely free — as our way of showing appreciation for military service. We work closely with Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to help recovering service members, as well as conducting events to simply express gratitude.

Hiring Our Heroes, U.S Chamber of Commerce Foundation*

1615 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20062 • 202-779-3012

www.hiringourheroes.org

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring Our Heroes (HOH) program is a nationwide, grassroots initiative to help veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses find meaningful employment opportunities.

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Howard Community College — Records, Registration and Veterans' Affairs

10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044 • 443-518-1240

veteransaffairs@howardcc.edu • www.howardcc.edu/military • www.facebook.com/howardcc

At HCC, we are proud to help active duty military personnel and their families, members of the Maryland National Guard, reservists, and veterans achieve their academic goals. We offer outstanding two-year degree and certificate credit programs, as well as non-credit programs built around careers that are in demand. Offering affordable options, HCC is a smart choice, with courses that will transfer to any one of a long list of four-year institutions and education that will prepare you for the workforce. HCC makes higher education accessible with multiple locations, flexible scheduling and online, hybrid, and accelerated learning formats. Our campus boasts state-of-the-art facilities and a vibrant cultural and arts scene. With a strong commitment to the veteran and military community, HCC also offers waived application and transcript evaluation fees; resident tuition rates, where eligible; deferred payment plan for GI Bill® and tuition assistance recipients; and a dedicated military and veteran student lounge.

Howard Community College Student Veteran Organization

Contact Mariann Killen at mariann.killen@howardcc.edu or Christopher Huey at christoper.huey@howardcc.edu

The Howard Community College Student Veteran's Organization is devoted to uniting the student veteran population of the college and fostering among them a sense of camaraderie and belonging. Besides providing student veterans a means of building new friendships with individuals from similar backgrounds, the SVO is dedicated to raising awareness for veterans' issues on HCC's campus and to community outreach through volunteer activities. As a group of individuals with a shared background of service, we believe that it is important to continue that service as we pursue our educational goals.

Howard County Autism Society

9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 308, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-290-3466

info@howard-autism.org • www.howard-autism.org • www.facebook.com/HowardCountyAutismSociety

Serves individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), their families and their communities by providing information, support and advocacy; by promoting awareness of autism that values the dignity and uniqueness of each individual; and by working to improve the quality of and access to services and to educational opportunities. We believe that there is a place for every person with ASD in our world, a place of value and a place of worth. Much of our work is directed at raising awareness and educating the public about the complexities of ASD. Once people better understand ASD, they are better able to welcome and support people living with autism into our community.

Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families*

9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-0821

veterans@howardcountymd.gov • www.howardcountymd.gov/vetcomm • www.facebook.com/HoCoMilitary

Established in 2011 by County legislation, the Commission is comprised of 13 members, and created to support veterans and military families by strengthening Howard County's capacity to care for them. By connecting them to available resources, promoting educational and employment opportunities, and continuing community outreach efforts, we are committed to honoring our veterans and military families. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services*

9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-6400 (voice/relay)

Communityresources@howardcountymd.gov • www.howardcountymd.gov/community • www.facebook.com/HoCoCommunity

The Department of Community Resources and Services has eight offices to address the needs of multiple generations, tailor services to different cultural values, and promote full inclusion for individuals with disabilities. Our *No Wrong Door* approach makes it easier for County residents to access the vital human services they need to thrive.

- **Office of ADA Coordination**

410-313-6400 (voice/relay) • ada@howardcountymd.gov • www.howardcountymd.gov/ada

Provides technical assistance to County departments and informal guidance to the public regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act and other disability rights requirements. This office also supports County government's efforts in ensuring that disability-related policies, procedures and practices are implemented in compliance with applicable requirements and that County buildings and facilities are built and maintained in accordance with ADA and other mandates.

- **Office on Aging and Independence***

410-313-6410 (voice/relay) • aging@howardcountymd.gov • www.howardcountymd.gov/aging

Promotes the full inclusion of persons with disabilities, addresses the needs of an increasingly diverse cultural community, and supports the desires of our citizens to remain independent as they grow older. Our commitment to a No Wrong Door approach makes it easier for older adults, caregivers, adults with disabilities and their families to find the resources and services they need.

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- **Maryland Access Point (MAP) of Howard County***

410-313-1234 (voice/relay) • map@howardcountymd.gov • www.howardcountymd.gov/map

MAP assists individuals 18 years and older with a disability or those 50+ explore short- and long-term support services. MAP serves the public and professionals in identifying, connecting and accessing several private and public resources such as assisted living, meals, medication management, caregiver support, support for chronic disease and Alzheimer's and dementia, 50+ Centers, Medicare counseling, housing options, social day programs, caregiver programs, home care registry, elder safety, and volunteering.

- **Office of Children and Families***

410-313-1940 (voice/relay) • children@howardcountymd.gov • www.howardcountymd.gov/children

Connects families, caregivers and early care and education professionals to resources, information and best practices. Through the Family Institute and Launch into Learning, the office engages parents in workshops, activities and programs that promote school readiness, academic success and overall wellbeing for their children. The Office also serves as the County's Child Care Resource Center and is responsible for the training and professional development for all licensed child care providers.

- **Office of Community Partnerships***

410-313-6400 (voice/relay) • www.howardcountymd.gov/OCP

Community Partnerships is the designated lead agency for the Continuum of Care (CoC) for homeless services in Howard County and administers the County's human services grants program. The CoC is the local planning body that coordinates housing and support services funding for homeless families and individuals. If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness or an immediate housing crisis, contact Grassroots Crisis Intervention 24-hour crisis hotline at 410-531-6677.

- **Office of Consumer Protection***

410-313-6420 (voice/relay) • consumer@howardcountymd.gov • www.howardcountymd.gov/consumer

Provides consumer information and education; resolves disputes between merchants and consumers involving the sale or rental of goods, real property or services or the extension of credit for personal, household or family purposes; investigates marketplace practices that may be unfair or deceptive and enforces consumer protection laws; and is responsible for the licensing and regulation of solicitors, peddlers and tow truck operators.

- **Office of Human Trafficking Prevention***

www.howardcountymd.gov/OHTP

Contact Sydney Ford at saford@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-6558

Our mission is to help prevent sexual and labor trafficking in Howard County and beyond. Its mandate is fulfilled (in part) through the work of the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council, and was established by the county executive in March 2017. The council meets on a monthly basis, with two key committees — Trafficking Awareness Special Event and Training and Needs Assessment — meeting in the interim. There is no confidential information discussed in these meetings and they are open to the public. Victim and/or survivors can receive help and referrals through us or partner agencies (HopeWorks at 410-997-0304 or Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center 24-hour hotline at 410-531-6677).

- **Office of the Local Children's Board***

Contact Kim Eisenreich at kaeisenreich@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-1461

www.howardcountymd.gov/LCB

The LCB represents a wide range of public agency leaders and residents committed to creating a County where all children and youth have equitable access to education, health care, basic needs and enrichment. We take a collaborative approach to assessing and eliminating equity and opportunity gaps. We look across organizations and agencies to make sure the right programs are in place to meet the range of needs throughout the County, and review data to ensure programs and services are effective and are improving child and family outcomes. We inform local and state policymakers of the needs of children and families in Howard County and make recommendations for effective policies, programs and funding.

- **Office of Veterans and Military Families***

410-313-0821 (voice/relay) • veterans@howardcountymd.gov • www.howardcountymd.gov/veterans

Dedicated to providing guidance, information and access to Howard County veterans, military families, their dependents and survivors. We promote activities that serve veterans of all ages and collaborate with other service providers to address more complex issues.

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Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development*

9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-6343 • www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Housing

Contact Lisa Wiseman at lwiseman@howardcountymd.gov

Through a series of initiatives such as the Moderate Income Housing Unit (MIHU) Program, the Reinvest, Renovate, Restore (RRR) Program, and the Settlement and Downpayment Loan (SDLP) Programs, Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development aids income-eligible veterans and active duty military personnel with opportunities to purchase homes or rent apartments below market. In addition, low interest rate loans are offered to assist eligible candidates with renovations and/or ADA modifications. For homeownership, these programs may be utilized independently or combined with VA financing for maximum benefit.

Howard County Health Department*

8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045 • 410-363-6300 • askhealth@howardcountymd.gov • www.hchealth.org

The Howard County Health Department's mission is to promote, preserve and protect the health of all in Howard County. It provides health information and services including immunizations, family planning, STI & HIV testing and counseling, WIC, Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program (MCHIP), breast, cervical, and colorectal screenings, tobacco control, smoking cessation and more. The Adult Evaluation & Review Services (AERS) program connects county residents with resources to support independent living and personal well-being. Behavioral Health services include prevention, outreach and overdose response program.

Howard County Joint Military Council*

Contact Ed Hall at ehall@telecomxchange.com or 410-340-7892

The mission of the Joint Military Council (JMC) is to facilitate, grow and represent member veteran service organizations (VSO) and other veteran organizations located in Howard County; to coordinate certain joint activities while providing member VSO and organizations the recognition they deserve; to communicate veteran-related news and initiatives with the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families with the intention of improving the quality of life for veterans and their families that live and work in Howard County.

Howard County Library System*

9411 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042 • 410-313-7750 • www.hclibrary.org

The Howard County Library System (HCLS) has six branches throughout Howard County which offer a variety of classes, a DIY center, and an art education collection, and both traditional and electronic resources. Available anytime, anywhere HCLS NOW! is the gateway to on-demand, self-directed educational tools for all ages — available for FREE, 24/7. The library also offers literacy classes, passport services, classes and computers for the public.

Howard County Office of Human Rights*

9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 237, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-6430

ohr@howardcountymd.gov • <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/County-Administration/Human-Rights>

The Howard County Office of Human Rights (OHR) seeks to eradicate discrimination, increase equal opportunity and protect and promote human and civil rights in the county. Veterans may want to talk to an investigator if they feel they have been discriminated against in any area of employment, housing, public accommodation, financing or law enforcement. Call and ask to speak to one of the investigators, who will be able to answer your questions about discrimination. The OHR serves as liaison with the public, government agencies and community groups to combat discrimination and assist and cooperate with other local, state, and federal agencies and officials to protect and promote better human relations.

Howard County Office of Workforce Development*

7161 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite D, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-290-2620

owd@howardcountymd.gov • www.howardcountymd.gov/howardworkforce

Howard County Office of Workforce Development provides personalized employment services to assist jobseekers and businesses with their workforce development needs. Services include short term courses or training assistance to meet labor market demands; GED/Adult Basic Education; employment and career consultation; resume enhancement and interviewing techniques; job placement assistance; veteran services; youth services; referral services; and training grants for business and outplacement assistance for businesses that may be downsizing.

Howard County Recreation & Parks Headquarters*

7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-7275 • www.howardcountymd.gov/rap

The Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks is a county-wide service provider of diverse opportunities for all, regardless of age or ability, servicing more than 300,000 residents.

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The Howard County Veterans Foundation*

P.O. Box 322, Lisbon, MD 21765

Contact Bob Gillette at gilletteerm@gmail.com or 443-668-1037

The Howard County Veterans Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that exists to honor the services and sacrifices of veterans and their families who live, work or play in Howard County. The Foundation is currently engaged in the planning and construction of a Veterans Monument to honor our veterans and their families.

Made With Love Scarf Drive/Operation Gratitude

www.opgrat.wordpress.com/2014/01/17/scarves-for-troops

Contact Heather Thamer at heather@thamers.com

If you would like more information on how you can knit or crochet a hat or scarf for deployed service members, contact Heather Thamer for more information.

MakingChange Financial Wellness Programs

9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-0239 • info@makingchangecenter.org • www.makingchangecenter.org

MakingChange empowers individuals and families to achieve financial stability. Our financial wellness programs include financial seminars, one-on-one financial coaching and free tax preparation services.

Marine Corps League, Detachment 1084*

P.O. Box 2416, Ellicott City, MD 21041 • 410-340-7892 • www.hcmcl.iwarp.com

Contact Bill Swain at wswain@ultra-palsinc.com

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps. This is accomplished by banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service; voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans; and by perpetuating the history of the United States Marine Corps through fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

Maryland Army National Guard Family Programs

29 Division Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 • www.military.maryland.gov/NG/Pages/Family-Readiness.aspx

Contact Roger Taneu at 410-576-2992 (O) • 443-540-1520 (C) • roger.taneus.mil@mail.mil

The Maryland National Guard Family Readiness program offers a variety of services for service members, families and veterans including employment referral; transitional assistance from active duty to civilian status; survivor outreach services; and child and youth services for Guard and Reserve. Information and referral services are also available for a wide variety of service member and veteran needs.

Maryland Center for Veteran Employment and Training (MCVET)*

301 N. High Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 • 410-576-9626 • www.mcvet.org • www.facebook.com/mcvet.baltimore

Since 1993, MCVET has worked to successfully help homeless veterans from across the country achieve economic self-sufficiency and residential stability. The mission of MCVET is to provide homeless veterans and other veterans in need with comprehensive services that will enable them to rejoin their communities as productive citizens. MCVET provides transitional housing, mental health services, employment, education, substance abuse support, financial stability, case management, benefits counseling, support groups, after care programs and IOP/OP. MCVET is CARF-accredited.

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

7800 Harkins Road, Lanham, MD 20706 • 301-429-7400 • www.dhcd.maryland.gov

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) works with partners to finance housing opportunities and revitalize great places for Maryland citizens to live, work, and prosper. DHCD's Maryland Mortgage Program offers a variety of loans with great rates and generous down payment and settlement cost assistance for Veterans and Military families.

Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation*

Veterans Services – Workforce Development & Adult Learning, 7161 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-290-2600
www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/veteranservices.shtml

Contact your local American Job Center for assistance which offers a variety of services to assist veterans, transitioning military personnel, and other qualified individuals transition to a rewarding career. Priority of service is given to veterans and their eligible spouses who meet certain eligibility requirements.

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Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA)*

Howard County MultiService Center, 9900 Washington Blvd, Suite I, Laurel, MD 20723 • www.veterans.maryland.gov

Contact Nathan Jones at nathan.jones@maryland.gov or 410-313-0229

Provides assistance to those who served in the Uniformed Services of the United States, their dependents and survivors in obtaining benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, State of Maryland and other programs for veterans and their families. We assist with developing, preparing and submitting compensation/pension claims to the Veterans Benefits Administration. Call for an appointment or walk-in Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Howard County MultiService Center); Tuesdays at Fort Meade VA Outpatient Clinic, 2479 5th Street, Ft. Meade, MD 20755.

Maryland Employer Support Guard and Reserve (ESRG)

5th Regiment Armory, 219 29th Division Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 • 410-234-3809 • www.esgr.mil

Contact Stephen Majchrzak at stephen.a.majchrzak.ctr@mail.mil

We help National Guard and Reserves jobseekers with employment opportunities.

Maryland Humanities

108 W. Centre Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 • 410-685-6161 • www.mdhumanities.org

Veterans Oral History Project: Judy Dobbs at jdobbs@mdhumanities.org • Veterans Book Groups: Andrea Lewis at alewis@mdhumanities.org

Maryland Humanities is a statewide, educational nonprofit organization that creates and supports educational experiences in the humanities. In partnership with veterans' service organizations across the state, Maryland Humanities has developed two programs for veterans and active duty military, their families, and the public at large that use the humanities to explore the history, experience, and meaning of war and military service: Veterans Oral History Project and Veterans Book Groups.

Maryland Legal Aid*

3451 Court House Drive, 2nd floor, Ellicott City, MD 21043 • 410-480-1057 • 888-215-5316 • www.mdlab.org

Provides free civil legal assistance to low income individuals and families in the areas of housing law, consumer law, government benefits, family law, and elder law. For qualified people, services range from legal advice to representation in court.

Maryland's Commitment to Veterans*

201 W. Preston St., Baltimore, MD 21201 • www.veterans.maryland.gov/marylands-commitment-to-veterans

Contact Melissa Barber at melissa.barber@maryland.gov or 877-770-4801

Maryland's Commitment to Veterans (MCV) is a Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) program devoted to total wellness for veterans and their families. Regional resource coordinators provide assistance to veterans and their families to support a healthy transition to civilian life. With support from the DHMH's Behavioral Health Administration, MCV provides a solid connection to wellness services, with an emphasis on mental health and substance use disorder services.

Maryland Relay and Maryland Accessible Telecommunications

301 W. Preston Street, Suite 1008A, Baltimore, MD 21201 • 410-767-6960 • www.mdrelay.org

Maryland Relay is a state provided public service that offers a wide variety of calling options and equipment solutions designed for those who have difficulty using a standard phone.

Maryland Therapeutic Riding

1141 Sunrise Beach Road, Crownsville, MD 21032 • 410-923-6800 • www.horsethatheal.org

Founded in 1996, Maryland Therapeutic Riding has been using the healing and therapeutic power of horses to improve the balance, strength, muscle tone, self-image, self-confidence, and quality of life for individuals with special needs. Maryland Therapeutic Riding is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that only exists due to the loving support and kindness of our volunteers. Contact us for more information on how to become a rider or to volunteer with us.

The Mediation and Conflict Resolution Center (MCRC)*

443-518-7693 • www.mcrchoward.org

MCRC is a nonprofit organization that provides low and no cost conflict resolution services to people who work, live or play in Howard County. Services including mediation, restorative practices for youth, meeting and group facilitation and conflict management workshops are provided by skilled volunteers from the community.

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Military Corps Career Connection (C3) — Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation*

613 Global Way , Linthicum MD 21090 • 240-517-2924 • veterans@aawdc.org • www.aawdc.org

Denise R. Bourdeaux, Program Manager

Anne Arundel Workforce Development's Military Corps Career Connection (C3) initiative assists transitioning service members, unemployed or underemployed active duty spouses and unemployed or underemployed Maryland veterans (separated within 48 months of active duty service) make the successful transition to a civilian career. C3 is funded by a US Department of Labor National Dislocated Worker grant and provides free industry driven training, licensure, certifications, supportive services, and on the job training. C3 uses a tailored approach to create an effective employment and training delivery system. C3 has a team of Veteran Navigators to assess military or work experience to fill in skill gaps with appropriate training, intervention and wrap around services.

Military OneSource

800-342-9647 • www.militaryonesource.mil

Military OneSource is a confidential DoD-funded program providing comprehensive information on every aspect of military life at no cost to active duty, National Guard, and reserve members and their families.

Military Order of the World Wars (Ft. Meade Chapter)

P.O. Box 833, Ft. Meade, MD 20755-0833 • www.moww.org

Contact Erwin Burtnick at eburtnick@comcast.net or 410-653-5577

MOWW is a Veterans Service Organization centered on its motto, "It is nobler to serve than to be served." Founded in 1919 to promote good citizenship, patriotic education, and military and public service. MOWW provides opportunities to support patriotic education, ROTC and JROTC, scouting, monuments and memorials, law and order, and national and homeland security programs. Eligibility includes current, retired, and former commissioned or warrant officers of the uniformed services of the United States.

The Mission Continues*

Baltimore and Washington, DC • <https://missioncontinues.org/>

Contact kkilby@missioncontinues.org

The Mission Continues is on a mission to connect veterans with under-resourced communities: empowering veterans to continue their service, while empowering communities with the talent, skills and preparedness of veterans to generate visible impact. Our programs in Baltimore, Washington, DC, and cities across the country deploy veteran volunteers alongside nonprofit partners and community leaders to improve educational resources, increase access to parks and green spaces, foster neighborhood identity, and more. Our vision is for all veterans with a desire to continue their service to be part of a movement to transform communities.

Mobile Vet Center (Department of VA)

1777 Reisterstown Road #199, Baltimore, MD 21208 • 410-764-9400 • 877-WAR-VETS (927-8387)

Contact Tim Ligons at Timothy.Ligons@va.gov

We are here to provide veterans in rural areas access to VA benefits and care.

National Alliance on Mental Illness of Howard County (NAMI-HC)*

9650 Santiago Road, Suite 1, Columbia, MD 21045 • 410-772-9300

info.namihc@gmail.com • www.namihowardcounty.org

The mission of NAMI is to improve the lives of individuals with mental illness and their families through education, advocacy and support, and to increase awareness of mental illness throughout the community.

National Veterans Creative Arts Competition and Festival – VA Maryland Health Care System*

Perry Point VA Medical Center, Perryville, MD 21902 • 410-642-2411

Contact Kelsey Eisenhauer at Kelsey.eisenhauer@va.gov or ext. 26191

<https://www.blogs.va.gov/nvspse/national-veterans-creative-arts-festival/> • <https://www.maryland.va.gov>

The National Creative Arts Competition and Festival are an opportunity for veterans receiving care from their local VA system to receive recognition for their creative accomplishments. This program is most beneficial when used as a part of therapy year-round, and celebrates the use of the creative arts as an avenue toward achievement and maintenance of rehabilitative and restorative goals. The five divisions — art, creative writing, dance, drama, and music — offer a variety of categories for different creative submissions. Veterans must be enrolled at a VA Medical Center or Outpatient Clinic before entering the local competition to submit entries.

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Neighbor Ride, Inc.

5570 Sterrett Place, #102, Columbia, MD 21044 • 410-884-7433 • information@neighborride.org • www.neighborride.org

Neighbor Ride enables ambulatory Howard County seniors (age 60+) to remain active and independent by providing reasonably priced supplemental volunteer transportation utilizing drivers who provide rides using their personal vehicles. Subsidies are available for income-eligible seniors.

Office of Congressman John P. Sarbanes*

2370 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 • 202-225-4016
www.sarbanes.house.gov • www.facebook.com/RepSarbanes

Ensuring that veterans receive the benefits that they deserve in a timely manner is important to Congressman Sarbanes, whose office can assist veterans who have concerns about how their case or claim is being handled by the VA. By working with the congressional liaison team at the Baltimore regional office, staff can assist with obtaining claim status information, informing the VA if an emergency financial hardship arises, or obtain answers to questions. If you or a veteran you know needs assistance, please contact the casework staff in Towson at 410-832-8890.

Operation Tohidu, Melwood Veteran Services*

5606 Dower House Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 • 301-599-4550
tohidu@melwood.org • www.operationtohidu.org • www.facebook.com/melwoodveterans

Operation Tohidu is a free, five-day retreat program for veterans or service members that have been diagnosed or are self-identifying with PTSD, anxiety- or depression-related to military service. There are retreats for men, women and couples, in addition to one for MST survivors.

Premier Health Express Urgent Care, affiliated Warrior Centric Health Clinic*

9710 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 200, Columbia, MD 21046 • 443-899-9525
Contact Dr. Samuel Nokuri, MD, MBA, FS, MATA at snokuri@premierhealthexpress.com
www.premierhealthexpress.com

Premier Health Express is the newest innovation of all-in-one and single point of care. Our mission is to provide patients with access to quality and affordable care, including the insured, uninsured and veteran population. We offer on-site comprehensive services in a caring and culturally-competent environment, including on-site primary, dental, prenatal, and urgent care, as well as pediatrics (whole family care and a true medical home). Our staff doctors are board-certified and our staff is Warrior Centric Health-approved and trained to care for veterans and their families.

Project Opportunity*

28037 Herjen Terrace, Salisbury, MD 21801 • 410-860-6664 • www.project-opportunity.com
Contact Joe Giordano at joe.giordano@project-opportunity.com

Founded in 2010, Project Opportunity is a free, 10-week entrepreneurship training program for veterans and active duty military personnel who wish to start or expand a small business. We utilize the NxLevel Curriculum, a nationally-recognized training program and supplement the course material with presentations by subject matter experts in topics such as marketing research; cash flow analysis; commercial insurance; tax and legal advantages/disadvantages of the four business entities; basics of sales; social media; and web site design. Individual class sizes range from six to 14, with the ideal size being eight to 12.

Rebuilding Together Howard County

8775 Centre Park Drive, #519, Columbia, MD 21045 • 410-381-3338
info@rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org • www.rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org

Rebuilding Together Howard County, formerly known as Christmas in April, is a nonprofit organization that provides free, year-round home repairs to low-income families in Howard County. We are committed to improving the lives of veterans and their families who can no longer afford to keep up with the demands of pricey home repairs.

Root Studio

9140 Guilford Road, Suite D, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-824-8044 • www.therootstudio.org

Root Studio is a designed environment of creative co-working spaces specializing in wellness through participation in the arts. We offer space for independent practice in multiple genres as well as workshops and mentor coaching in mindfulness training for stress management and resiliency. Our mission is to provide creative inspiration and to share knowledge and tools for self-care and personal development. Check out our Introductory Improv for Military Veterans!

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Serve Our Willing Warriors (SOWW) – The Warrior Retreat at Bull Run*

16013 Waterfall Road, Haymarket, VA 20169-2126 • 571-248-0008

info@willingwarriors.org • www.willingwarriors.org

SOWW is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing our nation's wounded, ill and injured military service members and their families with a no-cost respite opportunity away from the stresses of the daily routine within the environment of their medical center, doctor's appointments and time away from family. Our troops and their families are invited for a one-week getaway to relax, rejuvenate, reconnect and enjoy quality time together. The Warrior Retreat has two furnished, five-bedroom homes, with accessible features on 37 acres in the historic Bull Run Mountains in Haymarket, VA. This temporary respite helps revitalize the mind, spirit and soul to facilitate a recovery process feeling refreshed, inspired and motivated.

Serving Together, a Program of EveryMind*

1000 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, MD 20851 • 855-738-7176

peernavigator@servingtogetherproject.org • www.servingtogetherproject.org

Serving Together — affiliated with AmericaServes — is a coordinated network of public, private and nonprofit organizations serving veterans, service members and their families in the Washington, DC, area. Serving Together uses technology and its partner network to guide veterans, service members and their families to the most appropriate services and resources available. Our mission is to provide clear guidance and ensure understanding of the earned resources available. Our aim is to get the right person to the right resource in the right amount of time, every time.

Soldier for Life — Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP)*

2234 Huber Rd, Ft Meade, MD 20755 • 301-677-9871 • <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/7063275/>

SFL-TAP delivers a world-class transition program that ensures all eligible transitioning soldiers have the education, training, and counseling necessary to be career-ready when they leave active duty service. SFL-TAP helps soldiers make informed decisions, including career decisions, through benefits' counseling and employment assistance.

Success In Style*

Outreach@successinstyle.org • 391-498-5035 Option 6 • www.successinstyle.org

Success In Style (SIS) provides business attire and coaching (at no cost) to in-need and in-crisis individuals who are seeking employment. In a dignified and uplifting environment, clients feel a renewed sense of confidence during their one-on-one consultation where they receive interview appropriate clothing and accessories for their interviews and new jobs. Appointments and walk-in hours are available in Savage, Laurel and Glen Burnie.

TeamRWB – Team Red, White and Blue

www.teamrwb.org • www.facebook.com/groups/teamrwbaltimore

Team RWB's mission is to enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. Veterans, military, and civilians can join the team by going to the membership page at www.teamrwb.org and signing up. Team RWB members share more than just values. We share an ethos – a set of guiding beliefs and ideals that characterize our community. An ethos persuades or inspires people to action...and that is what our organization is all about. While ethos can be sometimes hard to define, you certainly know it when you see it. Ethos is demonstrated, not stated. Come join us and wear the Eagle!

Team Rubicon*

6171 W. Century Blvd., Suite 310, Los Angeles, CA 90045 • 310-640-8787

Contact Kurt Bielefeldt at kurt.bielefeldt@teamrubiconusa.org

www.teamrubiconusa.org • www.facebook.com/teamrubicon

Team Rubicon is an international 501(c)(3) non-profit disaster response organization that unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams, free of charge, to communities affected by disasters. To date, the organization has conducted 325 disaster response operations in the US and abroad since 2010. Team Rubicon seeks to re-establish veterans with three things the military can deplete or compromise: purpose (gained through disaster relief); community (built by serving with others); and identity (from recognizing the impact one individual can make).

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The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic*

1420 Spring Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910 • 240-847-7510

www.easterseals.com/DCMDVA/our-programs/cvn-home.html • www.facebook.com/CohenClinicESDC

This Easter Seals-based clinic provides veterans, their families and the families of active duty military with high-quality, accessible, low- or no-cost, integrated mental health care services. The clinic will also help connect veterans and their families with community resources and services; clinicians and staff have been trained to work specifically with this military demographic. In addition to offering services at Silver Spring, Maryland, office, the clinic also offers tele-health services, allowing access to services through a computer, tablet or phone.

Travis Manion Foundation

1140 3rd Street NE, 2nd fl., Washington, DC 20002 • 202-846-6819

www.travismanion.org • www.facebook.com/groups/TMFMidAtlantic

Our nation is built on timeless ideals of freedom, diversity, unity, and selfless service for the common good. America is the land of opportunity and a beacon of hope despite our cultural, social, and economic differences. The Travis Manion Foundation bridges the differences that separate us and strengthens the ties that bind us. We unite communities to build an America that values character above all else: where integrity is more important than celebrity and social impact overrides personal gain; where acts of courage, service and kindness permeate the nightly news; and where communities unite together to raise each other up.

United States Department of Veterans Affairs*

Veterans Benefits Administration, Baltimore Regional Office/National Capital Region Benefits Office

31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201 • 800-827-1000 • 844-698-2311 • www.benefits.va.gov/baltimore • www.va.gov

The Department of Veterans Affairs administers a variety of benefits and services that provide financial and other forms of assistance to veterans, their dependents and survivors. Major benefits include veterans' compensation, veterans' pension, survivors' benefits, rehabilitation and employment assistance, education assistance, home loan guaranties, and life insurance coverage.

United States Department of Veterans Affairs — Center for Minority Veterans

810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 • www.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/about/index.asp

The Center for Minority Veterans assists the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to keep the promise by acting as facilitator, change agent, strategic thinker, honest broker and cheerleader to the men and women of the VA in executing its mission. As internal consultants to the organization, we facilitate the VAs ability to deliver services to veterans worldwide by approaching our mission with a "Veteran Comes First" philosophy based on a deep respect for the men and women who dedicated themselves to the defense of our Nation.

University of Maryland — Clinical Neurobehavioral Center*

5900 Waterloo Road, Suite 200, Columbia, MD 21045 • 667-214-2111 • www.rethinkyourdrinking.org

cysmith@som.umaryland.edu

The Clinical Neurobehavioral Center (CNC) is dedicated to conducting research combining neuroscientific, behavioral-pharmacological, and clinical-psychological methods into an integrated program of human laboratory and clinical outpatient research and treatment studies. We are currently seeking research participants that are struggling with alcohol use and post-traumatic stress. For more information about how you can get involved in research at the CNC, visit our website www.rethinkyourdrinking.org.

University of Maryland Extension — Howard County

3300 North Ridge Road, Suite 240, Ellicott City, MD 21043 • 410-313-2707 • www.extension.umd.edu/howardcounty

The University of Maryland Extension (UME) is Maryland's premier outreach network, with expertise as near as residents' county and city Extension offices. The University of Maryland Extension is recognized locally, nationally and internationally for providing accessible, unbiased expert knowledge that people can use to improve their economic stability, their quality of life and community, and the environment in which they live. UME programming is organized and delivered through four impact areas: local food and agricultural systems; environmental and natural resources; healthy living; and resilient communities.

USO Metro

contactus@usometro.org • www.usometro.org • www.facebook.com/USOMetroDC

The USO is a family of volunteers, sustained by the charitable contributions of millions of generous Americans. We are united in our commitment to support America's service members by keeping them connected to the people, places and things they love. We do this through countless acts of caring, comfort, connection and support. Our work is America's most powerful expression of gratitude to the men and women who secure our nation's freedoms.

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VA Maryland Health Care System*

Fort Meade VA Outpatient Clinic, 2479 5th Street, Ft. Meade, MD 20755 • 410-590-4140 • 410-305-5300

VAMHCSPublicRelations@va.gov • www.maryland.va.gov

The VA Maryland Health Care System provides comprehensive health care services to veterans across the state, including medical, surgical, rehabilitative, neurological, primary, mental health, and long-term-care on both an inpatient and outpatient basis. The system is comprised of medical centers in Baltimore and Perry Point, in addition to the Loch Raven VA Community Living & Rehabilitation Center, and community-based outpatient clinics in Glen Burnie and Fort Meade. Homeless or unstably-housed veterans can contact an outreach social worker at 410-637-1322.

VA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU)

810 Vermont Avenue, Washington, DC 20420 • 202-461-4300 www.va.gov/osdbu

The VA OSDBU mission is to enable veterans to gain access to economic opportunities by leveraging the federal procurement system and expanding participation of procurement-ready small businesses. This mission will be achieved by changing how veteran-owned and other small businesses that are procurement-ready gain access to economic opportunities. Current transformation efforts will increase awareness, reduce risk, enhance access, improve procurement mechanisms, and promote better performance in meeting small business goals.

Vet Arts Connect*

An Initiative of the Institute for Integrative Health, 1407 Fleet Street, Baltimore, MD 21231 • www.vetartsconnect.org

Contact JW Rone at jwrone@tiih.org or 443-681-7618

Vet Arts Connect connects Maryland's military veterans with engaging, healing art and nature experiences to improve the health, well-being and quality of life for our veterans. Vet Arts Connect fosters community arts engagement by using the arts to help our local veterans and their families in their recovery, transition and reintegration into civilian life., and serves as a model program for potential national replication. We are creating vital & vibrant art and nature partnerships to inspire and nurture our participating veterans. Each partnership will commit to training a group of leaders to support the veterans who will participate in these programs.

Vet Centers*

Baltimore County-Dundalk, 1553 Merritt Blvd., Dundalk, MD 21222 • 410-282-6144 • www.vetcenter.va.gov

Contact Steven Fyfe at steven.fyfe@va.gov

Silver Spring Vet Center, 2900 Linden Lane, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910 • 301-589-1073 • www.vetcenter.va.gov

Contact Wayne Stinchcomb at Wayne.Stinchcomb@va.gov

Life isn't always easy after a deployment. Vet Centers across the country provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services for combat veterans and their families. Vet Centers guide veterans and their families through many of the major lifestyle adjustments that often occur after a veteran returns from combat. Services include individual and group counseling in areas such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), alcohol and drug assessment, and suicide prevention referrals.

Veteran Artist Program (VAP)

42 Broome St. #3, Brooklyn, NY 11222 • www.veteranartistprogram.org • www.facebook.com/groups/vapcommunity

Contact Jeremy Paris at jparis@veteranartistprogram.org or 443-865-3392

VAP was created to foster, encourage and promote veterans in creative fields. VAP has worked with national veteran and arts organizations to produce music/theatrical live events, filmed documentaries, feature films, curated gallery exhibits, provided videography/photography services, and helped organize several community improvement projects.

Veteran Friendly Businesses of Howard County*

3410 Plumtree Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042 • 410-995-2115 • veterans@vfbmd.com • www.vfbmd.com

The Veteran Friendly Businesses of Howard County (VFB) program was developed with the primary goal of providing discounts for veterans, military members and their families, at veteran-friendly Howard County businesses. These local businesses are recognized and promoted for supporting our Veterans, and receive additional recognition if they are veteran-owned businesses. The VFB is working to create a database of the over 20,000 veterans that reside in Howard County. This database will help in communication of programs and discounts offered to VFB discount card members, as well as provide information about local veteran events and initiatives.

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The Veterans Consortium, Pro Bono Program

2101 L Street, NW, Suite 420, Washington, DC 20037 • www.vetsprobono.org

Contact Claudia Daley at Claudia.Daley@vetsprobono.org or 202-733-3328

The Veterans Consortium provides free legal services to over 400 veterans and their families, survivors and caregivers each year, ensuring equal access to justice in court and achieving favorable outcomes in 82% of its cases. TVC recruits and trains top-notch volunteer attorneys for over 25,000 nationwide corps of volunteers, matches them with clients, and provides expert mentoring throughout the appeals process.

Veterans Curation Program (VCP)*

816 N. St. Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 • 571-312-4717

VCPJobs@newsouthassoc.com • www.VeteransCurationProgram.org • www.facebook.com/VeteransCurationProject

The VCP is a five-month program that provides employment, vocational training, and technology skills to veterans seeking to improve their access to the mainstream job market. Veterans receive basic training in archaeological processing. Using industry-specific technology and software, veterans work to repackage, photograph, and catalog important archaeological and archival collections. Skills learned, such as digital photography and database entry, are applicable in many different fields. Every program participant receives paid personal growth and development assistance, including time and instruction for resumé-building and job searches.

Veterans History Project

101 Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20540

Contact Andrew Huber at ahub@loc.gov or 202-707-1819

www.loc.gov/vets

The Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. The Project archives primary source interviews, photographs, diaries, correspondence, and memoirs so that future generations may learn what it means to serve directly from those who did. Any U.S. veteran can submit an interview to the Veterans History Project, and anyone 16 or older can interview a veteran for the project. Stop by to find out how you can participate.

Veterans Initiative 22

Baltimore, Maryland • 410-660-3198

www.veteransinitiative22.org

Eryck Stamper, Founder eryck.stamper@veteransinitiative22.org

Supports the education and awareness of cannabis; advocacy; resources and employment of veterans and their families; and first responders in the cannabis, holistic and alternative forms of treatment and therapy. They offer a 22% incentive on medicine and ancillary products/services, shedding light on the estimated 22 veterans who commit suicide daily due to PTSD, anxiety, depression, and battle scars from combat.

Veterans of Foreign Wars — Yingling-Ridgley Post No. 7472*

4225 VFW Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21043-5428 • 410-465-4240

Contact Shelby Rogers at sl1940rj0731@gmail.com

www.vfw7472.org

VFW aims to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts; serve our veterans, the military and our communities; and advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Veterans Program at Emory Healthcare*

12 Executive Park Drive NE, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30329-2206 • 888-514-5345 or 470-825-5629 • www.emoryhealthcare.org/veterans

Contact Joshua Moss at joshua.moss@emoryhealthcare.org

Free to qualified, post-9/11, military service members and veterans, the Emory Program is designed to treat conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST), anxiety, and depression related to post-military service. Our highly skilled team of professionals is led by world-renowned Emory clinical psychologist Barbara Rothbaum, Ph.D., and our team consists of specialists in several fields including psychiatry, neurology, neuropsychology and social work. The program wholly recognizes the stress of military service and the challenges of returning to civilian life. Emory can help chart a course specifically designed to help veterans and their families find a way to peace of mind and their best life.

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VEToGa

www.vetoga.org • www.facebook.com/VETOGA-MD-364141960635009

VEToGa's mission is to provide yoga, meditation and healing arts to military, veterans, their families and communities by holding free monthly yoga classes, events and veteran-specific 200-hour teacher trainings throughout the year. VEToGa is a non-profit based in Washington, DC. You can help fund our campaign by donating through the website or Facebook page.

The VetsReady2Work (VR2W) Program

Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 • 301-599-8000

www.melwood.org/veterans-services/for-veterans/vetsready2work-program-overview/

VR2W assists disabled veterans with their professional development while transitioning from the military to civilian sector or when seeking new employment opportunities. Our dedicated team specializes in identifying skill sets received during military tenure to help the veteran population gain meaningful employment. Other services include job development, resumé-building, mock interviews, job placement, alumni engagement and career assessment

The Village In Howard

P.O. Box 1276, Columbia, MD 21044 • 443-367-9043

4info@thevillageinhoward.org • www.thevillageinhoward.org

A nonprofit membership organization dedicated to helping seniors stay in their homes as they age. Two membership levels enable seniors to participate in educational, cultural and social activities. Neighbor to neighbor services are available for those who need transportation; small household repairs; and aid in daily activities. A supported membership is available for those who meet income requirements. Open to Howard County residents age 55 years and older.

Voices of Vets, Inc.*

7505 Covey Road, Jessup, MD 20794 • 443-745-9482

voicesofvetsinc@gmail.com • www.voicesofvetsinc.com • www.facebook.com/VoicesofVets/

Our goal is to visit every veteran home across the United States to provide residents with live music from the 40's, 50's, 60s, as well as patriotic music. Music therapy is rapidly becoming an integral part of helping many elderly and dementia patients, specifically hearing songs from an earlier era that had a positive impact. The group consists of many talented musicians who enjoy visiting with the veterans, and wish to show gratitude to our veterans. Voices of Vets, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Volunteer Center Serving Howard County

6310 Hillside Court, Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21044 • 410-715-3172

info@volunteerhoward.org • www.VolunteerHoward.org • www.facebook.com/VolunteerHoward

The Volunteer Center Serving Howard County, a program of the Columbia Association, serves as a community clearinghouse for volunteerism. The Center strives to stimulate and expand volunteer service in the community by connecting people to nonprofit and public agencies seeking volunteers to help improve the quality of life for all people in Howard County.

Winter Growth

5460 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia, MD 21044 • 410-964-9616

ruthkeetoncenter@wintergrowthinc.org • www.wintergrowthinc.org

Winter Growth provides community-based care for seniors and disabled adults. With customized services that are respectful of and responsive to individual preferences, needs and values, Winter Growth offers assisted living, adult medical day programs and both hourly and overnight respite care. We are a VA authorized adult day health care provider.

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Howard County Department of

Community Resources and Services

Providing vital human services through programs, services and referrals to ensure everyone in the community has the opportunity to

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- Aging and Independence
- Children and Families
- Consumer Protection
- Community Partnerships
- Human Trafficking Prevention
- Local Children's Board
- Veterans and Military Families

HOWARD COUNTY Community Resources Campus

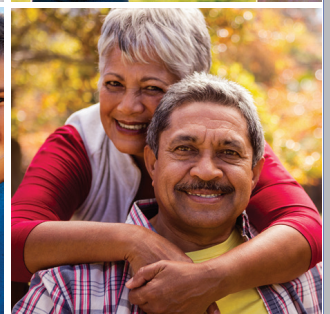
www.howardcountymd.gov/communityresources

communityresources@howardcountymd.gov

www.facebook.com/HoCoCommunity

410-313-6400 (VOICE/RELAY)

9830 Patuxent Woods Drive
Columbia, MD 21046





Howard County Office of
Veterans and Military Families
Department of Community Resources and Services

The Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families recognizes and addresses the growing needs of the **20,000+ VETERANS who call Howard County home.**

We are dedicated to providing guidance, information and resources for local veterans, military families, their dependents and survivors.

We also collaborate with other service providers in local government, non-profits and the business community to address more complex issues and assist in the navigation of other available resources.



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