

## COMMISSION MEMBERS

Veteran Commission established May 2011

### FY18 COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Howard T. Mooney Jr., CO-CHAIR
- Wanda Riddle, CO-CHAIR
- Janice Agazio, ASST. RECORDING SECRETARY
- Reginald Avery
- Michael Blum
- Jonathan Branch, RECORDING SECRETARY
- Allison Buckley
- Robert Gillette, MONUMENT FOUNDATION PRESIDENT
- Greg Jolissaint
- Robert Lowell
- Robert Moore, TREASURER
- Craig Porterfield
- Christopher Williams
- Lisa B. Terry, ADMINISTRATOR

## COMMISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2018

- Provided written and oral testimony in support of County Bill No. 8-2018, Veteran-Owned Enterprise Legislation and worked with County Administration on the Veteran-Owned Enterprise Legislation language
- Represented Commission Ms. Vivian Bailey's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Ms. Bailey is a long-time resident of Columbia and WWII Veteran. Also in attendance: Maryland Lieutenant Governor, Boyd Rutherford; County Executive Allan H. Kittleman; and Bob Finn, Deputy Secretary, MDVA
- Participated in Senator Cardin's Veteran Roundtable at Ellicott City VFW
- Presented Veterans Commission Recognition Award to Oakland Mills HS JROTC Unit at OMHS Military Night
- Attended Howard County Veterans Foundation "Nite of Comedy" fundraiser for future veterans monument
- Represented Commission at the Army's Partnership for Youth Success (PaYS) and Columbia-based NuLook MOU event. The program connects companies with skilled, trained and experienced soldiers as potential employees.
- Participation in multiple flag collection and retirement ceremonies
- Organized/presented 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Veteran and Military Families Resource Fair at the Ellicott City 50+ Center
- Participated in the Harriet Tubman Flag Raising with Lieutenant Governor Rutherford in attendance
- Attended meeting with George W. Owings, III, MDVA Secretary, for the presentation of citation to Lisa Terry, Administrator for the Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families
- Represented Commission at Sgt. Eddison Hermond's funeral (the 39-year-old, off-duty veteran who died after being swept away as he attempted to rescue a woman during the historic flood in Elliott City); Governor Larry Hogan and County Executive Allan H. Kittleman were among other dignitaries in attendance
- Participated in Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC) quarterly meetings
- Participated in the Clarksville 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade

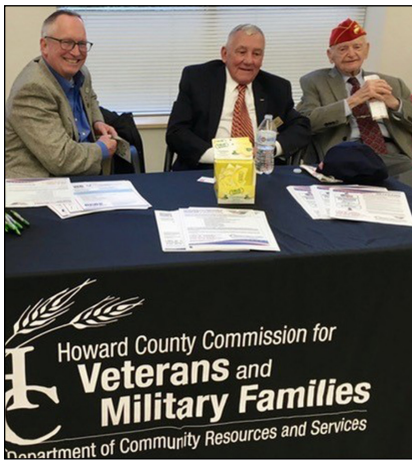
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- Represented Commission at the Howard County Fair Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) table
- Participated in a mental health first-aid training course
- Represented the Commission at the Howard County Community Resources and Services Open House
- Participation in Harriet Tubman Day veteran recognition and JROTC Award ceremony
- Attended “Marching Our Veterans Back to Work,” hosted by Howard County Councilman Calvin Ball and Anne Arundel County Councilman Pete Smith
- Attended ongoing discussions with the Howard County administration, County Council, Columbia Association and Howard Hughes Corporation to acquire a monument site at the Columbia Lakefront
- Created a Veterans Day Teacher Resource Guide, which was digitally distributed to Howard County Public School System (HCPSS)
- Organized and participated in the Howard County Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony
- Implemented a “Veterans in School” program at Clarksville Middle School
- Supported “Students Partnering with Veterans” club at Clarksville Middle School
- Participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony at Howard Community College
- Attended Howard County Chamber of Commerce Veterans luncheon, with Colonel Thomas Rickard, Ft. Meade Commander, as keynote presenter
- Participated in the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration and Veterans Day Gala
- Organized and conducted monthly open meetings of the Commission
- Participated in VSO fundraising efforts by handing out poppies at local hardware stores on Veterans Day
- Attended Lincoln Technical Culinary Institute ribbon cutting ceremony (an OVMF Commission member is serving on its advisory board)
- Participated in the Howard County 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Toys for Tots Giveaway, hosted by County Executive Calvin Ball and held at Wilde Lake High School
- Attended the American Legion Post 156 Christmas party
- Responded to inquiries on the Commission’s Facebook page

## COMMISSION GOALS 2019

- Continue to expand and produce annual Resource Fair for Veterans and Military Families
- Continue to lead the effort to finalize the design, funding and construction of the Howard County Veterans Monument
- Continue to coordinate with other Maryland counties to acquire information on design and construction of monument
- Partner with the Columbia Association to further expand the annual Veterans Day Parade
- Partner with local businesses to provide incentives to veterans and military families
- Participate in county-sponsored Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs
- Respond to all County Council and County Executive directed actions
- Recruit potential Commission members
- Continue to respond to the needs and concerns of veterans and military families
- Continue the development and expansion of the Veterans Day Resource Guide for Howard County Public Schools, a resource tool for conducting Veterans Day activities
- Continue outreach to business and property owners to install Reserved Veteran Parking signs
- Create a Lifetime Service Award for Howard County Veterans

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Above left, a glimpse of the Howard County Veterans Monument plan; below left, veterans staff the OVMF resource fair table; left, hats and scarves knitted for active-duty personnel. Top, Veterans Day parade with County administration and Commission members.

And, a somber salute in honor of those who gave all.



Second photo above, scouts honor veterans in Veterans Day parade; above right, veterans and community members greeting Honor Flight Veterans. Directly above, Vet-In-School at Clarksville Middle School.

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