

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Veteran Commission established May 2011

CURRENT 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 2017

- Planned, organized and conducted the 3rd annual Veteran and Military Families Resource Fair at the Ellicott City 50+ Center that involved 55 Organizations and 185 attendees
- Conducted veteran interviews for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project
- Participated in the July 4th parade in Clarksville
- Participated in the 3rd annual Veterans Day parade in Ellicott City
- Participated in the Veterans Day Breakfast and Celebration at Howard Community College
- Participated in the Columbia Association Veterans Day Ceremony at the Lakefront
- Participated in the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration and Veterans Day Gala
- Attended the St. Paul's Church Veterans Day memorial service in Ellicott City
- Continued the expansion of Veteran Reserved Parking initiative with the Chamber of Commerce
- Organized and conducted monthly open meetings of the Commission (July and August recess)
- Distributed the Veteran Commission Information brochure at the Howard County Fair
- Continued meetings with the Howard County administration, County Council, Columbia Association and Howard Hughes Corporation to acquire a Monument site at the Lakefront
- Dedicated the future site of the Veterans Monument and Plaque Placement at the Lakefront
- Testified before the Howard County Council in support of CB121-2017
- Attended the American Legion Post 156 Christmas Party
- Continued the initiative to establish a Veteran's Treatment Court for Howard County with Kim Oldham and Brian Furlong
- Responded to inquiries on the Commission Facebook page
- Updated the Commission web page on the Howard County website

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- Established a Commission Recognition Program for Service to Howard County Veterans
- Presented a Commission Service Award to Mission Barbeque owner –Mr. William Krause
- Established a budget process to manage County Funding and Monument donations
- Organized, planned and conducted a Veteran’s Day Educational Program (Vet-in-School pilot) for Howard High School students with assistance from Leadership U
- Hosted representative from Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in November
- Participated in the Flag Retirement Ceremony hosted by American Legion Post 156
- Completed on-line training as required for the Maryland Open Meetings Act
- Participated in the first Howard County Dental Resource Fair in September
- Continued coordination with our Howard County Veterans Benefit Specialist in Laurel
- Provided support to Mission 22 (Veteran Suicide Awareness)
- Supported Operation Gratitude in the collection of scarves for military members



At left, Commissioner Robert Lowell (center) speaks with Colonel Lou Schott, USMC (ret) and County Executive Allan H. Kittleman at the 2017 Veteran Resource Fair. At the event, Mr. Lowell interviewed Colonel Schott for the Library of Congress Veterans Oral History Project.



Commissioners Howard Mooney (left) and Bob Gillette each took a few moments to address the audience at the Veterans Monument site dedication ceremony at Columbia Lakefront.



Commissioner Wanda Riddle addressing group at start of the 22-a-day pushup challenge and suicide prevention event.



At right, Commission members at Columbia Lakefront Veterans Monument site dedication.

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COMMISSION GOALS 2018

- Continue to expand and conduct an 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 Ellicott City Partnership to expand the annual Veterans Day Parade
- Partner with local businesses and the Howard County Chamber of Commerce to provide incentives to Veterans and Military Families
- Begin a capital fundraising program of \$500–800,000 for the Veterans Monument Fund
- Continue to respond to the needs and concerns of 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 the development and expansion of the Veterans Day Resource Guide for Howard County Public Schools to use as a resource when 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



Commission members and County representatives at the installment of the Veterans Monument plaque following the Columbia Association Veterans Day celebration.



Commissioner Mike Blum before the start of the July 4th parade in Clarksville.



At left, Commissioner SSgt Chris Williams, USAF, addressed more than 800 Howard High School students during the Vet-in-School pilot program presentation.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Terry, Administrator

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