



Government Office Building
9830 Patuxent Woods Dr.
Columbia, MD 21046

**Agenda for Virtual Monthly Meeting
Thursday, May 6, 2021**

Meeting link:

<https://howardcountymd.webex.com/howardcountymd/j.php?MTID=m6f84009f95bf5dd3703c3e0fe1af798e>

Meeting number: 160 639 6223

Password: 6WPwtX3ruY4

1-650-479-3207 Call-in number (US/Canada)

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- 1. Roll Call of Commission Members to Establish a Quorum**
- 2. Acknowledgement of Howard County Government Officials in Attendance**
- 3. Special Guest:**
- 4. Welcome by the Commission Chair and Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**
- 5. Reminders of Virtual Meeting Etiquette**
- 6. Consideration of the April 2021 Meeting Minutes**
- 7. Guest Speakers: Mallery Lass, USAF, Retired; Outreach Manager, [Stephen A. Cohen Military Family Clinic](#) at Easterseals, Silver Spring, MD and Jasmine Brewer, Executive Director [MakingChange Financial Wellness Center](#)**
- 8. Old Business**
 - a. Update on Equity and Racial Justice Survey (Lisa and Jonathan)**
 - b. Update on Veterans Support Group (Paul)**
 - c. Update on the United Through Reading (UTR) Program presentation made by Mary-Lena Kitka at the April mmission Meeting**



- d. **Feedback on the April VA Maryland Health Care System Meeting (Steve)**
- e. **Update on Simulated Congressional Hearings May 26 (Reg)**
- f. **Update on Month of the Military Child (Lisa)**
- g. **Update on Fallen Heroes Tribute page (Lisa)**
- h. **Update on potential Veterans Home in Howard County (Mike Blum)**
- i. **Letter of Appreciation for Columbia Association CEO, Milton Matthews, upon his retirement from CA.** A pdf copy of the letter will be attached to the minutes for this meeting.

9. Business “On Hold” Due to the Pandemic

Columbia Lake Monument Completion. (Donations can still be made to the Foundation via mail.)

10. New Business

- a. **Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony (John Spain)**
- b. **Hometown Heroes Banner Program (Lisa)**
- c. **Central Maryland Veteran’s Collaborative (Lisa and Greg)**

Central Maryland Veterans Collaborative

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Keynote Presentation by Delegate Pat Young, Jr.
Maryland General Assembly
District 44B

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Contact Katie Kilby at kkilby@every-mind.org



- d. **Future American Legion Flag Retirement Ceremonies – Attendance by Commissioners (Greg)**
- e. **Howard County Joint Military Council (JMC) significant items**
- f. **Memorial Day Ceremonies organized by VSOs (John Spain and Ed Hall)**
- g. **New Business from Commissioners (Greg)**
 - 1) **Military Spouses Day -- Friday May 7th**
 - 2) **Mother's Day -- Sunday May 9th**
 - 3) **Armed Forces Day -- Saturday May 15th**
 - 4) **Memorial Day -- Monday 31st**

St John Episcopal Memorial Day Ceremony

Site Lead: Bill Swain, MCL & Post 156 & VFW Post 7472

Location: [9120 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042](#)

Date/Time: Sunday, 30 May, 12:30pm

Ceremony Protocol: Attached. Site lead will MC event and adjust to fit circumstances

Event Practice date/time: TBD by Site Lead

Color Guard: Mike Zanski coordinating

National Anthem: Sung by Emma Li

Invocation/benediction: St John's Pastor

Speaker: County Executive or Howard County Veteran Commissioner ** Kim, need you confirmation on Dr Ball

Wreath laying: Pending designee to assist County Exec or Commissioner & Pastor in laying wreath

Music: Ed Hall (National anthem will be sung acapella)

Audio system: John Spain

Wreath: John Spain

Ellicott City Courthouse Memorial Day Ceremony

Site Lead: Leonard Lee, VFW Post 7472

Location: [3725 Park Ave, Ellicott City, MD, 21043](#) (across from the Howard County Museum)

Date/Time: Monday, 31 May, 12:30pm

Ceremony Protocol: Attached. Site lead will MC event and adjust to fit circumstances

Event Practice date/time: TBD by Site Lead

Color Guard: Mike Zanski coordinating

National Anthem: Sung by Emma Li

Invocation/benediction: **Jonathan Branch**

Speaker: County Executive or Howard County Veteran Commissioner ** Kim, need you confirmation on Dr Ball

Wreath laying: Pending designee to assist County Exec or Commissioner in laying wreath



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h. Other Announcements or dates of Importance

University of Maryland Global Campus Virtual Appreciation Fair May 13 (Lula)

<https://globalmedia.umgc.edu/2021/04/22/umgc-to-host-military-veterans-virtual-appreciation-fair-may-13/?sf245256056=1>

11. Next Meeting Dates:

June 3rd; August 5th (no meeting in July)