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Howard County's Office of Veterans and Military Families Highlights and Honors County Fallen Heroes this Memorial Day

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – This Memorial Day, the County's Office of Veterans and Military Families (OVMF) will honor county fallen hometown heroes with tributes posted on its "Fallen Heroes Tribute" <u>website</u>.

"Howard County is grateful for all its those in service who protect our freedoms every day. It is especially important that we remember and honor our local heroes who gave their lives in order to protect those freedoms," said Howard County Executive Calvin Ball. "I encourage everyone to take some time this Memorial Day to visit our Fallen Heroes Tribute page to learn more about these brave individuals."

Launched <u>last year</u> by OVMF, with the support of the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families, the Fallen Heroes Tribute initiative honors county residents who made the ultimate sacrifice. The website features photos and bios of service members who were from or at one-time lived-in Howard County, Maryland, and who lost their life while serving in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War or the Global War on Terrorism

"The Fallen Heroes Tribute page is something my office has wanted to create for a long time," said OVMF Manager Lisa Terry. "To supplement our initial research, we are asking the community to help us identify additional fallen service members, so we can expand our Tribute page to honor all who have served."

Community members interested in recognizing a Howard County service member who died while in service to our country since World War I, are encouraged to complete the "Howard County Fallen Heroes Tribute" <u>submission form</u>. For assistance with completing this form or for

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questions about the County's Fallen Heroes Tribute initiative please contact OVMF at <u>veterans@howardcountymd.gov</u>.

To learn more about OVMF or the Commission for Veterans and Military Families, visit <u>www.howardcountymd.gov/veterans</u> or <u>www.howardcountymd.gov/vetcomm</u>.

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