

MINUTES FOR THE HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSION FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015, 7:00 PM To 8:30 PM
Government Office Building, Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD

IN ATTENDANCE: Howard T. Mooney, Antonio da Rosa, Edward R. Hebert III, Lisa Terry, Wanda Riddle, John J. McNiff, Andrew Kraus, Reginald Avery, Jonathan K. Branch and Ed Hall (AL Guest)

VISITORS: Jennifer de Manincor, Robert Dietrich, Mike Laurente, Gordon MacPhee and Robert Moore.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of January 2015 Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved.

Future meeting dates for the Commission: March 5; April 2; May 7; and June 4 2015.

David Galloway with Maryland's Commitment to Veterans briefed his organization work with veterans

Report from Monuments Sub Committee: Met January 12th and February 2d. Jonathan, Reg and Wanda briefed the draft information paper containing overview, background, vision, and timeline. Proposals include working with the Columbia Downtown Development Committee, developing a PowerPoint presentation and briefing the County Executive and County Council.

Report from Veterans Forum Sub Committee: Planning continues, proposed date moved from April to May. There was a discussion on possible speakers. Will try to reserve a room at the Miller Branch Library.

Commission Annual Report update: Currently in draft, will finalize shortly.

Presentation of American Flags to County Library officials is scheduled for March 18th at 7pm.

Distribution of finalized hip pocket brief: Will send out shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

Andrew Kraus briefed his work with the Wounded Warrior Project.

Discussion of the Worcester County Veterans Commission funding initiatives: They fund school children to visit their Veterans Monument and write papers on their visit.

There was a discussion of individuals writing a letter in support for a Bill at the Maryland Legislature that would exempt Military Pensions from State Income Taxes.