

MINUTES FOR THE HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSION FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES
Thursday, January 8, 2015; 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.
Government Office Building, Gateway Drive, Columbia, Maryland

IN ATTENDANCE: Howard Mooney, Antonio DaRosa, Edward Hebert III, Lisa Terry, Wanda Riddle, John McNiff, Jonathan Branch, Andrew Kraus, Ligeia Shin, and Ed Hall (AL Guest)

OLD BUSINESS

- Consideration of November 2014 Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved
- Commission Meeting Calendar update: February 5, March 5; April 2, May 7. Meeting dates were changed from the second Thursday to the first Thursday each month to accommodate members.
- Report from Monuments Subcommittee; The Subcommittee met and is finalizing the vision statement, “what we are thinking of”, care/ maintenance funds, and space envisioned for a place for Veterans to gather. Will meet again and provide a report.
- Status of Veterans Commission Website: At this time the County Help Desk is accomplishing updates for us.
- Development of Commission press release to solicit new members: The Press Release is in final draft. Will staff it and get it released for publication shortly.
- Commission Trifold and Flyer: Both are in Final Draft for approval shortly.
- Updating Councilman Greg Fox and County Executive Kittleman on Commission activities: Will get on their calendars shortly to brief/update them.
- Completion of the Commission Annual Report: Need input to Howard NLT 15 January.
- Will present American Flags to the Director of Howard County Library shortly.
- The Commission Hip Pocket Brief is being finalized and will be e-mailed to members.
- Discussed Invitations to selected groups/individuals to address the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed possible formats for Annual Commission Forum in the April time frame.
- Discussed need and funding for a full-time Veterans Affairs Officer for the County.