

Howard County Veterans and Military Families Commission

November 2015

Minutes

Present: Lisa Terry, Jack McNiff, Alison Buckley, Janice Agazio, Wanda Riddle, Jonathan Branch, Doug Dribben, Edward Herbert, Reg Avery

Guests: Chris Yates (Ft. Meade), Michael Blum (Marine Corps League), Ed Hall (American Legion Post 156), Michael McCall (CEO: Inner Arbor Trust), Christopher Williams

Before the regular commission meeting began, Michael McCall presented a detailed presentation about the Inner Arbor Trust and how the commission's proposal for a veteran's proposal could be included in those plans.

Consideration of the Commission meeting minutes from the October meeting: Minutes accepted, seconded by Ed Herbert.

Howard pointed out future commission meeting dates: December 3, January 7, February 4, March 3

The Veterans Memorial subcommittee has been meeting with Howard County officials to make the veterans memorial a reality.

The final version of the commission's tri-fold was presented and accepted.

Ed Herbert volunteered to chair the Veteran Resource Fair at Miller Library on April 5.

Howard discussed the possibility of obtaining a county government vehicle to take commission members to Worcester County to see their veterans memorial.

The county executive will recognize the "poppy" as a symbol for veterans at the Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 7.

New Business:

High School Leadership initiative- care packages were discussed. Care packages were given to veterans at Gilchrist, HCC and Operation House to Home.

A container will be dedicated at the Alpha Ridge Landfill for the proper disposal of worn out U.S. flags.

Veterans Day activities include a Veterans Day Parade in Historic Ellicott City at 8:45am on 11/7, the Marine Corps League Luncheon at Ellicott Mills Brewing Company on 11/8 from 1-4PM. HCC Veterans Day Ceremony 1000-1030 in the Galleria on 11/11. Also on Veterans Day there is a Mission BBQ luncheon at 11:30AM and a veterans concert at Murray Hill Middle School at 7:00pm.

On 11/17, there is a Volunteer Fair for Veterans at Fort Meade between 11:00 AM- 2:00PM

Howard asked for Holiday Social suggestions from the commission.

Other new business; Lisa discussed veteran discounts at the Howard County tourism and Chamber of Commerce sites. Also, the county executive wants to recognize Howard County veterans with a tribute similar to Montgomery County's event.

