

MINUTES FOR THE HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSION FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES
Thursday, Sept 11, 2014, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Government Office Building, Gateway Drive, Columbia, Maryland

IN ATTENDANCE: Antonio daRosa, Edward Hebert III, Lisa Terry, Wanda Riddle, Jonathan Branch, John McNiff, Raj Kudchadkar, and Ed Hall (Guest)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Consideration of June 2014 meeting minutes
- Commission Meeting Calendar Update: October 9, November 13, December 11
- Budget items: The 4 flags and stands that were purchased will be presented to the County Council at their regular meeting on October 6th (to be confirmed with Council).
New member badges and Commission business cards being finalized
- Commission Fact Sheet and Tri-fold: The Logo has been approved
- No reports on Sister County Veteran Commissions
- No report on fund raising
- Discussion on Fund Raising Documentation and possible 501C3
- Discussed Veterans Memorial
- Discussed Web site follow on actions and coordination with Howard County PAO
- Members updated the Veterans Commission Contact list for Lisa and Raj
- Will e-mail members the Commission Hip Pocket Brief for comments/update
- Discussed vacancies on the Veterans Commission

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed Veterans Day activities that will involve Commission members
- Discussed JROTC Awards/ Graduation and presentation of awards to Graduates
- Discussed possibility of Military Ombudsman for the County
- Discussed invitations to Howard County based businesses that want to hire veterans
- Discussed other initiatives for the Veterans Commission including an Annual Veteran's Forum with the Maryland Veteran's Affairs Secretary
- VFW Post #7472 and American Legion Posts #156 and #300 will have a combined American Red Cross Blood Drive on September 28 from 1200 to 1600 at the VFW Hall