

**Dear Veterans, Military Families and Supporters,**

**Please find a number of resources below to benefit veterans and military families. They are not endorsed by my office, just a compilation of programs and services that come across my desk. Please feel free to share and vet according to your needs. If you have anything you would like me to share, please forward it. Thank you.**

**Lisa Terry**

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**Free Veteran Counseling in Howard County**

**Thursday, Oct 27, 9:30am-4:30pm**

Multiservice Center in Laurel, MD

Register for an appt, walk-ins welcome

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**Food and Fun for Military and Veteran Families**

**Sunday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-5:30pm**

Leadership U is hosting a community event for families at the Multiservice Center to celebrate military and veteran families and connect them to the community.

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**Fort Baltimore Nonprofit Fundrasier**

**Sunday Afternoon Jazz, October 30, 2016 at the Baltimore War Memorial**

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our company. We are Fort Baltimore, Inc. a nonprofit 501c3, United States Armed Forces Service Members Resource Center. Fort Baltimore, Inc. assists all US Armed Forces Service Members who volunteered or were drafted into any branch of the US Armed Forces including Reservist and National Guard, regardless of discharge or time in service.

All United States Armed Forces Service Member's will receive priority of service

because they are our family, friends, and neighbors. Fort Baltimore, Inc. will provide services to develop more leaders in our communities, with your help. We must come together, and assist our United States Armed Forces Service Members to build solid life foundations before, during, and after deployments. Please join Fort Baltimore, Inc. in protecting and defending our United States Armed Forces Service Members.

Fort Baltimore, Inc. will provide turn around services to United States Armed Forces Service Members in filing disability and benefits claims, assist in obtaining educational and employment opportunities, and provide referrals for medical, legal, and all other services when needed. Fort Baltimore, Inc.'s goal is to assist all United States Armed Forces Service Members with compassion and commitment in resolving issues that impede their progress in life, while promoting dignity and self-sufficiency.

PARTNERSHIPS- Employers, Schools, Medical and Legal Services, or other life enhancing services  
COMMUNICATION- Please share this email with all who can benefit from our services

You may visit our website at [fortbaltimore.com](http://fortbaltimore.com) Should you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at (443) 317-7688 or send me an email at [moniquehawley@fortbaltimore.org](mailto:moniquehawley@fortbaltimore.org)

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**Howard County 50+ Expo** –hundreds of resources

**Monday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**

Wilde Lake HS

See flier

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**Veterans Day Meet & Greet**

**Thursday, November 10 • 10 a.m. to noon**

North Laurel 50+ Center

Enjoy a cup of coffee and meet local service members as we honor our hometown heroes and view a military memorabilia presentation.

FREE

To reserve a seat, call 410-313-0380.

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[Howard County Tech Council Women in Technology Breakfast](#)

Veteran-owned cyber company guest speaker

**November 16, 8am-10am**

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[2nd Women Veterans Conference](#)

**Wednesday, November 16, 2016 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

The Chesapeake Innovation Center (CIC)

2288 Blue Water Blvd Suite 300

Odenton, MD 21113

More Information Coming Soon!

Presented by BWCC Women In Business (WIB). Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available. For more information see this FLYER.

Ticket Prices: Veteran \$15 | BWCC Member \$25 | Nonmember \$40 | Payment at the Door \$65

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**Wreathes Across America**

**December 17, 2016**

Crest Lawn Memorial Gardens

2150 Mount View Rd

Marriottsville, MD 21104st Lawn Memorial Gardens (MDCLMG)

St. John Lutheran Church, 6400 Waterloo Rd Columbia, MD

Remember. Honor. Teach. On 12/17/2016, we will place wreaths on veteran gravestones at these 2 locations. Please click the red “Donate” button to help us purchase enough wreaths to cover our location.

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**SAVE THE DATE: Howard County Veterans and Military Families Resource Fair**

Tues, April 4, 2017 from 5-8pm at Miller Branch Library in Ellicott City, MD

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**Project Director for Workforce Grant to Support Transitioning Service Members**

We are seeking a Project Director responsible for overseeing the Maryland Corps Career Connect. This is a senior management position that will participate in the AAWDC leadership team and will report to the President & CEO.

Maryland Corps Career Connect (C3) will use a demand-driven approach to create an effective employment and training delivery system that starts with the employer – identifying what their specific skill and educational needs are for potential hires. C3 targets transitioning service members including those relocating to Maryland, recently separated veterans and spouses of transitioning service members and recently separated veterans. Participants will be prepared for work after a life in the service in a way that directly correlates with industry needs. Based on the defined need, staff will assess a participant’s military or work experience, skills and certifications, and then work to fill in the skill gaps with appropriate intensive services, training interventions and wrap around services. Partnering training providers will work with C3 staff to accelerate attainment of industry-recognized licensing and certification based on military experience and education. Additionally, in partnership with regional businesses and the US Chamber Foundation, work and learn opportunities will be use in an innovative way to connect the targeted population with a civilian professional

network and provide valuable hands on training. This 2-year grant will provide re-employment services to transitioning military service members entering civilian employment, recently separated veterans, and military spouses. The new initiative will provide services to about 730 service members, veterans, and spouses who are stationed primarily at Fort Meade, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Joint Base Andrews, and Patuxent River Naval Air Station or are currently living in these areas.

To Apply: Send cover letter with salary requirements and resume to [jobs@aawdc.org](mailto:jobs@aawdc.org)

Best consideration by November 11, 2016

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**Oct 25**, 10am – 1pm – Warehouse Recruitment, Columbia Workforce Development Offices

**Oct 26**, 9am-1pm - FedEx Seasonal Hire Recruitment, Glen Burnie

**October 27**, 9am-4:30pm – Transitioning Service Members Event, Maryland Department of Information Technology is sponsoring a one day military to civilian transition event for veterans and service members preparing for transition. This event is free to attendees and will provide mentoring on resume development, interviewing skills, and social media.

100 Community Place, Conference Rooms A and B, Crownsville, MD

Veterans and transitioning members may register at:

<http://doit.maryland.gov/pages/m2c.aspx>

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[Fort Meade Alliance Foundation Education and Resiliency Center](#) - The FMA Foundation has embarked on a significant partnership with the U.S. Army and the Fort George G. Meade Garrison to establish a Resiliency Campus for the service personnel, their families and civilians at the Installation. The plan includes the renovation of Kuhn Hall on the installation and its conversion into the Resiliency and Education Center, which will serve as the hub of information, programming, and services for our Fort Meade Community. The Center is an Army-wide but not

Army-exclusive initiative that focuses on the five areas of resiliency: physical, emotional, social, family and spiritual. At this center, individuals and their families will be able to locate those essential programs that will help them with issues or concerns and manage the unique challenges they face.

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**Donate Used Books to Support Fort Meade Families – Give Back Program**  
Collected your unwanted books and deposit them in one of our book bins! The revenue generated by collected books will be used by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation to support the Fort Meade Community. Book Bins can be found in the following parking lot areas:  
Gaffney Fitness Center, Commissary, PX, Potomac Place Community Center  
(Coming Soon)

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[Maryland's Commitment to Veterans FB Page](#) - Once a veteran is linked to an Regional Resource Coordinator (RRC), they will always speak to the same person. Once a relationship is built, the veteran will ideally feel heard and understood, opening up the lines of communication so needs can be met, and stability can be achieved. Assist veterans and their families with coordinating behavioral health services, including mental health and substance abuse services- either with the VA or Maryland's public mental health system. Provide information and referrals related to: Employment, Education, Housing, VA benefits Outreach: educate residents, veterans (i.e. MNG) and community groups about MCV

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### **Other Community Resources and Information**

[Veterans Health Services](#) – a nonprofit raising money to open a veteran treatment center in Laurel, check out the video and their upcoming event, [Give 5 Motorcycle Ride on Nov 5](#)

[A-OK Mentoring Volunteer Information](#) - Nov 14, 1-2pm in Columbia – A-OK is

actively seeking volunteers! We welcome people from all backgrounds and experiences to participate in the organization! We conduct volunteer information sessions on a monthly basis to help you learn more about A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring and available volunteer opportunities.

[Fort Meade MWR Bulletin](#)

Serving Together Newsletter

[Military Connection Newsletter](#)

[Veteran Mentor Network](#)

[Prince Georges County Military Veterans Families First Housing Program](#)

Lumberton, NC Veteran Support for Flood Victims

Veteran Benefit Aide and Attendance Education Information Sheet

Companies accepting A & A VA benefit: Comfor Care, [Care Patrol](#) and [Home Instead](#)

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### **Calendar of Local Veteran-Related Events**

**Now thru Oct 31** – [Made With Love](#) collecting scarves and hats for deployed service members in partnership with Operation Gratitude, several locations in Howard County

**Oct 25 (Tues)** – 5:30-8pm [NAMI and Horizon Foundation Mental Health Film Festival](#) to build awareness and compassion for those facing mental health challenges (Buried Above Ground includes the story of a combat veteran dealing

with PTSD), Snowden Square Theatre, Columbia MD

**Oct 26** (Wed) – 11am-1pm [Employer Day for Transitioning Service Members](#) , Fort Meade

**Oct 27** (Thurs)– 9:30am-4:30pm Meet with American Legion National Service Officer for [VA Benefits Counseling](#), Laurel Multi-Service Center

**Oct 29** (Sat) – 11am – 4pm Fort Meade Young Marines [Red Ribbon Youth Carnival](#)

**Oct 30** (Sun) – [Veterans and Military Families Food and Fun Community Event](#), 2:30pm-5:30pm at Laurel Community Center

**Oct 31** (Mon) – [50+ Expo, Wilde Lake HS Columbia, MD](#)

**Nov 2** (Wed) – [Fort Meade Veteran's Job Fair](#)

**Nov 3 (Thurs)** – 10am-2pm, [Andrews AFB Job Fair](#)

**Nov 3** (Thurs) – 7-8:30pm [Howard County Commission on Veterans and Military Families](#) monthly meeting, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of every month)

**Nov 4** (Fri) – 10am-1pm [Howard Community College Job Fair](#), Columbia

**Nov 5** (Sat) – 10am-5pm [Give 5 Motorcycle Ride](#) to support Veteran Health Services, Laurel MD

**Nov 7** (Mon) - [VeteransCONNECT Virtual Career Fair](#)

**Nov 8** (Tues) – Fort Meade's Army vs. Navy Flag Football, Mullins Field. Tailgating party begins at 3 p.m. with free food, beverages, moon bounce, giveaways and prize drawings! Kickoff is at 4 p.m. Come out and support your favorite team! Open to all! For more information call 301-677-3318.

**Nov 10** (Thurs) – 8am Veteran's Truck and Ambulance Dedication by Howard County Fire and Rescue, Public

Safety Training facility, Marriottsville

**Nov 10** (Thurs) – 10am-12pm Veteran's Day Meet and Greet, [North Laurel Community Center](#)

**Nov 10** (Thurs) – 2pm Veteran's Day Celebration on Fort Meade

**Nov 11** (Fri) – 9:30am Doors open/10:15am Program begins [Hospice of the](#)

[Chesapeake Veterans' Day Celebration](#), Bowie

**Nov 11** (Fri) – 12pm-1pm [Columbia Association Veteran's Celebration, Columbia Lakefront](#)

**Nov 11** (Fri) – 10am-11am Howard Community College Student Veteran Recognition Event

**Nov 11** (Fri) – [Veteran's eat free at Mission BBQ](#)

**Nov 12** (Sat) - 11am Veteran's Day Parade, Ellicott City (Starts at St. Peters Church to Rogers Ave to Ellicott Mills)

**Nov 13** (Sun) – 6-10pm [Veteran's Day/Marine Corp Birthday Celebration](#), VFW Post 7472 Ellicott City

**Nov 16** (Wed) – 8-10am Howard County Tech Council [Women in Technology Breakfast with Veteran-owned Business Owner](#)

**Nov 16** (Wed) – 10am-2pm [Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair, Fort Meyer VA](#)

**Nov 16** (Wed) – 11am-1:30pm Howard County Chamber/GovConnects [Veteran's Day Member Luncheon](#)

**Nov 16** (Wed) - 8:30am- 11:30am, [BWCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women Veterans Conference](#), CIC in Odenton

**Nov 18** (Fri) – 8am-11am [Veteran's Tech Breakfast](#) to help veterans start up and grow their business, CIC in Odenton

**Dec 1 & 8** (Thurs) – 5:30-10pm [Symphony of Lights Military Appreciation Days](#), Columbia

**Dec 17** (Sat) – Wreaths Across America, St. John Lutheran Church, 6004 Waterloo Rd. Columbia, MD 21045 and Crest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Marriottsville

**April 4, 2017** (Tue) – Howard County Veteran Resource Fair, 5-8pm Miller Library in Ellicott City, MD

**June 17, 2017** (Sat) - Tentative Fort Meade's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff Gala

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<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/veterans>

***The Department of Community Resources and Services provides vital human services through its offices of ADA Coordination, Aging and Independence, Children and Families, Community Partnerships, Consumer Protection, Local Children's Board, and Veterans and Military Families.***

**Howard County Commission on Veterans and Military Families** <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/vetcomm>

**Department of Community Resources and Services Facebook**  
<https://www.facebook.com/HoCoCommunity/>

**Commission on Veterans and Military Families Facebook**  
<https://www.facebook.com/HocoMilitary/>

**Reserved Veteran Parking Initiative**

Honor veterans living and working in Howard County by installing a Reserved Veteran Parking sign at your place of business or in honor of a loved one.

[http://www.howardchamber.com/chamber\\_information/veteran\\_parking\\_sign\\_initiative.aspx](http://www.howardchamber.com/chamber_information/veteran_parking_sign_initiative.aspx)