



# **JAMES V. "CAPT'N JIM" MCMAHAN COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

September 1, 2022. 6:30 – 8:00 PM  
County Office Building, 220 South Main, Bel Air, MD  
This meeting is open to the public.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – All in attendance

**OPENING PRAYER** – Chaplain

**MISSION:** *To advocate for our veterans and their families and connect them to resources through outreach and education.*

**VISION:** *A Harford County community that is responsive to the needs of Veterans and their families.*

## **WELCOME, OPENING COMMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- Committee Chairperson
- Committee Liaison/Coordinator

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS**

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Approval of the August 4, 2022, meeting minutes

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Veterans Resource Fair, November 12, 2022
- Veterans Claims Clinic, September 7, 2022
- Perry Point VA Donations
- Project Opportunity
- APG Immersion Day
- Maryland VA Collaborative: Interactive Discussion on Behavioral Health

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Legislative Issues

- PACT Act. New legislation expands presumptive disabilities, VA care, and benefits to Veterans suffering from more than 20 toxic exposure-related conditions. Learn more by visiting [VA.gov/PACT](http://VA.gov/PACT) or calling [1-800-MyVA411](tel:1-800-MyVA411).
- Legal Updates
- Programs and Outreach
  - VAMHCS VSO Congressional Stakeholder Information. (Email with attachments sent 19 August)
  - VA Information online “Welcome Kit” [Print Out Your VA Welcome Kit | Veterans Affairs](#)
  - Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Information sheets and rack cards
  - Military Veterans Outdoor Showcase September 17<sup>th</sup> at North Point Park beach area. 10am-2pm. Registration: 410-282-6144, or [steven.fyfe@va.gov](mailto:steven.fyfe@va.gov)
- Assistance requests received during the past month
- Information for the County Executive and/or County Council
  - Green Light Project
- Public Events and Recognition
  - Veterans Collaborative
  - Project Opportunity. Orientation is August 17<sup>th</sup>. First class September 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Suicide Prevention Proclamation Signing, 15 Sep. 1030, Myer Auditorium, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

#### **MEMBER’S UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilman Andre Johnson- Committee Liaison/ Commission Coordinator  
 Hayden Anthony (Vice Chair)  
 Simon Ballard  
 Jennifer Button  
 Arthur Kaff  
 William Montgomery  
 Dennis Miller  
 Denise Perry  
 Vic Petrosino (Chaplain)  
 Lisa Brown (Secretary)  
 Pam Silcox  
 Scott Kearby  
 Mike Ray –Representing Harford Chamber of Commerce; Benefits and Employment  
 Colonel Johnny Casiano –Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Commander  
 Barbara Travers – Harford County Community College Representative

#### **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Final comments from members and guests.
- Next meeting scheduled is scheduled for October 6, 2022.
- Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of the month unless otherwise announced.
- Meetings are open to the public.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**