



JAMES V. “CAPT’N JIM” MCMAHAN COMMISSION ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

October 6, 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 September 1, 2022, meeting minutes

OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS:

- Veterans Resource Fair, November 12, 2022
- Resource Guide and Discount Guide
- Veterans Claims Clinic, September 7, 2022
- Operation Green Light November 7-13
- Veterans Collaborative on Education September 14th

NEW BUSINESS

- Legislative Issues
 - PACT Act. New legislation expands presumptive disabilities, VA care, and benefits to Veterans suffering from more than 23 toxic exposure-related conditions. Learn more by visiting [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT) or calling 1-800-MyVA411.

- Legal Updates
- Programs and Outreach
 - VAMHCS VSO Congressional Stakeholder Information. (Email with attachments sent 22 September)
- Assistance requests received during the past month
- Information for the County Executive and/or County Council
 - Green Light Project Proclamation
 - Resource Fair Invitations for politicians
- Public Events and Recognition
 - Central Maryland Veterans Collaboratives
 - Housing and Shelter, October 12th
 - Legal Assistance topic, November 9th (Hosted by Harford County)
 - [Free Dental Cleanings at Baltimore City Community College](#)
 - Havre de Grace Veterans Day Parade, November 11th, 1000am. (Subject to approval)

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 November 3, 2022.
- Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of the month unless otherwise announced.
- Meetings are open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT