



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

November 3, 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 October 6, 2022, meeting minutes

## **OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS:**

- Veterans Resource Fair, November 12, 2022
  - Schedule, vendors, table set up, registration table, SWAG bags, raffle
  - Logistics, help needed set up/break down, parking
  - Food, tables, set up, wash station, help needed
  - Opening ceremony, MOAA presentation
- Resource Guide and Discount Guide
- Operation Green Light November 7-13
- October 12th Veterans Collaborative on Housing (report)
- Governors Challenge Quarterly Meeting report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Legislative Issues

- Reminder of Commissary privileges for any veteran with service-connected disability, Purple Heart recipient, former POW, and caregivers under the VA Caregiver program
- Harford County Tax Credit for Elderly Individuals and Veterans, Bill 22-022
- Legal Requests Updates
- Programs and Outreach
  - VAMHCS VSO Congressional Stakeholder Information. (Email with attachments sent 19 October)
  - Expanded VA Chaplain service for counseling and guidance, <https://news.va.gov/109582/va-chaplain-service-counseling-guidance/>
- Assistance requests received during the past month
- Information for the County Executive and/or County Council
  - Resource Fair Invitations for politicians-Ryan
- Public Events and Recognition
  - Central Maryland Veterans Collaborative: Legal Assistance topic, November 9<sup>th</sup> (Hosted by Harford County)
  - Havre de Grace Veterans Day Parade, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm. Begins at Hutchins Park.
  - Annapolis veteran organizations event, November 5<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm. Partnering with Blue Star Families.
  - Mission BBQ Veterans Day Event

#### **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 December 1, 2022.
- Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of the month unless otherwise announced.
- Meetings are open to the public.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**