



BALTIMORE COUNTY COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Meeting Agenda – July 26th, 2023

This Meeting is Open to the Public

Date / Time:

July 26th, 2023 / 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location:

Baltimore County Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park
1114 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21030

Mission: To advocate for the veterans of Baltimore County and connect them to resources through education and outreach.

6:00pm – 6:05pm **Call to Order / Roll Call / Quorum**

6:05pm – 6:45pm **Introduction and Remarks by Guest**

- **Patrick Smithwick**
 - Patrick is a noted educator and author who has written multiple books about Horseracing (*Racing Time, Flying Change, and Racing My Father*).
 - His life took a sudden change when his son Andrew returned from Iraq with severe symptoms of PTSD and has lived as a wandering homeless man for most of the years since.
 - Patrick captured his and Andrews' journey in his latest and personally intensive book *War's Over, Come Home – A father's search for his Son, two tour Marine Veteran of the Iraq War*.

6:45pm – 7:15pm **Commission Business**

- Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
- Old Business
 - Media
 - Commission Media Guidelines
 - Commission Facebook Page
 - Commission Website
 - Veterans Day Event Update
- New Business
 - Next Meeting: August 23rd at 6:00pm



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7:15pm – 7:30pm Commission Outreach Events

- **Review of Last Month's Veterans' Commission Events**
 - Central Maryland Veterans Coalition, June 12th
 - 4th of July Parades
 - Dundalk
 - Towson
 - Catonsville
- **Upcoming Veteran's Commission Events**
 - North Point-Edgemere VFD Parade on Friday, July 28th
 - Baltimore County Veteran Suicide Prevention Coalition, July 27th
 - Central Maryland Veterans Coalition Meeting, August 9th

7:30pm - 8:00pm Baltimore County Veterans Open Forum and Discussion

- Baltimore County Veterans and Citizens Comments
- Baltimore County Veterans Coordinator Comments
- Baltimore County Veterans Commissioner Comments

8:00pm Adjournment