



BALTIMORE COUNTY COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Agenda – September 27th, 2023

This Meeting is Open to the Public

Date / Time: Wednesday September 27th, 2023 / 7:00pm-9:00pm

Location: Towson University Liberal Arts Building, room LA 2201 *

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

7:00pm – 7:05pm **Call to Order / Roll Call / Quorum**

7:05pm – 7:35pm **Introduction and Remarks by Guest**

- **Mr. Craig Barnes** – Senior Vice Commander, Disabled American Veterans, Department of Maryland
 - The DAV Department of Maryland is driven by a deep loyalty and gratitude for the armed forces. Our mission is “empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity.” We achieve this mission and honor our nation’s injured heroes with vital support services and comprehensive programs.
 - Mission Statement - We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America’s injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

7:35pm – 8:15pm **Commission Business**

- Approval of Last Meeting Minutes (August 23rd)
- Old Business
 - Website
 - Veterans Day Celebration planning
- New Business

* **Attendees** - Park in the visitor section of the Towson town Parking Garage on campus, you can exit off the second floor and walk directly across the street and into the second floor of the Liberal Arts building, which will be the floor to find room LA 2201.



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8:15pm – 8:30pm Commission Outreach Events

- **Review of Last Month's Veterans' Commission Events**
 - Baltimore County Veteran Suicide Prevention Coalition, August 24th
 - Central Maryland Veterans Collaborative Meeting, September 13th

- **Upcoming Veteran's Events**
 - A Day at Ease" – Patriot Pride & Exhibition Fair - **September 30th**, Union Bridge, Maryland
 - Baltimore County Commission on Veterans' Affairs Meeting – Wednesday **October 25th**
 - First Howard County Veteran Owned Small Biz Expo – **October 28th** - 10am-2pm at the Howard County EDA/MD Innovation Center, Columbia Gateway

8:30pm - 9:00pm Baltimore County Veterans Open Forum and Discussion

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

9:00pm Adjournment