

Press Release

Howard County American Legion, VFW, and Marine Corps League Memorial Day Ceremonies

The annual Howard County Veteran Service Organizations Memorial Day Ceremonies will occur on Sunday May 26th and Monday May 27th.

On Sunday May 26th at Noon, Howard County's American Legion Post 156 and Marine Corps League Detachment 1084 will conduct a Memorial Day Ceremony at St. John Episcopal Church in Ellicott City, Maryland (9120 Frederick Road). The Color Guard will be provided by the Howard County Civil Air Patrol, and the Guest Speaker will be Cole Schnorf, a Gold Star Family Member, who will be providing comments on the meaning of Memorial Day for a Gold Star Family Member.

On Sunday May 26th at 2:00pm, Howard County's VFW Post 7472 will conduct a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Ellicott City VFW Post 7472 Post (4225 VFW Lane). The Color Guard will be provided by VFW Post 7472, and the Guest Speaker will be Naomi Ling, a graduating River Hill High School Senior, National Merit Scholarship Winner, award-winning Poet, and Founder of the RHHS Students Partner with Veterans Club – Naomi will be providing a talk on the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Brooklyn (and the ultimate sacrifice of the Maryland 400).

On Monday May 27th at 8:00am, Howard County's Marine Corps League Detachment 1084 will take part in the Harriet Tubman Memorial Day Ceremony hosted by the Harriet Tubman Cultural Center, 8045 Harriet Tubman Ln, Columbia, MD. The Color Guard will be provided by the Howard High School Junior ROTC Unit, and the Guest Speaker will be the County Executive, Dr. Calvin Ball. Dr. Ball is the proud son and grandson of US military Veterans; his efforts have ensured the success of the Millie Bailey Park, the future Veterans and Military Families Monument located near the Columbia Mall, and numerous Veteran and Family Member initiatives for Howard County.

A wreath laying ceremony will occur during all 3 ceremonies. All are invited to observe this patriotic ceremony rendering final honors to Our Nation's Colors.

Howard County Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) include the American Legion Posts 156 and 300, VFW Post 7472, Marine Corps League Detachment 1084, the Civil Air Patrol, The Colonel Dorsey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Charles Carroll Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Maryland Gold Star Mothers and Maryland Chapter Chesapeake Blue Star Mothers, and the Students Partnering with Veterans Club.

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