Press Release – Howard County Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14, 2024

The Howard County quarterly flag retirement ceremony is scheduled for 11:00am on Friday June 14, 2024 (which is coincidentally both Flag Day and the U.S. Army's Birthday). The ceremony will occur at the Alpha Ridge Landfill in Ellicott City, MD. All are invited to observe this patriotic ceremony rendering final honors to our Nation's Colors.

Howard County Veteran Service Organization (VSO) members from American Legion Posts 156 and 300, VFW Post 7472, and Marine Corps League Detachment 1084 will participate in the June 14th ceremony. The Colonel Dorsey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Charles Carroll Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, representatives of the Maryland Gold Star Mother's, and representatives of the Maryland Chapter Chesapeake Blue Star Mothers will be represented at the ceremony.

Prior to the 30-minute ceremony, volunteers will prepare hundreds of frayed and tattered U.S. flags for their respectful retirement. Almost all the flags were previously dropped off by Howard County community members at the Alpha Ridge Landfill Resident's Convenience Center on Marriottsville Road.

Howard County's Veteran Service Organizations continue to express their gratitude to Howard County and the Alpha Ridge Landfill Recycling Center for their partnership with the American Legion's Adams, Hanna, Moore Memorial Post 156; the Recycling Center maintains the American Flag depository box at the Alpha Ridge Landfill Recycling Center. For more information on the American Flag depository box and how to properly dispose of unserviceable American Flags, visit https://hcwg.org/american-flag-disposal-service-at-hoco-alpha-ridge/

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