

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 9

RESOLUTION NO. 112-2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Omar J. Jones IV – Commission for Veterans and Military Families

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Omar J. Jones IV to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

Introduced and read first time on July 6, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on July 20, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on Sept 8, 2026.

Certified by Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

July 29, 2026 Tabled Michelle Harrod

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard
2 County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm
3 nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Section 6.342 and Title 6, Subtitle 7 of the Howard County Code provide for
5 a Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Omar J. Jones IV as
7 a member of the Commission for Veterans and Military Families; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and
9 confidence in the abilities of the nominee.

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
11 Maryland this 8 day of September, 2026 that the following person is appointed as a
12 member of the Commission for Veterans and Military Families to serve from the passage of this
13 Resolution to September 8, 2029 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

14 Omar J. Jones IV
15 Ellicott City, MD

OMAR J. JONES IV



Omar Jones is a retired Army Lieutenant General with 30+ years of experience leading, building, and coaching inspired teams to achieve enduring results.

He currently leads Omar Jones Consulting & Advisory where he assists executive leaders optimize talent management, leader development, and organizational performance with a primary focus on entities supporting military installations.

Omar has significant experience building coalitions between governmental and private organizations and among local, state, and federal governmental organizations.

As Commanding General of the U.S. Army Installation Command, he led a global organization managing over 100 installations, 60,000 teammates, and a \$14 billion budget, focusing on innovation and stakeholder engagement while supporting readiness across the Army and quality of life for soldiers and their families.

Throughout his career, Omar built coalitions between governmental and private organizations, and across local, state, and federal levels. He led the Department of Defense's Joint Task Force – National Capital Region, overseeing the DoD's response in the region to the COVID-19 pandemic and military support for the 2021 Presidential Inauguration. Earlier, as Chief of Public Affairs for the U.S. Army, he planned and executed Army-wide communication strategies and developed strong relationships with media, academia, and government officials.

He was a career infantry officer who led Soldiers from platoon to General Officer command. Omar has operational experience across the US, Germany, Bulgaria, and Bosnia with combat experience in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait.

Omar is currently the Advisory Board Chair for GreenGen in Bethesda, Maryland. He is also a senior advisor and board member for the Military Housing Association. And, he is a member of the President's Advisory Council for the Association of Defense Communities.

Omar holds a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, a Master of National Security Strategy from the National Defense University's National War College, and a Bachelor of Science in Operations Research from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Omar and his wife, Tracey, live in Howard County, Maryland which is home for both of their families and where they graduated Glenelg High School together. Tracey is a high school counselor and an Independent Education Consultant.