

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

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RESOLUTION NO. 118 - 2016

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Robert Lowell to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

Introduced and read first time on October 5, 2016.

By order Jessica Feldman  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on October 17, 2016.

By order Jessica Feldman  
Jessica Feldmark, 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn  by the County Council on November 9, 2016.

Certified by Jessica Feldman  
Jessica Feldmark, 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.



**Colonel Robert P. Lowell, USAR (Ret)**

Colonel Lowell received his Bachelor of Arts degree in the social sciences from Syracuse University, and his Juris Doctor degree, *cum laude*, from the State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Law. He also received a Masters in Law degree from the Georgetown University Graduate Law Center, Washington, DC.

Colonel Lowell was commissioned in 1968 as a Military Intelligence officer through the Army ROTC program at Syracuse University. Following law school, he branch-transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Corps. After completing the JAG Officer Basic Course, Colonel Lowell was assigned to HQ, First U.S. Army, and then to HQ, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Meade, MD. He served on active duty from 1972-1976.

Following active duty, Colonel Lowell served in active Army Reserve troop program units from 1976, until his retirement in June 1999, with 31 years of creditable service. His reserve assignments include Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, HQ, 2122d USAG, Baltimore MD, and Contract Law Officer in the 207<sup>th</sup> JAG Detachment, 10<sup>th</sup> Military Law Center, Washington, DC. He became the Detachment Commander in 1989, and in 1990, the unit was called to active duty in support of Operations Desert Shield/Storm. Then lieutenant colonel Lowell served from 1990-1991, as Chief, Contract Law Branch, OSJA, 22d Support Command (Theatre Army Area), Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. After the war, Colonel Lowell again served in the 10<sup>th</sup> Military Law Center, first as Chief, International/Claims/Operations Law and S-1, and then as the Deputy Commander. Upon his promotion to colonel, Colonel Lowell was selected in 1995 to serve as the Senior Legal Officer for the Joint Reserve Unit (JRU) supporting the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command (later designated as the Joint Forces Command), Norfolk, VA. The JRU, authorized by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was the first unit of its kind in the Department of Defense.

Colonel Lowell's professional military education includes the JA Officer Basic and Advanced courses and the Command and General Staff College. His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Kuwait Liberation medals, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award.

In his civilian career, Colonel Lowell served from 1977-1984, as a Department of the Army civilian attorney in the OSJA, HQ, Fort Meade, where he was the Chief of the Procurement and Labor Law Branch. From 1985-1999, he was a senior attorney with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, first as an administrative judge in the Baltimore District Office, and then at Headquarters in the Office of Federal Operations, Washington D.C., where he developed and implemented policy guidance and prepared regulations and directive guidance on the adjudication of employment discrimination complaints throughout the federal government. From 1999, until his retirement from federal service in May 2014, Colonel Lowell served as a senior attorney in the Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, at the U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. Colonel Lowell retired from the federal government with 42 years of total federal service.

He is married to the former Cynthia Baker, and they live in Ellicott City, MD. They have one daughter, Stephanie, who graduated from Clemson University, and is completing degree requirements for the master of science in occupational therapy at the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, Richmond, VA.