

Howard County Council
Ellicott City, MD

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From: Dr. Lorinzo Foxworth

REF: Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Family

Good evening distinguished Howard County Council and thanks for allowing me the opportunity to apprise you of my interest and commitment to become a member of the Commission for Veterans and Families.

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I'm Lorinzo Foxworth, a retired 20 year Army Veteran who have led soldiers and families as I served in positions of training for combat, leading Human Resources, Training development teams and performed Army recruiting duties in Howard County from for over 13 years as a First Sergeant. I've been a Howard County resident since 2012 and have volunteered to serve veterans while living here, Colorado, and in Georgia.

The Commission was established by County Legislation in 2011 to increase capacity for veterans and military families in areas of education, referral and employment services, advocate for outreach and needs that fits the Commissions mission to assist and help.

I feel I can be an asset to the Commission for Veterans and Military Families by helping to increase outreach, enhancing objectives to serve and by being a resource to the Commission's goals of helping veterans and families feel more welcomed by recognizing additional services that may increase capacity.

My dad and my father-in-law served in the Army and Navy respectively during WWII and I gained the passion of serving veterans based on what they went through and what I learned myself. I also have a son that served in the Army National Guard during college.

I will use my experience of being an Army veteran, my experience as Vice-President of workforce programing at Northern Virginia Community College, my experience as a JROTC high school instructor, my time served on the executive board of MCVET in Baltimore to be a key asset to the Commission. Currently, I am a member of the Ellicott City American Legion, and I was elected to the Howard County Democratic Central Committee and I will ensure to keep veterans in the conversation for resources.

As VP at Northern Virginia CC, we provided workforce certification to veterans and families and helped over 200 gain certification and employment in a two-year period. As a member of MCVETs Executive Board, I helped the agency attain approval for a \$3 million dollar grant in Baltimore just this March 2023. I hope to be able to help this Commission to be even more effective in serving and gaining resources as well. I know I will assist in helping to gain resources for the Veteran's Monument approved for the lake front in Columbia.

I look forward to your consideration and approval to become a member of the commission and I am ready to respond to any questions if needed.

Thank you, Dr. Lorinzo Foxworth