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North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

ON POINT NEWSLETTER

April 2022 Newsletter

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#ICYMI

North Carolina ROTC Roundtable Highlights Contributions of African American Servicemembers to NC



The 2nd North Carolina ROTC Roundtable was held at Fayetteville State University in March, and aimed to educate, develop, and inform future leaders by illuminating the contributions of African Americans who paved the way for today's service members of color. NCDMVA Secretary Walter E. Gaskin, LtGen. USMC, Ret., Gen. Michael X. Garrett, Commanding General FORSCOM, Maj. Gen. Rodney Anderson Brig. Gen Arnold Gordon Bray, and former AUSA president CSM.

McFowler discussed the legacy of African American servicemembers and what it takes now for up-and-coming cadets to forge ahead, and become leaders in furtherance of the mission of our national defense.

The ROTC Roundtable was a collaboration between NCDMVA, NC State Archives, Fayetteville State University, and the Association of the United States Army (AUSA).

See photos [Here](#)

See Fayetteville Observer story [Here](#)

Above photo shows General Arnold Gordon Bray talking to Cadets.

Governor Cooper Encourages Employers to Apply for HIRE Vets Medallion Program



RALEIGH: Governor Roy Cooper and North Carolina Department of Commerce Secretary Machelle Baker Sanders are encouraging North Carolina employers to hire veterans and to apply for recognition with a HIRE Vets Medallion Award, an official program of the U.S. Department of Labor.

To Learn more: www.HireVets.gov

Respecting the Sacrifices of our Veterans

AFRICAN AMERICAN MILITARY AND VETERANS LINEAGE PROJECT

The North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in collaboration with the Elizabeth City State University School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the North Carolina Museum of History, and the State Archives of North Carolina, created a platform in which African American veterans can share their experiences at schools, military installations, cultural centers, and libraries across the state. The content of the "We Wanted to Fight" exhibition originates in part from veterans interviewed as a component of this project.

EXHIBIT DATES:
MARCH 2022
4-27

VISIT THE EXHIBIT AT
 Elizabeth City State University
G.R. LITTLE LIBRARY
 1704 Weickville Road
 Elizabeth City, NC 27909

HOURS OF OPERATION
 MON-THURS. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 FRI. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 SAT. 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 SUN. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

View the documentary, "In the Face of Adversity" at youtu.be/nB35rC4upCc

The African American Military and Veterans Lineage Project, managed by the NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, is designed to address the lack of information regarding the roles, triumphs, and heroism that North Carolina African Americans played in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf Wars, and War on Terror in the early conflicts, despite being given inferior equipment and less training, as well as navigating a segregated and biased military. Black Americans served with valor and courage.

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"We Wanted to Fight" Exhibit Continues Tour across North Carolina

The traveling exhibit "We Wanted to Fight: Black North Carolinians in World War II" Leaves Elizabeth City State University School of Humanities and travels to Museum of Albemarle, where it will be throughout the month of April. If you are in the beautiful northeastern part of our state, be sure to visit the museum and this truly remarkable exhibit.



Dorothea Dix Care Unit Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On March 25 Cape Fear Valley Health officially opened the Dorothea Dix Adolescent Care Unit on its campus in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The facility will house 16 inpatient beds for adolescents ages 12-17 and provide acute inpatient behavioral health care with around-the-clock staff with at least one psychiatrist and four psychiatry residents present.

Psychiatrist Sree Jadapalle, M.D. will be the service director at the new facility and the fellowship program director for a new Child Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship that begins in the summer.

Cemetery for Military Veterans Dedicated in Cherokee

A dedication ceremony for a new veterans ceremony

was held Tuesday, March 29th in the Wolfetown Community of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. The dedication took place at the American Legion Post 143.

The Burgess-Oocumma Veterans Memorial Cemetery will now provide a final dignified resting place for those who served. The two-acre plot of land was named in honor of Native American veterans John Edward Oocumma and John Decatur Burgess, both of whom were killed in Vietnam. The Burgess family dedicated the land. The North Carolina Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (DMVA) Secretary Walter E. Gaskin, said "It's about time that our country recognizes the sacrifice of those who have come forth."



The cemetery will be a coveted place of honor set against the backdrop of beautiful Cherokee N.C., an enduring tribute to all who served.

See more pictures [Here](#)



North Carolina National Guard Opens Museum

The North Carolina National Guard highly anticipated museum is now open. Last month, guardsmen installed a tank and combat vehicle at the site of the museum just off of Blue Ridge Road, and directly across the street from the NC art museum.

The North Carolina National Guard Museum will house a collection of artifacts, documents and memorabilia of historical significance, to be preserved and displayed throughout the museum.

View the [NCNG Museum's Homepage](#)



NCDMVA At Work

NCDMVA Holds 2022 Annual VSO Veterans Services Training Conference



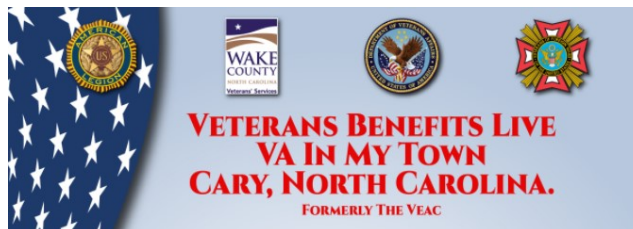
NCDMVA and NCACVSO annual training conference

The North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs conducted its annual training conference March 14-17 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. The conference was attended by Veteran Service Officers from the NCDMVA and the NC Association of County Veteran Service

Officers. Nearly 150 attendees received twelve Continuous Education Units from training presented by the National Veterans Legal Services Program. Training included topics such as Inadequate VA exams, Gulf War Illness claims, joint disability claims and duty to assist in locating records. Secretary Gaskin attended the afternoon session on March 16th and spoke to the attendees. He relayed his appreciation for the incredible work each Veteran Service Officer does to ensure our veterans receive the benefits they have earned.

See more pictures from the conference [Here](#)

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Winston-Salem Regional Office held it's annual [Veterans Benefits Live, VA in My Town](#) (former Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC)) in Cary, North Carolina. Along with the American Legion Post 67, Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC), brings thousands of veterans face-to-face with Service Officers, VBA and VHA employees and others offering assistance and resources.

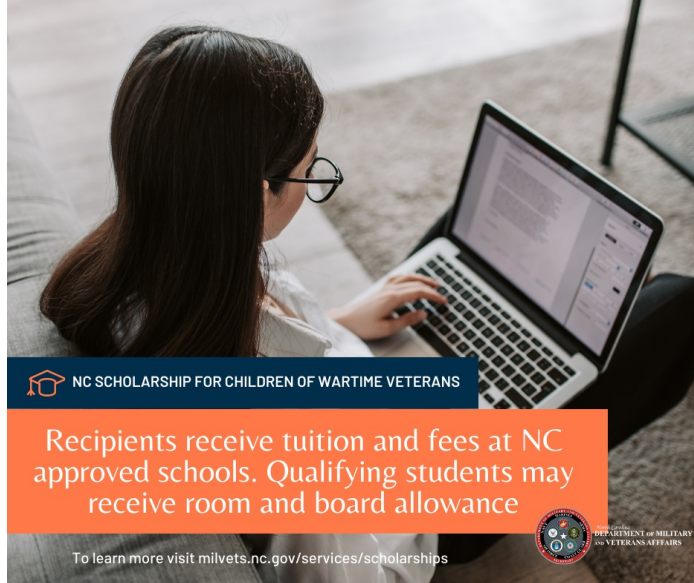



See video [Here](#)



Public Service Announcements


Apply: NC Scholarship for Children of Wartime Veterans



 NC SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF WARTIME VETERANS

Recipients receive tuition and fees at NC approved schools. Qualifying students may receive room and board allowance

To learn more visit milvets.nc.gov/services/scholarships



[More information](#)

Extention of Gulf War Presumptive Period



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The Department of Veteran Affairs has extended the presumptive period for qualifying chronic disabilities resulting from undiagnosed illnesses in Persian Gulf War Veterans to December 31, 2026.

To learn more about VA and Gulf War Veterans, click the button below.

[More information](#)

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You are not alone. Connect with Care Now.



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VA's top clinical priority is preventing suicide among all Veterans— including those who do not, and may never, seek care within the VA health care system.

As a Veteran, you can play a role in fulfilling this mission, and VA can equip you with tools to do your part.

You can explore suicide prevention resources to build networks of support among community-based organizations, Veterans Service Organizations, health care providers, and other members of your community that strengthen protective factors for Veterans.



[More information](#)

Save the Date

May 10 & 11: VA Women's *heaRT* Reengagement Training

*It's never too late to enroll in VA health care services. Sign up for the VA Women's Health Reengagement Training (*heaRT*) to help you gain a better understanding of how VA can support your health care needs.*

If you are a woman with military service experience and are not enrolled in VA health care, this program is for you. We are partnering with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Women's Health (OWH) to bring the nation's Veteran women unenrolled in VA services a training program to help you understand what VA health care services are available and how to access these services.

Through the VA Women's Health Reengagement Training (*heaRT*), you will have the opportunity to connect with fellow Veteran women in your community and learn what Veteran-and women-centered VA health care services are available to you:

- Preventive care and wellness
- Women's health services
- Whole health & mental health services
- How to determine VA care eligibility and enroll in VA

The virtual training will be a women-only, one-time, 4-hour session.

To register, visit https://bit.ly/womensheart_NC.

If you do not have access to internet or a smartphone, please call (971) 394-3270 to register. You are welcome to register for any session, but we recommend attending one hosted in your state to learn about

customized resources local to you.

Please contact info@WomensheaRT.info with any questions.



Did You Know?
If you have TRICARE and/or private insurance, you could still be eligible for VA services.

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 Women Veterans Health Reengagement Training
— heaRT —



Community Calendar

[Click here](#) for an up-to-date listing of military and veterans-focused events across North Carolina this month.

Apr 9 [National Former POW Recognition Day](#)
Apr 9 [Team Rubicon Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance Rebuild Project Trent Woods](#)
Apr 9 [Jazz on Vets Charlotte](#)
Apr 10 [NET Team Rubicon Grab Your Go Bag Eastern Carolinas & Social Wilmington](#)
Apr 14 [Air Force Reserve Birthday](#)
Apr 15 [Purple Up! For Military Kids Day](#)
Apr 15 [PHH Spring Golf Classic, Concord](#)
Apr 15 [Team Rubicon Community Food Distribution Greenwood](#)
Apr 16 [Team Rubicon Aberdeen H4H Aberdeen](#)
Apr 17 [USO and NASCAR Tickets for Food City Dirt Race, Bristol, TN](#)
Apr 22 [VOL Team Rubicon RASSCO Training New Bern](#)
Apr 22-24 [2022 OPERATION PURPLE HEALING ADVENTURES NC TN CO TX](#)
Apr 22 [HOPEWAY Differential Diagnosis of Bipolar Spectrum Disorders and Borderline Personality Disorder](#)
Apr 23 [Army Reserve Birthday](#)
Apr 30 [National Military Brats Day](#)
Apr 30 [Combined Arms LGBTQ Veterans and Allies Ball, Houston-TX](#)

May 2022 Events

May 1 [2022 WPSOC Founders Day, Charlotte](#)
May 10-11 [VA Women's heaRT Reengagement Training](#)
May 11 [NCSTRIVE Adapt and Overcome, Fayetteville](#)
May 20-24 [2022 Operation Purple Healing Adventures TN CO TX](#)
May 29 [USO Tickets Coca Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway](#)

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