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North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

ON POINT NEWSLETTER

June 2022 Newsletter

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#ICYMI

Solemn & Moving Memorial Day Ceremony



NC State Veterans Home located in Fayetteville had a solemn but, moving Memorial Day program, which was relocated inside due to inclement weather, and was led off by the Sandhills District Boy Scout troop presenting the colors. A veteran then led off by singing of the National Anthem.

The guest speaker was retired Lt. Col Barh, who is a member American Legion, and he was followed by Elks 1081 Lodge presenting a wreath. Gold Star Mother Julie Bessa was then presented a fresh flower arrangement in memory of her son.

Governor Cooper Encourages Employers to Apply for HIRE Vets Medallion Program

RALEIGH: Governor Roy Cooper and North Carolina Department of Commerce Secretary Mabelle 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

Doing Whatever It Takes for the Kids



Congratulations DMVA for Winning Veteran Friendly Employer of the Year

The AMVETS Veteran Friendly Employer of the Year Awards program recognizes employers from the private sector and government who have made great strides by providing employment to our veterans. The awards recognize organizations based on their commitment to serving veterans through both their hiring practices and community involvement.

NCDMVA At Work

NC Military Appreciation Day & Hall of First



A new exhibit at the North Carolina Museum of History opened this month honoring those in North Carolina who have served their country. The NC Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (NCDMVA) and the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) launched the “North Carolina Military Hall of Firsts.”

The new exhibit inducted eight people, three of whom were present, into its halls initially, with plans to induct many more. Inductees to the North Carolina Military Hall of Firsts are to be persons who, by the excellence of their

military careers in or connection to civic service, have brought substantial honor, recognition, and esteem to themselves, their families, and the state. In addition, the mission of the North Carolina Military Hall of Firsts is to promote equal and inclusive opportunities for veterans and their families in all aspects of society.

Among the presenters at the event was North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Secretary Walter Gaskin who said, “This exhibit will highlight the contributions of North Carolinians throughout history who were trailblazers, and ardent supporters of the mission of the United States military”, Gaskin said.

Be sure to checkout photos from the event by clicking the below button.

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**North Carolina State Veterans
Home- Salisbury Completes Major**

\$5M+ Renovation



North Carolina State Veterans Home – Salisbury, a member of the PruittHealth family of providers, recently completed more than \$5 million in renovations on the center to improve the daily lives of the veterans it serves and upgrade the working environment for caregivers



The multi-phase renovation took place on the first and second floors of the building, including a 3,000-square-foot addition to an existing 64,000-square-foot building. The project also updated veteran rooms, nurse stations, corridors, offices, and added a new conference room with ample space for events and activities. The addition also includes a new courtyard, where veterans can enjoy fresh air and sunshine in a secure environment.




The renovations provide more space for veterans to participate in daily activities. A virtual tour of the improvements can be accessed [here](#).

Left: Veteran Billy Cline enjoying the new courtyard


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

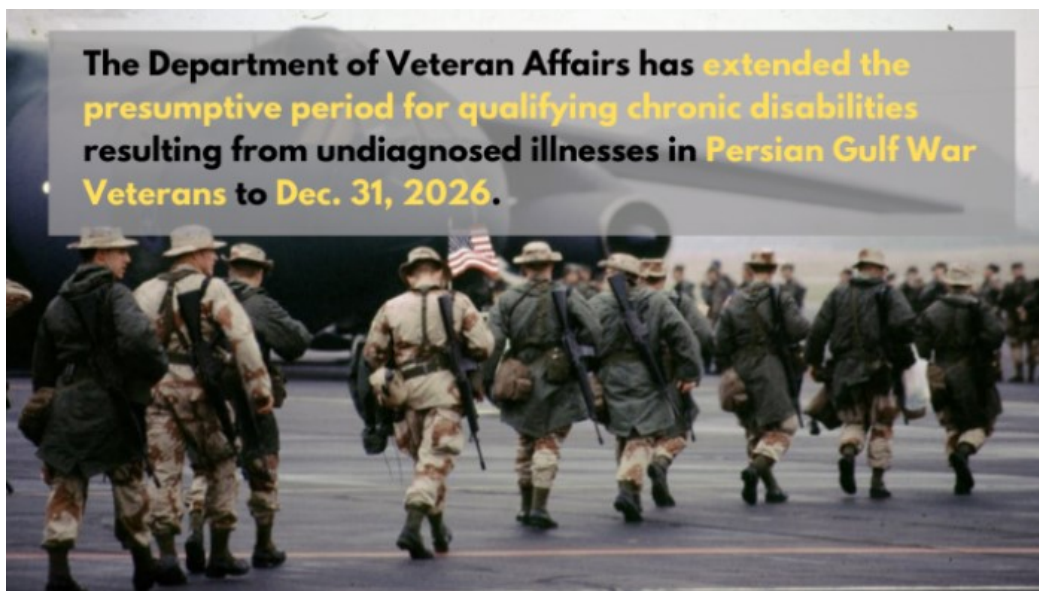
To learn more visit milvets.nc.gov/services/scholarships



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Extension of Gulf War Presumptive Period

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 [here](#)



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

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You are not alone. Connect with Care Now.



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.

Leaderboard



DMVA New Communications Specialist

Moon Leung is the newest information and communications specialist. She is responsible for managing both the traditional and new media profile and presence, via press releases, social media posts and more. Moon is excited to be part of the team, saying, “the job is so meaningful to me.”

Moon holds a bachelor’s degree in journalism and is a New York Festivals best documentary award-winning reporter. In addition to being a journalist, she also worked with several international non-government organizations including UNICEF and WWF before joining the NC DMVA, “It is such an honor to work for those who give so much,” Moon says. “My work is very different from yours, but please know that I will use my communication strengths to advocate for you and ensure that North Carolina is the most military-friendly and veteran-friendly state in the nation.”

Moon was born in Hong Kong and now lives in Cary with her husband Terry and three daughters, two of whom are identical twins.

Save the Date

247th US Army Birthday Reenlistment Ceremony

**247TH
US ARMY
BIRTHDAY**
REENLISTMENT CEREMONY



14

JUNE

6:00P GATES OPEN
6:10P CEREMONY
7:05P GAME STARTS
*TICKETS CAN BE
PURCHASED AT
BOX OFFICE



**RECOGNIZING SOLDIERS
VOLUNTEER
REENLISTMENT
&
PAYING TRIBUTE TO ACTIVE
DUTY SERVICEMEN & WOMEN**



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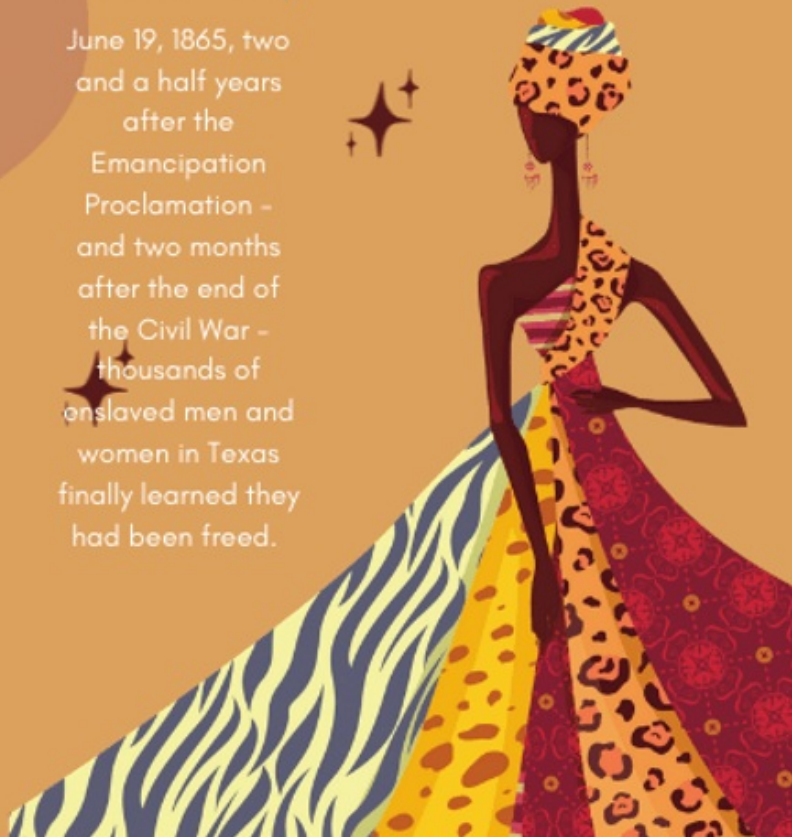


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Juneteenth

Freedom Day

June 19, 1865, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation - and two months after the end of the Civil War - thousands of enslaved men and women in Texas finally learned they had been freed.



Community Calendar

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

June 2022 Events

Jun 14 [Flag Day](#)

Jun 14 [Army Birthday](#)

Jun 16 [CFVC 4th Annual NC Outstanding Combat Female Veteran Award Ceremony, Kernersville](#)

June 18-19 [Team Rubicon Planning Section Chief TtT – Los Angeles, CA](#)

June 18-19 [Team Rubicon Core Operations 1 TtT – Grand Prairie, TX](#)

Jun 23 [Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday](#)

Jun 27 [National PTSD Awareness Day](#)

Jun 28 [Patriots Path Mock Interview Session](#)

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