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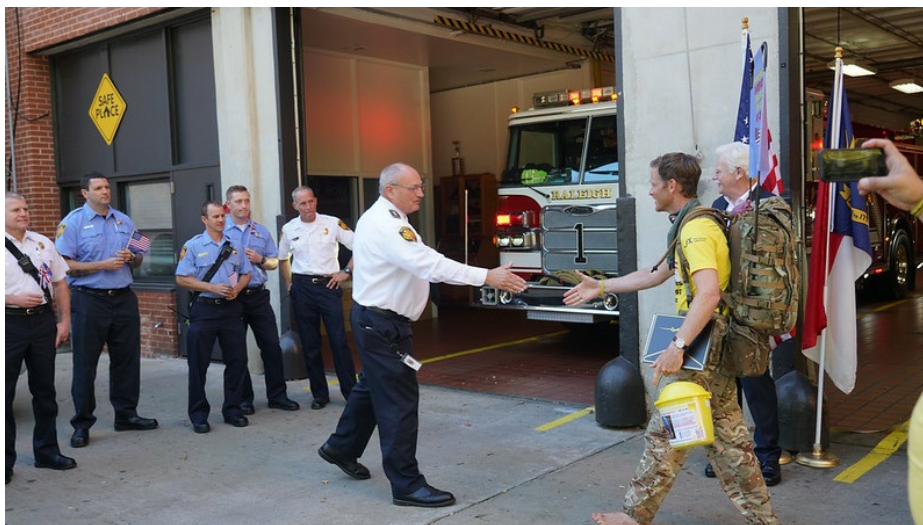
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#ICYMI

British Army Major Ends 1,000-mile Barefoot Walk in NC to Raise Awareness for Daughter's Rare Disease

Last month, [British Army Major Chris Brannigan ended his 1,000-mile barefoot march from Maine in North Carolina](#) on a mission to fund research for his 9-year-old daughter's rare genetic disorder called Cornelia de Lange syndrome. NCDMVA joined military representatives, UK and North Carolina government officials, and local leaders at Raleigh Station 1 to cheer Brannigan on as he completed his journey.



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Recording Available: 2021NC Women Milvets Virtual Summit

The 2021 Women MilVets Virtual Summit, hosted via Facebook Live, was a huge success. The event featured special welcome messages from Governor Cooper, NCDHHS Secretary Cohen, and NCDMVA Secretary Gaskin. Topics for discussion included Mental Health, VHA Women's Health Services, Veteran Benefits Administration, State Benefits and Employment. If you missed it, a recording is available online.

[Watch now](#)



NC Governor's Working Group: Social Determinants of Veteran Suicides Series Continues through January

In September, the [NC Governor's Working Group](#) began a five-part series discussing Veterans Suicide and Prevention. This series will run through January 2022 and will feature a deep dive into one of the most critical issues facing Veterans today.

Watch Part 2 in the series on the "The Role of Trauma" [here](#) and mark your calendar for Part 3 of the series on November 16.

[Learn more](#)

NCDMVA At Work

NCDMVA Challenging NC Employers to Hire Veterans through Veterans Day

In September, NCDMVA joined [North Carolina for Military Employment](#) (NC4ME), the North Carolina Department of Commerce, and



Governor Roy Cooper in challenging North Carolina businesses to "[Honor Veterans by Hiring Veterans](#)" by hiring at least one veteran, transitioning service member, National Guard/Reserve member or military spouse between September and Veterans Day.

This week, Governor Cooper [proclaimed](#) Nov. 8-12 "Employ A Veteran Week," and a variety of events to help connect veterans to jobs and other services are taking place across the state.

[Visit our website](#)

Charlotte celebrates First African American Marines with street renaming

On Thursday, October 28th, the City of Charlotte renamed Phifer Avenue to Montford Point Avenue in honor of the first African Americans who enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1942. Montford Point is the North Carolina base where African American enlistees trained because they weren't allowed to do so with their white counterparts. The ceremony [recognized](#) those Montford Marines and their families. The U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard was also present, as well as the Johnson C. Smith University drumline. Among the [guest speakers](#) attending the unveiling were Montford Point Marine Association President James Averhart, Charlotte Chapter 40 President Craig Little, and NCDMVA Secretary Walter Gaskin.

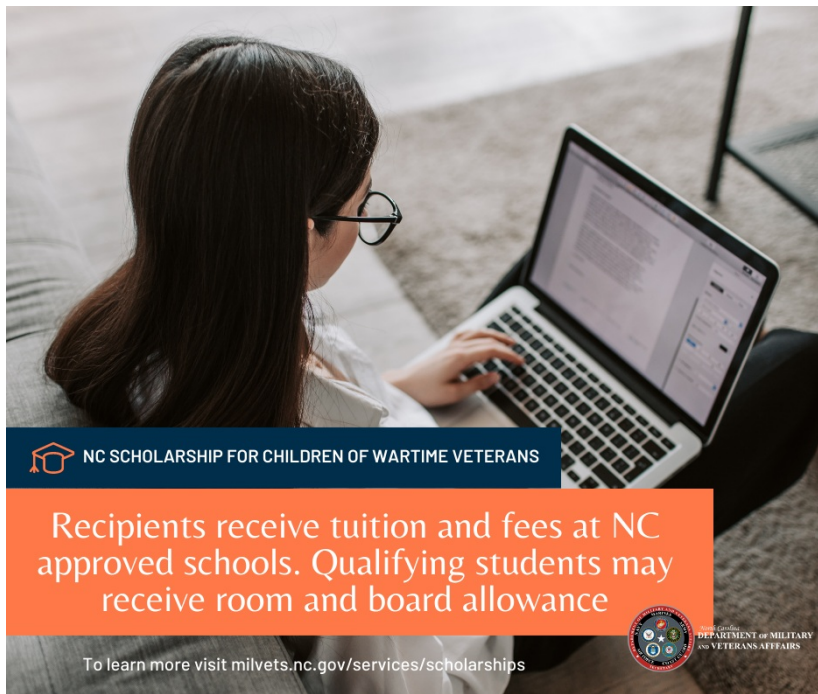



NCDMVA Secretary LtGen Walter Gaskin, National Montford Point Marine President James T. Averhart

[Learn more](#)

DMVA 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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More information



Call NCDMVA at 844-624-8387 with questions.

It's that time again: Toys for Tots

NCDMVA is collecting donations for this year's Toys for Tots drive. Please drop off new, unwrapped toys and books at NCDMVA ([413 N Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC 27603](https://www.ncdmva.org/413-N-Salisbury-St-Raleigh-NC-27603) or Dobbs Bldg. 430 N. Salisbury St.) before Dec. 15, 2021. Donations may be dropped off Monday - Friday, 9am to 4pm. Visit the [Toys for Tots Website](https://www.toysfortots.org/) for more information.

Heroes Corner: Free Duke Football Tickets

You can request complimentary Heroes Corner Duke Football tickets directly through GoDuke.com/servicetickets. Thanks to the generosity of Duke Football fans, hundreds of tickets have been pre-purchased to be distributed to military and first responder units for the following games on a first-come, first-served basis:

- Saturday, November 6th vs. Pittsburgh @ 12:00pm (Military Appreciation Day)
- Thursday, November 18th vs. Louisville @ 7:30 pm
- Saturday, November 27th vs. Miami

Got tickets

Is it time to get your COVID-19 booster?

To strengthen and extend protections against COVID-19, many North Carolinians who have been fully vaccinated can now receive a COVID-19 booster shot if they are eligible.

COVID-19

Am I eligible for a booster shot?

@NCDHHS

WHO?

If you received a Pfizer or Moderna series:

- > 65 years and older
- > Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- > Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- > Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

If you received a J&J vaccine:

- > Age 18+

WHEN?

If you received a Pfizer or Moderna series:

- > At least 6 months after Pfizer or Moderna
- > At least 2 months after J&J

WHICH BOOSTER SHOT DO I GET?

- > You may have a preference, but you can get any booster shot.

Illustrations of diverse people receiving booster shots.

Find out if you are eligible

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](#).

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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.



#MilVetsNC Leaderboard

With honor, in gratitude: our Leaderboard recognizes the impact of North

Carolina's military and Veterans community, and the individuals who work on behalf of those who have served.

Patty O'Sullivan: Dare County Veterans Service Employee of the Month

Last month, NCDMVA stopped by the Outer Banks Veterans booth at the Outer Banks Seafood Festival to congratulate Dare County Veteran Services Officer, Patty O'Sullivan, for her well-deserved recognition as Dare County's October Employee of the Month.

For more information about the wide array of veteran's services that are available in Dare County, visit www.DareNC.com/Veterans.



October 2021 Dare County Employee of the Month: Patty O'Sullivan, Dare County Department of Health & Human Services Veterans Services Officer.

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Saluting and honoring veterans in our State Veterans Homes



Every November 11th, the nation comes together to remember and honor the service and sacrifices of our Veterans. Veteran's Day means many things to many people. Residents of our State Veterans Homes, all of whom are veterans themselves, reflect on what Veteran's Day means to them.

Henry Strayhorn - NCSVH Salisbury



Being a Veteran means more to me than ever before. The gratitude and respect people now have for service members makes me feel good. The benefits were a lifesaver for me and my family. I would not be where I am today without my military service. Veterans Day is a day to celebrate all things military members have done and continue to do. I feel proud to show my service on Veterans Day. My grandchildren appreciate my service and sacrifice."
- Mr. Henry Strayhorn, Salisbury State Veterans Home, United States Air Force

John Gauldin - NCSVH Salisbury



"Veterans make this a better country. I am glad so many people have served and sacrificed so much for this country. Americans standing up for others and their country makes me proud, especially on Veterans Day."
- Mr. John Gauldin, Salisbury Veterans Home, United States Army

Frank Love - NCSVH Black Mountain

A lot of men and women have died, it a day of honoring those that have died.”

- Sgt Frank Love, Black Mountain Veterans Home, United States Marine Corp



See Our
Veterans

[See more of the men and women that having given so much of themselves for our freedoms](#)

Nominate a Service Member, Veteran for #MilVetsNC Leaderboard



DMVA's monthly #MilVetsNC Leaderboard feature is an opportunity to highlight NC service members, veterans, and those who work on their behalf.

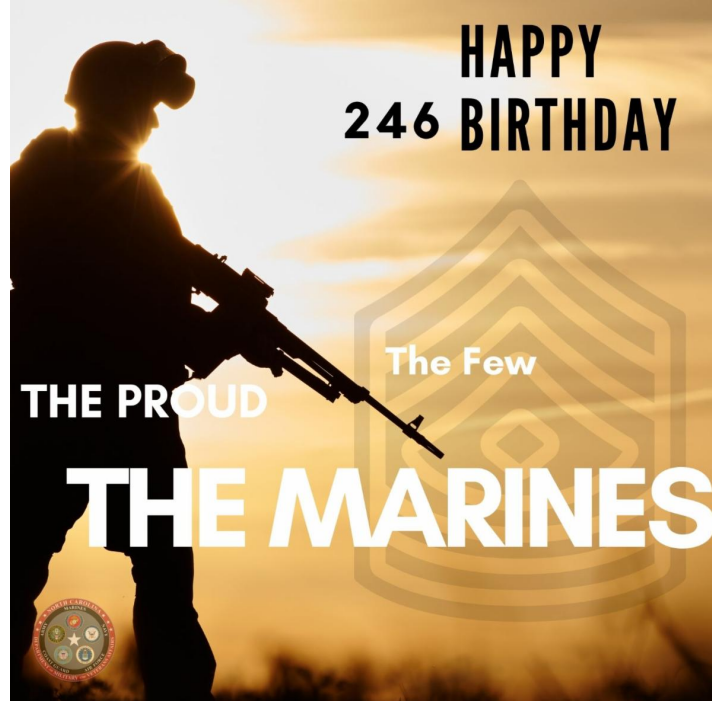
It's easy, all it takes is one (1) email to publisher@milvets.nc.gov with some background on why this veteran, service member or military veteran advocate should be featured. Please include 1-3 photos.

Email subject: #MilVetsNC Leaderboard Nomination

Photo submission guidance: The images must be larger than 200 kilobytes. If the photo is low resolution and/or grainy, it probably won't work. Please include a photo caption for each photo. Include a general description detailing the context of the photo, names of those pictured, the event taking place, location and date.

Save the Date





[Click here](#) for more upcoming events.

In addition, restaurants, retail stores and businesses across America will show their gratitude this month by providing special deals for veterans and their families. For a list of participating organizations click here: <https://bit.ly/3GH1ZD>

Community Calendar

November Events

- Nov 6 [Wake County Veterans Day Parade, Raleigh](#)
- Nov 6 [Home for Our Heroes 5K, Mooresville](#)
- Nov 6 [USO & SPIN Gaming Camp](#)
- Nov 6 [Bridge II Sports Adapted Archery, Durham](#)
- Nov 6 [Salute to Veterans: Parade – Uptown Charlotte](#)
- Nov 6 [Veterans Day Ceremony, Union County Veterans Services-Opening Ceremony](#)

- Nov 6 [Warbirds Over Monroe Airshow](#)
- Nov 6 [Free Dental Care, Shelby](#)
- Nov 6 [USO tickets for Duke vs Pittsburgh NCAA Football game - Active, Guard and Reserve only](#)
- Nov 6 [Patriot Gala, Charlotte](#)
- Nov 7 [Lambs Chapel Veteran Celebration, Burlington](#)
- Nov 7 [VBH and the Panthers game day product distribution](#)
- Nov 7 [Veterans Day program: RESCUE FROM THE SKY, Charlotte](#)
- Nov 8 [Bridge II Sports Goal Ball, Levin Jewish Community Center, Durham](#)
- Nov 9 [HKY4VETS Virtual Hiring Event](#)
- Nov 9 [Face to Face with Former SecDef and SecState, Wake Forest University](#)
- Nov 10 [Marine Corps Birthday](#)
- Nov 10 [Veterans Recognition Celebration & Vendor Expo, FTCC](#)
- Nov 11 [Veterans Day](#)
- Nov 11 [Triad Honor Flight, PTIA](#)
- Nov 11 [Flag Raising at Friendly Center and Breakfast](#)
- Nov 11 [Freedom Breakfast, Carmel Country Club-Charlotte](#)
- Nov 11 [High Point University Veterans Day Celebration and Breakfast](#)
- Nov 11 [Carolinas' Veterans Day Festival, Charlotte](#)
- Nov 11 [Top of the Lake Rotary Veterans Day Breakfast, Mooresville](#)
- Nov 11 [Veterans Day Classic Golf Tournament, Mooresville](#)
- Nov 11 [Red Cross Blood Drive, Charlotte Motor Speedway](#)
- Nov 11 [North Carolina Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony](#)
- Nov 11 [Carolina Field of Honor, Triad Park](#)
- Nov 11 [Davidson Veterans Day Program](#)
- Nov 11 [Mooresville Veterans Day Parade](#)
- Nov 11 [Cornelius Veterans Day Program](#)
- Nov 11 [Atrium Health Virtual Veterans Day Celebration with USAF Gen Pawlikowski](#)
- Nov 11 [Veterans Day Happy Hour for Our Heroes, Indian Land-SC](#)
- Nov 12 [Vet Appreciation Lunch, Walnut Cove](#)
- Nov 13-14 [MinorityVets Equity, Inclusion and Justice Summit](#)
- Nov 13 [Veterans Drive-Thru Breakfast, Cornelius](#)
- Nov 13 [Bridge II Sports Adapted Archery, Durham](#)
- Nov 13 [Bridge II Sports Adapted Cycling, Green Hills County Park](#)
- Nov 13 [Graham Veterans Day Parade](#)
- Nov 13 [Huntersville Veterans Day Parade, Huntersville](#)
- Nov 13 [Bridge II Sports Adapted Air Rifle, Durham](#)
- Nov 13 [Veteran Family Day, Thomasville](#)
- Nov 13 [One Nation Under God Drive-Thru Luncheon, Mooresville](#)
- Nov 13 [PHH - Purple Camo Ball](#)
- Nov 13 [Marine Corps Birthday Dinner, Charlotte](#)
- Nov 15 [Bridge II Sports Goal Ball, Levin Jewish Community Center, Durham](#)
- Nov 16 [VA & NHPCO Screening and Referral of Veterans on Hospice](#)
- Nov 17 [Patriots Path Personality and Assessment Test](#)
- Nov 17 [Bridge II Sports Bocchia, Cary](#)
- Nov 20 [One Last Hike, Jacksonville](#)
- Nov 20 [Bridge II Sports Adapted Archery, Durham](#)

Submit your community events for consideration to
Publisher@milvets.nc.gov

***Always include event name, event summary, date/time, location, RSVP details, and website(s).**

Click here for more
 events





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Veterans Affairs (NC DMVA) supports both active and reserve uniformed military personnel and their families; military installations and communities; and military veterans and their families in North Carolina. The Department seeks to provide timely and responsive engagement to enhance NC's current military and veteran friendly environment. In addition, the Department also seeks to foster and promote business, technology, transportation, education, economic development, and healthcare for the above communities. Lastly, the Department works to accomplish these services by providing assistance and coordination between the Federal Government, the State of NC, its political subdivisions, and collaborative and supporting agencies.

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