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MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY HALL



Friends,

Welcome to another edition of our newsletter "ON POINT". The month of June is recognized as PTSD Awareness Month. Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a mental health condition that can occur after a traumatic event (e.g. disaster, combat, sexual assault). The VA has developed resources to aid Veterans in tackling their [PTSD](#).

In Addition, June 14th was the Army's birthday. The Army celebrated its 243rd year of service to our great nation and we thank active duty and veterans for their sacrifice to our country. After reading our newsletter below, I encourage you to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for more frequent updates. Thank you for your interest in the work we do at NC DMVA. If I can ever be of help to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office at [NCDMVA](#).

All the best,

Secretary Larry D. Hall



New Veteran Nursing Home Funding

In April, the NC Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (DMVA) received notification from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that the DMVA had been approved for \$53 million in grant funds to support three North Carolina State Veterans Home projects. In order to receive the funds, DMVA is required to provide a state match. The match in funds will come from the income from veterans' payments made for services which are accumulated in the Veterans Nursing Home Trust Fund which DMVA manages.

The opportunity for the allocation of the funds was partly due to DMVA's outstanding reputation in effective financial management of previous federal funds. The \$53 million will be used for renovations and repairs at the NC VA Home in Salisbury, NC and for construction of two new veteran homes in Wake and Guilford Counties. The new homes will be 120-bed skilled nursing facilities with first rate amenities including private rooms, a beauty/barber shop, a chapel and an Information Technology data center. The homes are expected to be completed by 2019.



Hometown Strong: Pasquotank and Lenoir Counties



Mrs. Kristen Cooper along with Kinston Nursing Home Director, Chris Williams and State Agency Representatives

This month, the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (DMVA) attended [Hometown Strong](#) events in Pasquotank and Lenoir Counties. Hometown Strong is a partnership between state agencies and local leaders of rural communities to provide resources, listen to the needs of the community and strengthen the communities.

DMVA sent a delegation to the Coast Guard Air Base in Elizabeth City and visited the Global TransPark and Spirit AeroSystems. Additionally, Mrs. Cooper and Secretary Hall toured the NC

State Veterans Home in Kinston, NC. Mrs. Cooper met with veterans, thanked them for their service and passed out hand drawn thank you cards from children at [Fuller Elementary](#), [Holly Springs Elementary](#) and [Sycamore Creek Elementary](#) in Wake County.



Legislative Updates

The North Carolina General Assembly's "short session" is currently in progress. During this session, lawmakers modified the State's biennial budget and are working to amend as well as pass new legislation. Below are some of the items taken up this session that directly impact the military and veterans. To learn more, visit their website [NC General Assembly](#).

[House Bill 223](#), Special Plates / Handicapped Placard Renewal, authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue disabled veterans and partially disabled veterans a special registration plates for motorcycles.

[House Bill 1050](#), Expansion of State Veterans Cemeteries, authorizes the DMVA to apply for federal funds for the expansion of Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery and Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

[House Bill 1062](#), Veterans / Health Care / Pilot Program, develops a Pilot Program in Cumberland County to provide health care services to veterans.

[Senate Bill 125](#), Various Changes To Education, expands the eligibility requirements of children to obtain certain wartime veteran scholarships.

[Senate Bill 335](#), Budget Technical Corrections, allocates \$2.4 million dollars from the Escheats fund for scholarships for children of veterans.



Upcoming Events

- June 27th – **Patriots Path Workshops – Goodwill Community Campus**, 5301 Wilkinson Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28202
- June 28th – **NC Governor’s Working Group on Veterans @ 2:00 pm**, RTI International Headquarters RTP, NC (Join the meeting by calling 919-212-5747 or by live stream on [Facebook](#)) - <http://ncveteransworkinggroup.org/>
- June 29th – **NC American Legion 100th Convention @12:00 pm**, North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC 27609
- July 11th – **Hickory CBOC Veterans Town Hall @ 5:00pm**, Catawba Valley Community College 2550 US Highway 70 SE Hickory, NC 28602
- July 19th – **Veterans Stand Down @ 10 am**, National Guard Armory, 1001 W. Swanzy Street, Elizabethtown, NC 28337
- July 21st – **USO Family Reset @ 9:00am**, RDU Airport, 2400 John Brantley Boulevard, Morrisville, NC 27560
- July 26th – **NC Governor’s Working Group on Veterans @ 2:00 pm**, NCNG Headquarters, (Join the meeting by calling 919-212-5747 or by live stream on [Facebook](#)) - <http://ncveteransworkinggroup.org/>
- Jul 29th – [Anniversary of Army Chaplain Corps](#)

For a detailed listing of events, visit our website at www.milvets.nc.gov.



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