



Howard County Office of  
**Veterans and Military Families**

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Department of Community Resources and Services

**Resources for Veterans and Military Families**

**E-Bulletin: February 14, 2020**

***Important Dates***

**Now Taking Appointments in Columbia, MD – [Vet Center Counseling](#).** Call 410-764-9400 to make an appointment.

**Now thru April – Dog Study**

Are you a Military Veteran with PTSD?

Are you interested in training a service dog to help another veteran?

You will be compensated for your time. Contact: [dtaber@umaryland.edu](mailto:dtaber@umaryland.edu) or 410-212-7574

**Last Thurs of every month – Wounded Warrior Peer Support Group, 1730 – 1800**

Meet and greet & dinner, 1800 – 2000 Support Group meeting at Re/Max Real-Estate office 1424 Sulphur Springs Road Arbutus, MD (Parking located in back of building)

Peer Support Groups (PSG's) are small groups led by and designed for warriors to connect with each other, discuss personal challenges, and lend support.

The purpose of the PSG is to provide a stress free and safe environment for warriors to support and assist each other throughout their recovery.

- Dinner provided by WWP
- Participants must be Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) Alumni, or qualify and register to become an Alumnus
- Groups are usually less than 20 participants
- No long term commitment needed, come and go as you please

If you are interested, please contact us at [gba.wwp.psg@gmail.com](mailto:gba.wwp.psg@gmail.com) or Beth Schmidt, DC Alumni Director at [bschmidt@woundedwarriorproject.org](mailto:bschmidt@woundedwarriorproject.org) for more information about joining an existing group.

**January 10 thru March 27 – Veterans Outreach Center at Howard County libraries.**

Drop in to speak with the Department of Veterans Affairs Outreach Team from the Vet Center in Baltimore. Receive information and assistance with:

- Readjustment Counseling • VA Healthcare • Benefits • Cemetery programs.

HCLS CENTRAL BRANCH (410.313.7800)

Fridays Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 13 10 am - 3 pm

HCLS EAST COLUMBIA BRANCH (410.313.7700)

Fridays Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 20 10 am - 3 pm

HCLS ELKRIDGE BRANCH (410.313.5077)

Fri, Jan 24; Wed, Feb 26; Fri, Mar 27 10 am - 3 pm

HCLS SAVAGE BRANCH (410.313.0760)

Wed, Jan 8; Fri, Feb 7; Fri, Mar 6 10 am - 3 pm

**February 22 – [Salute to Duty Veteranpreneurs Power Luncheon](#).** Celebrating Veterans in business and the people who support and patronize them. It's an

- Opportunity to network with your business peers.
- Opportunity to connect with your Veteran Owned Business Peers.
- Opportunity seating - you will be seated at a table with ideal business contacts.
- Opportunity to expand your database...I know people you don't know.

**February 24 - District 32 Constituent Night, Senator Pam Beidle Delegate Sandy Bartlett, Delegate Mark Chang, and Delegate Mike Rogers** cordially invite you to 2020 House Office Building Room 170 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, 21401 6:00PM-8:00PM. Dinner will be provided—salad and baked ziti from Italia's Corner Café (Glen Burnie) along with a selection of beverages, appetizers and desserts. Please RSVP by February 11, 2020 to Pamela.Beidle@Senate.state.md.us or (410) 841-3593

**February 27 – [Howard County Chamber's GovConnects Biz Breakfast with Fort Meade Commander Col. Spragg](#),** 8am-10am at Axis Research & Technologies 6630 Eli Whitney Dr Suite E Columbia, MD 21046. With approximately 56,000 employees, Fort George G. Meade is US Army installation dedicated to providing quality support to service members, Department of Defense civilian employees, family members, and military retirees. It is arguably the nation's center for Intelligence, Information, and Cyber Operations. As its role in cyber security intensifies, more opportunities will abound for defense contractors and its economic impact on nearby

communities will grow. Come join us for an informative briefing by Col. Erich Spragg, Garrison Commander.

**February 29 – 34th Consecutive NABVETS African American Patriots Day**, 11am at the War Memorial at Gay and Lexington Streets in Baltimore. All are invited to join in this celebration of America; enjoy a great Gospel Concert and full course lunch. Event is FREE. Questions call (410) 576-9626 or email [jkendrick@mcvet.org](mailto:jkendrick@mcvet.org)

**March 1 – May 3 (Sundays) – Veterans Book Club**, 1st Sundays from 1 - 3 pm

HCLS Central Branch 10375 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia, MD. Registration required.

Veterans, both active and retired military, are invited to this free lunch and discussion series. During five monthly facilitated sessions, discussions center on military experiences and a unique set of readings, which may include classics, fiction, memoirs, poetry, short stories, articles, and essays. The readings relate in some way to military experiences or offer a veteran's perspective. Participants are encouraged to attend all sessions. Registration is open to Veterans only, please.

Lunch and all reading materials are provided. Call HCLS Central Branch (410.313.7800) or email [elizabeth.haynes@hclibrary.org](mailto:elizabeth.haynes@hclibrary.org) for more information and to register. Space is limited. Veterans Book Group is coordinated statewide by Maryland Humanities

Reading Selections

March 1, 2020 - "The Things She Carried" by Cara Hoffman, Love My Rifle More Than You: Young and Female in the U.S. Army by Kayla Williams

April 5, 2020 - No Easy Day: The Firsthand Account of the Mission that Killed Osama Bin Laden by Mark Owen

May 3, 2020 - Bringing Vincent Home by Madeleine Mysko

**March 4 - [CI or FS Polygraph Job Fair](#)**, 2-6pm. DoubleTree BWI 890 Elkridge Landing Road Linthicum, Maryland

**March 10 – [Fort Meade Tech Expo](#)**

**March 10, 2020 - 16th Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Services Annual Conference** Integrating Clinical Intervention Within A Behavioral Health Approach, Martin's West, Baltimore MD Contact Person: TBD Conference Fee: \$55

**March 14 - [Yoga Salutes NonViolence \(YSNV\)](#)** is a charity event celebrating it's 13th year supporting the community. This event benefits HopeWorks of Howard County, our

local rape crisis & domestic violence center. Students and practitioners gather together to participate in 108 Sun Salutations (or as many as they can). 2pm at The Yoga Center of Columbia 8950 MD-108 #109, Columbia, MD 21045 (410) 720-4340

**March 19 – Veterans Claims Clinic and Resource Fair**, 10am-2pm at Carroll Community College. For more info, call 410-230-4444 ext 6450.

**March 20-22 - [Veterans Yoga Project Mindful Resilience Teacher Training](#)** at [VCU Recreational Sports](#) in Sterling, VA.

**March 22 – [Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day](#), Gilchrist's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Celebration**, 12pm at Martin's West. Registration required

**March 23 and 24 – NAMI Veteran Support Group Facilitator Training** – If you are interested in helping a newly forming Veteran Support Group as a trainer or a participant, please call the Office of Veterans and Military Families at 410-313-0821.

**March 26 thru April 30 – Powerful Tools for Caregivers**, 6:00 to 7:30 pm (six consecutive Thursdays). Ellicott City 50+ Center 9401 Frederick Road, Ellicott City 21042. This six-week series of 90-minute classes offers caregivers opportunities to explore a variety of self-care tools in a supportive environment, designed to help you:

- reduce personal stress
- change negative self-talk
- communicate more effectively in challenging situations
- manage your emotions
- make tough caregiving decisions

Previous participants have found the learned program tools improve relaxation and exercise habits, as well as their physical and mental well-being. The tools also helped them better manage their emotions, increased confidence in their ability to meet caregiving demands, and improved their ability to seek out and utilize community resources. If you or someone you know is a caregiver, we encourage you to register today! Our goal is to improve the lives of caregivers (and, ultimately, their care recipients) through outreach, conversation, training and resources. \$30 Fee Covers All Materials. For more information or to register, [Kathy Wehr](#), caregiver support program manager at 410-313-5955 (voice/relay) •

**March 28, 2020- [MD's Cash Campaign Money Power Day](#)**

**March 30 - [Hope & Healing for Heroes - A Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event](#)**, 9 am to Noon, American Legion Post 226 830 Mayo Road Edgewater, Maryland 21037. All Vietnam Veterans and one guest are welcome to attend this event for free. In 2020, Hospice of the Chesapeake is commemorating Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in a more intimate and informal way. This year's event will seek to provide insight to Veterans on finding joy, healing wounds and seeking support. A light breakfast will be served.

**March 31 – Virtual Dementia Tour**, 6-8 pm. Howard County Office on Aging and Independence 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia 21046. This workshop, which offers a hands-on experience that simulates dementia, and includes a debriefing and educational segment, has been created to offer assistance and practical tools to help those who care for someone with dementia. The Virtual Dementia Tour® is a life-changing experience — a brief, yet powerful, journey — that will provide insight and empathy to help anyone understand the realities of life with this debilitating disease. The program is clinically proven, evidence-based, and a proven source of education resulting in better care for individuals. Emily LeClercq at [map@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:map@howardcountymd.gov) or 410-313-5917.

**April 8, 2020 – [Mission Continues Military Muster](#)**

**April 18 – Howard County Flag Retirement Ceremony**, 11am at VFW 7472 in Ellicott City. Come before 11am and help prepare the flags for the ceremony. Flag etiquette at 11am followed by brief ceremony. For more info, email [ehall@](mailto:ehall@)

**April 21 – Howard County Veteran and Military Families Resource Fair and Celebration, 4-7pm at Howard Community College Galleria.** Once again, we will honor and celebrate or military-connected families with food, entertainment, free medical screenings and so much more. Hear from veteran business owner and National Guard Maj. General Linda Singh (Ret) on transition and resiliency, as well as Tom Glenn, retired civilian spy who will share his experiences in Vietnam. Short workshops including VA benefits, Mental Health First Aid Training and a Dementia Virtual Tour, music from Voice of Vets and more than 40 organizations covering VA benefits, military and transitional spouse employment opportunities, upgrading discharge status, music therapy services and and so much more! If you have some ideas for workshops or breakout sessions or organizations that should be invited, please email [veterans@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:veterans@howardcountymd.gov). Last year's directory is below. Event is free and open to the public.

**[Howard County's Veteran and Military Families Resource Fair and Celebration 2020 Registration](#)**

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**April 22 thru May 27 – Powerful Tools for Caregivers** (see March 31<sup>st</sup> entry for details)

**May 2 – Family Freedom Festival sponsored by VFW Post 7472.** Ellicott City. Save the Date

**May 6, 2020 - [Behavioral Health Administration Annual Conference](#).** Martin's West, Baltimore, MD. Contact Person: Eunice Harvey, [eunicej.harvey@maryland.gov](mailto:eunicej.harvey@maryland.gov)  
Conference Fee: \$95; Student rate: \$55 (limited seating)

**Every Thursday – Resiliency Yoga, Ft. Meade Kimbrough behavioral health (Rascon Center), 4:30-6pm.** Why would I want to do yoga? Questions: Lucy at [sbyyoga@mac.com](mailto:sbyyoga@mac.com)

Improves sleep

- Helps decrease PTSD symptoms
- Helps those with physical Limitations
- Helps decrease chronic pain
- Helps you feel peaceful

Who is Eligible to Attend?

- Active-Duty Military
- Spouses of Active-Duty Military
- Staff
- Veterans

**June 7 – [McVet 5k/10K](#),** 7:30am-11:30am

**July 10 -12 – Veterans Yoga Project Mindful Resilience Teacher Training** at [Sun and Moon Yoga](#) in Arlington, VA. visit <http://www.veteransyogaproject.org/teacher-training>

**Every Thursday - Healing Waters Fly Fishing Project, 6-8pm** - Is in search of Disabled Active Military and Veterans who would like to learn the Art of Fly Fishing. We are dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of our wounded warriors and veterans thru fly fishing, fly tying and outings. Meetings are held every Thursday Evening at the Ft. Meade Kimbrough Rascon Center. Feel Free to Contact Larry Vawter Program Leader at 443-535-5074 or [thecarptman@msn.com](mailto:thecarptman@msn.com)

**Ongoing – National Alliance for Mental Illness Support.** The holidays can be tough on those affected by mental illness. NAMI Howard County has free support groups for:

**Family Members and Friends Who Care about an Adult with a Mental Illness:** Facilitated by trained family members, this group meets twice each month.

· Second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 - 9 p.m. at Harmony Hall Retirement Center, 6336 Cedar Lane, Columbia 21044 in the Parlor.

· Third Friday of each month, 7:30 - 9 p.m. at Celebration Church, (Look for signs)  
7101 Riverwood Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

**Parents and Caregivers of Children & Teens with Mental Health Concerns:** Facilitated by trained parents, this group meets monthly.

· First Monday of each month, 7:30 – 9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Room 252, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, MD 21045

**Parents and Caregivers of Youth Ages 16-26—Transition Age Youth Support Group:** Facilitated by trained parents, this group meets monthly

-Third Thursday of each month, 7:30—9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, MD 21045 (Check TV/board in lobby for room.)

**Individuals Living with Serious Mental Illness (NAMI Connection):** NAMI Connection is a recovery model in which adults who live with serious mental illnesses share experiences in a safe, confidential environment and support each other. Facilitated by trained adults who live with mental illness.

· Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Owen Brown Interfaith Center: 7245 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045, ROOM 150

**Now – Applications are live for The Mission Continues BRAND NEW Women Veterans Leadership Program** launching in March. For more info and the opportunity to apply, click here: <https://missioncontinues.org/get-involved/women-veterans-leadership-program/>

**Ongoing - VA Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE) Webinars and Town Halls** - CVE offers webinars to assist SDVOSBs/VOSBs with various aspects of the Verification process. After each webinar, CVE solicits feedback from webinar participants during town hall sessions. Discussion during town hall sessions is not limited to the webinar topics of “Pre-Application,” “Re-verification,” or “How to Stay Verified.” Verification Assistance Counselors also available.

### ***Newsletters, Articles, Nonprofit Support and other Resources***

**The VA Way** is a Veteran owned and operated organization committed to raising the **Mental Health IQ** in our community; to raise awareness and shatter debilitating stigmas of mental illness in order to cultivate an atmosphere of understanding and support our troops and **SAVE LIVES**.

On average **22** Veterans die by **SUICIDE** each **DAY**. This number has barely changed for over a decade. What is less known is that 14 out of 22 (**64%**) did not receive any help.

**We aim to reach that 64% and offer them life-saving mental health training and support.**

We offer [Mental Health First Aid Training](#) to Veterans, Active Duty and their families as well as to civilians.

### **What is Mental Health First Aid?**

Just as CPR helps someone assist an individual having a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid teaches people to assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis. In the Mental Health First Aid course, participants learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn for help.

### **Who should take the training?**

- Veterans, Active Duty, and their families
- Base Personnel
- Teachers
- Educators
- Employers
- Government Contractors
- Government Employees
- Concerned Individuals

For more information on Mental Health First Aid training [download our flier](#) or visit [www.vaway.org](http://www.vaway.org).

To sign up for our next class or schedule one for your small group or business email founder of VA Way [John Way](#).

We also offer therapeutic services such as Yoga Therapy, Reiki and Sound Healing with Veteran practitioners at the [The Om Collective](#)

### **Veteran Owned Business Project - Important News Updates:**

- [New Military Base Privileges for disabled veterans!](#)
- [Military Casting Call: New TV Series](#)
- [VOB releases new industry-specific badges including travel, fitness, manufacturing, medical and more!](#)
- [Looking to hire veterans? Looking for a job?](#)

- [FamousVeterans.com - See if your favorite celebrity served!](#)
- [Submit your news/events](#)

Be sure to follow us through our [social networks](#) and also regularly visit our news blog ([VOBeacon](#)) for latest updates with our system as well as for other things happening in 2020 including (click below for more information):

- [Military/veterans discounts](#)
- [Military Anniversaries and Holidays](#)
- [Veterans Hire Veterans Job Fairs](#)
- [Changes to your benefits](#)
- [Contracting opportunities](#)
- [Small business events](#)

[Military Funeral Honors Directory](#) - Funeral planners or family members of eligible deceased veterans may request Military Funeral Honors by contacting the Military Funeral Honors coordinator listed in the Directory.

[Marine Corps Funeral Honors](#) - Marine Corps Funeral Honors is dedicated to ensuring all Marines who have served obtain the appropriate honors as a final salute to their life and the final demonstration of the country's gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our nation.

[Premier Health Express Urgent Care](#) - provides patients with access to quality, affordable care for both, acute illnesses and injuries as well as chronic disease management that is conveniently accessible to all our community including our insured and uninsured veteran population. All our providers and staff will be trained by the Warrior Centric Healthcare Foundation to ensure "white-glove healthcare services" for our veterans and their families on a walk-in, referral, or telemedicine basis.

By partnering with The American Diversity Group, JustLiving Advocacy and Warrior Centric Healthcare Foundation, Premier Health Express has broader outreach into the underserved communities - in addition to ensuring quality health care services to our veterans in the local, rural and urban areas of Maryland.

Premier provides urgent care, primary care, telehealth, dental screenings, VA evaluations, behavioral health support, medical advice, medical tests with a veteran/military focus. Located in Columbia, MD

[Operation Tohidu](#)® is a free, 5-day experiential retreat program for veterans or service members that have been diagnosed with or are self-identifying post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, anxiety, depression, moral injury or military sexual trauma. The program is open to veterans from across the country, from all eras and most discharge statuses. "Tohidu" is a Cherokee word meaning peace of mind, body, and

spirit and Operation Tohidu® retreats continue to promote “**Peace with the past through power in the Present**” for hundreds of veterans each year

### **Howard County General Hospital Holds Free Living Well Workshops**

Howard County General Hospital will hold free Living Well with Chronic Disease and Living Well with Diabetes workshops this spring. To register or learn more, visit [www.hcgh.org/events](http://www.hcgh.org/events) or call 410-740-7601. [Read more.](#)

### **Community Foundation of Howard County Accepting Scholarship Applications**

The Community Foundation is now accepting applications from graduating high school seniors for our [2020 scholarship cycle](#). The Foundation administers many scholarships, some of which are school specific and others that are available to private schools. A complete list of available scholarships and eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).

### **The Village In Howard Forms Healthy Aging Workgroup**

[The Village In Howard](#) has formed a Healthy Aging workgroup to advocate for improving health care for senior citizens. The group met with Howard County General Hospital’s leadership and strongly urged them to address the quality of Emergency Room service. [Read more.](#)

### [Blue Star Families Newsletter](#)

### [MDVA Newsletter](#)

### [USVA Newsletter](#)

[Howard County Support Groups](#) – AA, Breast feeding, Living With Cancer and many more

[Howard County Caregiver Support Groups](#) – Korean, Alzheimer’s Disease, Brain Injury and many more

[Parenting Pages](#) – Newsletter for parents

[R.I.S.E. \(Restoring Independence Supporting Empowerment\)](#) – Gary Sinise Foundation building specially adapted smart homes for our most severely wounded heroes. We’re also providing home modifications, mobility devices, and adapted vehicles to our injured, wounded, ill, and/or aging heroes.

### [VFW Weekly News and Archives](#)

### [Howard County Business Brief](#)

## [Information for Taxpayers Seeking Low Income Tax Clinic \(LITC\) Services](#)

**US Census Be Counted** - As required by our Constitution, every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a count of every person living in the United States. For us, this count is vital to understanding the updated picture of our community, the needs of all our residents and the future of our service to the public. We are a data-informed government, and the Census gives valuable insight into our needs for education, housing, transportation, healthcare and more.

Sometime after March 12th, each county household will be receiving an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire, either online, by phone or by mail. Those who do not respond will receive follow up communications after April 1st, including door-to-door outreach by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency.

To learn more about #HoCoCounts 2020 Census, visit [www.howardcountymd.gov/2020census](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/2020census) or contact our local Complete Count Committee at 410-313-6325 or email [census2020@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:census2020@howardcountymd.gov)

## [Taxpayer information](#)

## [Racial Health Disparities](#)

## [More Than 3 Dozen Military Hospitals to Stop Treating Retirees, Families, Memo Shows](#)

The **Age-Friendly Howard County Initiative** is a multi-year assessment that will strengthen efforts to make Howard County an ideal place to grow up and to grow older. The county is soliciting input from county residents and encouraging them to participate in an [Age-Friendly Survey](#). Survey results will help shape the county's approaches to health, safety, affordable housing and transportation, community services and more.

To access the Age-Friendly survey, visit [www.howardcountymd.gov/agefriendly](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/agefriendly); please take the survey and share it with your clients, family, friends and neighbors. The survey is available in [English](#) as well as four other languages:

Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HoCoAgeFriendlySpanish>

Korean: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HoCoAgeFriendlyKorean>

Chinese: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HoCoAgeFriendlyChinese>

Hindi: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HoCoAgeFriendlyHindi>

## **2020 Session of the Maryland General Assembly has Convened**

The Maryland General Assembly is currently meeting in Annapolis for the 2020 Legislative Session. As a service to the veteran community, information on proposed legislation of possible interest to veterans is provided below:

[2020 Legislative Information](#)

You may check the status of proposed legislation by visiting the:

[Maryland General Assembly Website](#)

### **Veteran-related bills:**

#### **New Bills ([Check Tracker for Additional Info](#)):**

**HB 204 (Qi) | SB 359 (Serafini)** – Veteran-owned Small Business Enterprises – Filing Fee Exemption

**HB 257 (Crosby)** – Property Tax – Credit for Disabled Veterans

**HB 349 | SB 280 (Admin.)** – Occupational & Professional Licensing

**HB 361 | SB 279 (Admin.)** – Income Tax – Subtraction – Military Retirement Income

**HB 362 | SB 282 (Admin.)** – Maryland National Guard – Tuition Assistance Program

**HB 371 (Lisanti & P. Young)** – Defense Workforce Opportunity Act

**HB 389 (Rogers) (x/f SB 203)** – Income Tax Checkoff – Maryland Veterans Trust Fund

**HB 496 (Crosby & Watson)** – Motor Vehicle Insurance – Lapse – Active Duty Military Personnel

**HB 506 (Valentino-Smith)** – Higher Education – Nonresident Tuition Exemption for Military Personnel, Spouses, and Dependents - Alterations

**SB 294 (Ellis)** – Veterans Education Protection Act

**SB 318 (Elfreth)** – Nonresident Tuition – Exemption for Spouses & Dependents of Honorably Discharge Veterans

**SB 324 (Simonaire)** – Veterans – Behavioral Health – Mental Health First Aid

**SB 341 (x/f HB 12) (Griffith)** – Homes for Veterans – Veterans of Uniformed Services

**SB 349 (Patterson)** – Property Tax Exemption – Disabled Veterans

**SB 366 (Ready)** – Carroll County – Education – Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Instructors

[Montgomery County Veterans Celebrates Black History Month](#) with display of Buffalo Soldiers- provided by Trooper Michael Theard of the 9th and 10th Calvary of the Buffalo Soldiers

## ***Employment and Educational Opportunities***

[Nonprofit Jobs, Internships, Board and Volunteer Opportunities](#)

[Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts \(VAIC\) Scholarship Program](#)

[University of MD Scholarship for Military Caregiver](#) - University of Maryland Global Campus is offering up to five scholarships—which include full tuition, fees, and course-required resources—for caregivers of recovering servicemembers and veterans through the Pillars of Strength Scholarship Program. This scholarship aims to honor the unparalleled selflessness and extraordinary commitment of these caregivers. March 15 deadline

[Howard County MS and HS Scholarships](#)

[Maryland Grants and Scholarships](#) including [Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraqi Conflicts Scholarship](#)

[FREE Cisco cybersecurity training](#) to veterans, transitioning service members, members of the National Guard or Reserves, and military spouses.

Registration is currently open for the upcoming March 2020 cohort for the CCNA CyberOps scholarships (deadline to apply is Feb. 12).

Lincoln Technology Institute has a 10% veteran student enrollment.

[Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Opportunity for Latino students](#) - Have you ever dreamed of visiting our nation's capital and learning about how our government works? CHCI has an all-expenses paid leadership experience designed just for Latino high school students. Spend a week exploring Washington, D.C., while creating lasting friendships and wonderful memories. Participate in R2L® NextGen and make this a summer to remember

[Dog Tag Bakery Fellowship Program Accepting Applications](#) - Dog Tag Inc. (DTI) empowers veterans with service-connected disabilities, military spouses, and caregivers

to discover personal and professional fulfillment in the civilian world through an innovative business- and entrepreneurship-focused fellowship.

Our five-month program enables fellows to dip their toe back into education, gain first-hand experience in a real small business, explore a wide variety of civilian career paths, and acquire soft skills through professional workshops. Fellows spend the five months as a member of a team of individuals, and become part of the greater Dog Tag alumni community upon graduation. Upon completion of the fellowship, DTI alumni are business-ready, competitive, and employable.

Fellows earn a Certificate in Business Administration from Georgetown University. The curriculum consists of seven courses that are tailored to the small business-focused interests of our fellows. Courses include accounting, management, communication, corporate finance, marketing, business policy, and entrepreneurship.

[Maryland Live Casino has many positions available](#) - Cooks, Marketing Representative, Banquet Houseperson, "The Hall" Ushers, "The Hall" Stagehand

**TALMAR Farm is now accepting applicants for the 2020 season of its Breaking New Ground Program**, a vocational training program for veterans. Participants receive classroom and hands-on training in all aspects of sustainable agriculture including

- Small scale vegetable production
- Flower production
- Soil health and nutrient management
- Business planning and farm management

TALMAR is located on 10 acres in Cromwell Valley Park in Baltimore County. This therapeutic natural setting is the perfect environment to develop career skills while gaining peace of mind.

We offer two 10-week courses three times per year, starting in early March, May, or August:

- Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture
- Focused Vocational Course specializing in flower or vegetable production

The cost for each 10-week session is \$4000. Eligible veterans are able to use Chapter 31 benefits or enroll through the VA FARMS Program.

For additional information on Breaking New Ground contact Gina Porter (ginaporter@TALMAR.org) at TALMAR. For information on VA Farms contact Vicky Hadry (Vicky.Hadry@va.gov) or Tamara Ervin ([Tamara.Ervin@va.gov](mailto:Tamara.Ervin@va.gov))

[Westpoint Middle and High School STEM Camp for students living in HUD Housing](#)

2020-01-003	<a href="#">ArcGIS Database Engineer</a>
2019-12-003	<a href="#">Cyber Threat Intelligence Analyst</a>
2019-11-027	<a href="#">Program Manager - Cyber Security</a>
2019-11-026	<a href="#">Cloud Security Engineer</a>
2019-11-025	<a href="#">Cross Functional ISSO</a>
2019-11-024	<a href="#">Cross Functional ISSO SME</a>
2019-11-018	<a href="#">Information System Security Engineer (ISSE)</a>
2020-01-002	<a href="#">Sr. Java Developer / Team Lead</a>
2019-12-006	<a href="#">Senior DevOps Systems Engineer</a>
2019-12-004	<a href="#">Storage Engineer</a>

**The Plumbers & Steamfitters Apprenticeship Program** will train you for everything you need to know about the mechanical trades and give you great job experience! You are GUARANTEED raises every year. It's a 5-year program.

**NO TUITION - NO DEBT**

**PAID ON-THE-JOB TRAINING**

**\$48,500**

**START YOUR NEXT CAREER HERE!**

**GETPIPING.COM**

The Plumbers & Steamfitters Training School is located at 1201 66th St., Baltimore, Md 21237. The recruitment, selection, employment and training of Apprentices during their apprenticeship shall be without discrimination based upon political or religious opinion or affiliation, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age, unless sex or age constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification, or the physical or mental disability of a qualified individual with a disability. The Sponsor will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Maryland regulation 09.12.42 and 29 CFR 30.

Reach out to MD of Labor for a list of employment opps:

**Gregory Ingram**

**Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) Specialist**

**Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning**

**Maryland Department of Labor**  
**2 South Bond Street, Suite 204**  
**Bel Air, MD 21014**  
**gregory.ingram@maryland.gov**  
**(410) 836-4630 (O)**  
**(443) 699-3659 (M)**  
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### **Medical Office Receptionist Wanted, Columbia Maryland**

A new, state-of-the art medical practice is looking for a fun, friendly, fast-paced group of staff ready to work diligently to the growth of the practice. A candidate that fits in the practice will need to be detail-oriented and creative. A successful candidate will thrive in a fast-paced environment, be professional and courteous, and maintain a smile through it all. The owner values personal growth and professional development and appreciates an individual's enthusiasm, collegiality, integrity, and reliability. Seeking a very organized, assertive, and responsible individual who is skilled in making sure the customer feels appreciated. These skills are necessary. Additionally, a candidate would need to have the ability to think and react to events effectively and swiftly. Computer literacy and typing proficiency minimum 60 words-per-minute required. Active current certifications and minimum 3-year work experience required.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Greets patients and visitors in a courteous and friendly manner.
2. Screen calls, arranges appointments and referrals.
3. Prepares new records, files, scans and maintains records.
4. Type correspondence, reports, memos, and forms.
5. Some transcription of medical notes.
6. Performs billing and bookkeeping functions including collecting cash payments, posting and balancing daily sheets of transactions, bank deposits.
7. Prepares and mails statements and third party claims.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Previous medical receptionist experience or background in general office work preferred.
2. Ability to comprehend established office routines and policies.
3. Fast learner and comprehends both oral and written communications.
4. Ability to keep financial records and performs mathematical tasks.
5. Knowledge of medical terminology.
6. Understand the ethics of confidentiality.
7. Great organizational skills, ability to multi-task and good health.
8. Tact and diplomacy.
9. Must have a minimum of 1 year in customer service industry.

PERSONAL QUALITIES:

1. Able to work well under pressure.
2. Ability to communicate well with people in personal contacts and on the phone.
3. Can be trusted with confidential information.
4. Can effectively act as a liaison between patients and providers.
5. Must have a neat and friendly appearance.
6. Must be energetic and enthusiastic.

OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Any other duties relating to the business operation of the medical practice that may be assigned by the provider or office manager.

SUPERVISORY RELATIONSHIP: Reports to manager/director

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