



Howard County Office of
Veterans and Military Families

Department of Community Resources and Services

Resources for Veterans and Military Families

E-Bulletin: November 19, 2019

Important Dates

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.

November 19 - The Prince George's Office of Veteran Affairs and Serving Together are honored to launch the Serving Together Network and our Operation Fresh Start initiative in Prince George's County. Official invitations and registration information will follow shortly. 1-3pm. South Bowie Library 15301 Hall Rd, Bowie, MD 20721

November 19 – NAMI November Education Forum: “Practice Tips for Surviving the Stress of the Holidays!” begins promptly at 7pm. Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, Room #10 10431 Twin Rivers Rd Columbia, MD 21044. Free and open to the public.

November 20 - Author & Illustrator You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen: Meet The Weatherfords. Author Carole Weatherford, a Baltimore native and illustrator, and Jeffery Weatherford, a performance poet and Maryland resident, present their book of

poems and scratchboard illustrations saluting the U.S. military's first African American pilots. Books available for purchase and signing. All ages. Registration required. MORE

Pre-Event Art Exhibit - November 20 | 10 am to 7 pm | HCLS Elkridge Branch

Meet the Author & Illustrator - November 20 | 7 - 8 pm | HCLS Elkridge Branch

November 23 – [International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day](#) in Columbia for Adults Only 1-4pm. Each year, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention supports hundreds of large and small Survivor Day events around the world, in which suicide loss survivors come together to find connection, understanding and hope through their shared experience. While each event is unique and offers various programming, all feature an AFSP-produced documentary that offers a message of growth, resilience and connection. All events are free of charge, and we kindly request pre-registration to allow for planning, but will welcome any loss survivor attendees day-of. In the interest of creating a safe space for loss survivors, most events are specific to survivors of suicide loss. In addition, many events cannot accommodate children and teens. If you have any questions, please contact the event host directly.

December 3 - [Join us for the inaugural Fort Meade Small Business Conference](#) featuring speakers from U.S. Cyber Command, National Security Agency and the Defense Information Systems Agency. This is the first time that the Office of Small Business Programs from all three organizations will be featured together in a joint event. 7:15am-12pm at BWI Marriott

Dec 5 – [A Showcase of Veteran Artists](#), Reception 6:30 pm, Show 7:30 pm. National Press Club: 529 14th St NW, Washington DC. The Armed Services Arts Partnership (ASAP) invites you to a memorable evening of live music, laughter, and striking stories from our community of veteran-artists and special guests. Featuring performances by veteran comedians, musicians, and storytellers, the event will showcase our veteran-artists' creative work and share the impact of the arts in their lives. We invite you to attend our pre-show reception at 6:30pm with a live band, hors d'oeuvres, and bar. Tickets: \$45

December 5- [Joint Base Andrews Hiring Fair](#), 9am-12pm. The Club at Andrews 1889 Arnold Avenue Joint Base Andrews MD 20762.

December 10 – [State of Maryland Procurement Connections, MD Live Baltimore City. Ready, Set, GROW!](#) This procurement connections workshop series travels across the state providing insightful information on how to navigate the procurement process and connecting small, minority, women, and veteran-owned businesses with

buyers from state agencies. Participants also get to meet resource partners who can help start, grow, or expand their small business.

Maryland is OPEN for Businesses and this free workshop series is a great networking and business development platform for small businesses that want to do businesses in the government sector.

Seating is limited and advanced registration is required. When registration is open (3-4 weeks in advance of each session), use the REGISTER NOW button in the left-hand column to complete the online registration process.

December 11 – Md Veteran Summit, 9am-11am in the Miller Senate Office Building to discuss legislative priorities for veterans. Email will.smith@senate.state.md.us if you plan to attend.

December 13 - [Focus On Direct Care Providers: Stress Responses and Resilience](#), 2:30-4:30 pm. North Laurel 50+ Center, 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel 20723

Join us for an informative seminar to review:

- the components of trauma and the process of recovery
- the range of stress responses of those caring for persons who have experienced trauma
- effective clinical approaches to recognize signs of the stress response and strategies for coping
- ways to cultivate resilience and promote post-traumatic growth

presenter — Maria Mouratidis, PsyD, Professor of Psychology and Chair of the Departments of Psychology and Criminology, Notre Dame of Maryland University

\$15 per person | Board-Approved Social Work CEU's are available

Registration deadline: MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 — required for all attendees

For more information, contact KAREN HULL • khull@howardcountymd.gov • 410-313-7466 (voice/relay)

Thru December 13 at 12pm– Howard County [Toys for Tots](#). Toy donations will be accepted at the following locations:

- George Howard Building lobby (3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043)
- DPW - Engineering Building lobby (7125 Riverwood Drive, Columbia, MD 21046)
- DCRS Building lobby (9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046)
- HCPD Headquarters (3410 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043)
- HCPD Southern District (11226 Scaggsville Road, Laurel, MD 20723)
- HCPD Community Outreach (10741 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21045)
- Bain 50+ Center (5470 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia, MD 21044)

- East Columbia 50+ Center (6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045)
- Elkridge 50+ Center (6540 Washington Boulevard, Elkridge, MD 21075)
- Ellicott City 50+ Center (9401 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043)
- Longwood 50+ Center (6150 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD 21045)
- Glenwood 50+ Center (2400 Route 97, Cooksville, MD 21723)
- North Laurel 50+ Center (9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel, MD 20723)
- The Multiservice Center (9900 Washington Blvd, Suite I, Laurel, MD 20723)

December 20 – Homeless Persons’ Memorial, 4-6pm. Owen Brown Interfaith Center Sanctuary C. Communities across the country recognize December 21– the first day of Winter, the longest night of the year –to honor those who have died while homeless,or having had a history of homelessness. The Howard County Coalition to End Homelessness will host a gathering to acknowledge those lives lost in Howard County. Please join us for a brief service followed by light refreshments. RSVP no later than Monday, December 16, to Jennifer Corcoran 410-313-0224 • corcoran@howardcountymd.gov

January 18, 2020 – [5th Annual Veterans Awards - Vettys](#)

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

May 6, 2020 - [Behavioral Health Administration Annual Conference](#). Martin's West, Baltimore, MD. Contact Person: Eunice Harvey, 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?

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

Questions: Lucy at sbyyoga@mac.com

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

Newsletters, Articles, Nonprofit Support and other Resources

[Microsoft and VA partner to bring Xbox Adaptive Controller to Veterans with limited mobility \(AD\)](#)

[Female Veteran Survey](#) – If you are a female veteran, please consider completing this survey (which will take about 15 minutes) to help others better understanding women's experiences as they leave military service. The findings will be shared with influencers in the areas of policy, programming, non-profit, entrepreneurship, veteran mentorship, and employment & transition, who can help shape the post-service narrative for women veterans. A partnership with Syracuse University and the George W. Bush Presidential Center, Stand-To Veteran Leadership Program.

[Buy a Cup of Coffee for a Deployed Service Member](#)

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 or 410 706-0659

[Participating Veteran Friendly Businesses](#) in Howard County

[Project Opportunity is coming to Columbia](#)

[50+ Connection Newsletter](#)

[MDVA Newsletter and Calendar, October 25](#)

[USVA Newsletter](#)

[VFW Weekly News](#)

[DC Mayor's Office of Veteran Affairs](#)

[Sign up for US Veteran Affairs Newsletter](#)

[Comcast Internet Essentials – affordable Internet for \\$9.95/mo.](#)

Here's how 3 million more people will get military shopping benefits – source

Military Times - Starting Jan. 1, all service-connected disabled veterans, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war and primary veteran caregivers will be eligible to shop at [commissaries](#) and exchanges, and officials from three federal agencies are preparing the way. The newly eligible customers will also be able to use certain morale, welfare and recreation activities. It's the largest patronage expansion in more than 60 years, said Virginia Penrod, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for manpower and reserve affairs. DoD, VA, and Homeland Security have been planning for the expansion for more than six months. Among other things, they've decided how the new customers will get access to military installations and to the stores; assessed the impact on the stores, and have been making plans to ensure enough products get to the shelves in the right assortment. The fiscal 2019 National Defense Authorization Act expanded the pool of eligible shoppers. The law also included Medal of Honor recipients, but they already had shopping privileges. Previously, veterans with 100% service-connected disabilities were able to shop; now all with service-connected disabilities can shop. The benefit extends to MWR programs that are "revenue-generating facilities," according to the law. The expansion is about a 50% increase in customers. Currently, about 6 million total households are eligible for the benefit; this adds 3 million, said Justin Hall, director of the DoD office of MWR and Resale Policy. "That's a huge lift across the entire system," he said. Officials have been mapping out the areas, using VA statistics, where there may be more of an impact on the stores. The impact assessments generally show there will be a low to moderate impact on military stores overall, said Penrod. But she called on representatives of industry for their help to make sure the supply chain "remains responsive to the increased sales volume to ensure no out of stock situations occur" at stores in states with high populations of disabled veterans and in states with higher cost of living. States with a higher population density of disabled veterans are Florida, Texas and California, said Barry Patrick, in the DoD office of resale policy. High cost areas were identified as Hawaii; Alaska, California; the Washington metropolitan area; New York; New Jersey and Washington state, he said. These new shoppers generally don't have access to military bases. Officials have decided the best form of identification for these groups:

- **Disabled and other eligible veterans:** For access into the installation, and for access to the stores, they'll use the veteran's health ID card, Patrick said. Officials are working to enable technology at the front gate to scan those cards, and will start scanning the cards in October, he said. Commissary officials are working on adjusting their technology to enable systems to read the card.

- **Caregivers:** The process will be different, initially, Patrick said, since they're not directly affiliated with DoD or VA other than through their annual appointment to be a caregiver. The benefit applies to the primary caregiver of wounded/injured veterans who

are registered in the Department of Veterans Affairs caregiver program. Beginning in October, the VA will post a memo to VA.gov for caregivers, to be used for access at the front gate, along with driver's license or other authorized form of ID. The VA process will later transition to a caregiver-type ID card, which will have scanning swipe capability, he said. There are about 30,000 VA caregivers who will qualify for this benefit, but over the next several years the number could potentially grow to about 250,000, Patrick noted. These new customers will pay a fee for using a credit card at commissaries, except for the military resale system's Military Star card. The amount of the fee has not yet been determined. By law, this expansion can't include extra costs associated with using credit cards in commissaries; the cost must be passed on to the customer. Except for the Military Star card, credit card companies charge transaction fees to retailers when customers use their credit cards. There will be a flag built into the system at commissaries so that when the card is swiped the fee will be charged. The fee applies only to new patrons using credit cards in commissaries, not to Medal of Honor recipients or others who were previously authorized to shop. New customers can avoid the fees by paying by cash, check or using the Military Star card. It only applies at the commissary, which is funded primarily by taxpayer dollars.

Employment and Educational Opportunities

[Coca-Cola is hiring, no experience needed, \\$19/hr](#)

SANS has just launched its second round of the Cyber Workforce Academy - Maryland under the Maryland EARN grant. This time, we seek to fill 95 seats in our accelerated training courses. These spots are 100% scholarship-funded. Here is a recent interview with an Academy graduate. <https://wamu.org/story/19/07/02/to-combat-a-talent-shortage-cybersecurity-companies-look-for-diverse-candidates/>

For more info, contact Tommie-Lynne Hellwig, Outreach Specialist at tlhellwig@sans.org

The [SANS Institute](#) is the largest source for information security training and security certification in the world. The Academy provides U.S. military veterans with advanced technical training, industry-recognized certifications, and connections to high-paying jobs and rewarding careers in cybersecurity. The Academy is 100% scholarship-based and includes three SANS training courses taught by expert faculty as well as the associated GIAC certifications.

[Amazon Forklift Warehouse Jobs](#) - Baltimore, MD. \$1000 Sign On + \$650 Referral Bonuses! \$100/day Commission Bonus if you live 40+ miles away! Work Location North East, MD Pay Rate + PayActive Benefit \$15.00-\$21.15 per hour + medical...

[Maintenance Technician - Nights](#) - PepsiCo Corp - Columbia, MD. \$29.35 per hour [CLICK HERE](#) to view our Maintenance Mechanic Job Preview Video Position is responsible for repairing and installing production/manufacturing equipment. Inspects equipment

[Leadership Development Program- Full Training | Full Time](#) - Columbia, MD. Receive and provide training to any team members that need it. * Work with other leaders to plan and direct the work of the organization. * Attend National Seminars and Conferences. * Create r....

[Open jobs near Columbia, MD](#)

[Armed Services Arts Partnership \(ASAP\) Development Manager](#)

Do you know someone who thrives in creating strong partnerships, telling stories and planning ahead?

We are looking for someone who will communicate who we are as a community and why our impact is meaningful – ultimately to bring in new supporters who will help us reach more veterans.

They will love this role if they...

- Love telling stories and are a great listener.
- Are not afraid to reach out to unreachable people, and are not afraid of rejection.
- Are excited by opportunities to develop new skills, and eager to learn.
- Remain calm and flexible in the face of unexpected changes.
- Are energized by fast-paced start-up environments.
- Approach work and colleagues with positivity and enthusiasm

If you know someone who is a good fit, please share this newsletter with them!

Applications are due on October 20.

Questions? Reach out to Scott (scott@asapasap.org)

**November 21 – [Classic Produce Hiring Fair](#), 9–12pm. Columbia Workforce Center
7161 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite D Columbia, MD 21046
POSITIONS**

Production / Line Leader & Worker / Selector / Sorter / Packer

\$11.00 to \$14.00 p/hr - DOE

Production Supervisor

\$14.00 to \$15.00 p/hr – DOE

Inventory Clerk

\$12.00 to \$14.00 p/hr

Administrative Assistant

\$14.00 to 16.00 p/hr – DOE

Sanitation Worker

\$12.25 p/hr

<http://www.classproduce.com>

HR Dept. #: 410.799.5700 ext. 432

November 22 - Thomson Electric Hiring Event - Offers on the spot, 9am-1pm.

Thompson Electric 1060 Hardees Dr Aberdeen, MD 21001. Interviewing for Construction Foreman. Install Traffic Signals throughout the State of Maryland. We will be hiring for the following location Thompson Electric, Aberdeen, MD 21001.

Requirements: Valid Drivers License, 3 years experience

How to prepare: Please bring Valid Drivers License. Resume (Optional) with you to the event.

What to wear - Dress code is Casual (come as you are, but please be presentable).

RSVP to Gregory Ingram, OWDS, gregory.ingram@maryland.gov or 410-836-4630 (office)

Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) Specialist

Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning

Therapist - Building Families for Children

BFC has a consultant opening for a Therapist in its Therapeutic Family Services program. The Therapist provides therapeutic services to children and families with a focus on healing past trauma and building healthy attachments. [Read more.](#)

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Communications and Development Manager - Compass Maryland

Compass, Inc. is a progressive, non-profit organization located in Beltsville, MD that supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are seeking a highly-skilled, self-starter to fill the position of Communications and Development Manager. This position partners with Compass' leadership team and the Board to sustain and expand its stakeholders and mission through communications, community outreach and marketing activities as well as coordination of resource development activities and events. [Read more.](#)

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Multiple Opportunities - Athelas Institute

Athelas is seeking individuals who are not only interested in the field of mental health, specifically with the developmentally disabled population, but also who are caring, patient, and possess the skills to help us continue our mission of quality service. [Read more.](#)

Multiple Job Openings - Linwood Center

We encourage any qualified individual who has an interest in working with children or adults with an autism spectrum disorder to apply for a professional or career-oriented position with Linwood.

[Read more.](#)

Multiple Job Openings - Humanim

If you want to make a positive impact in your community, you belong here. We're always looking for driven employees with human purpose to join our diverse team. [Read more.](#)

On-Call Victim Advocate - HopeWorks

On-Call Victim Advocates are responsible for providing case management, advocacy and support services to residential clients living in the Safe House, a 24-hour emergency shelter for individuals and families fleeing domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking. [Read more.](#)

IT Skills and Career Development Classes – Howard County Library System

The Howard County Library System and Cisco Networking Academy are partnering to offer a series of IT skill and career development classes. Take courses online, on your schedule, or in person at HCLS branches. Available classes cover topics of Digital Literacy, Entrepreneurship, Cybersecurity, the Internet of Things (IoT), and the Linux Operating System. [Read more.](#)

One-Stop Employment Services – Office of Workforce Development

The Office of Workforce Development's focus is on meeting the workforce and employment needs of businesses and job seekers in our local labor market. Their objective is to provide excellent customer service to anyone using their workforce development resources. Take advantage of their [free resources.](#)