

Dear Veterans, Military Families and Supporters,

Please find a number of resources below to benefit veterans and military families. They are not endorsed by my office, just a compilation of programs and services that come across my desk. Please feel free to share and vet according to your needs. If you have any events, programs, job opportunities, etc. that would benefit this group, please forward it to me. If these bulletins have benefited you, a colleague or family member, please share your story with me. Thank you and Happy Independence Day! Lisa

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[Services](#)

[Training Service](#)

[Management \(TCM\) Program](#)

- [TALMAR Breaking New Ground](#) – is a 10 month USDA curriculum based certifications farmers training in sustainable agriculture. Our course is different than other training programs in that it goes through the entire growing season and graduates are given plots of vacant land in which to establish and maintain their own agri-business. One year of follow up is provided as well. Application on line. Class sizes are limited. Free for veterans through VA Vocation Rehabilitation Counselor.
- [Uber Military](#) - Transitioning from military to civilian life can be challenging, but at Uber we understand that veterans are some of our nation's most talented and skilled leaders. That's why we're excited to launch UberMILITARY: our new program to introduce service members, veterans and military spouses to Uber and empower them as entrepreneurs and small business owners. Over the next 18 months, we will on-board 50,000 members of the military community to the Uber platform.
- [Maryland Apprenticeships](#) – The Maryland Apprenticeship Innovation Fund was established to provide seed money to businesses and apprenticeship providers committed to creating new apprenticeship opportunities to meet their workforce needs. For Jobseekers and Employers.
- [Starbucks Veteran and Military Spouse Employment](#) - Starbucks is proud to employ veterans and military spouses in our company operated retail stores across the United States. Our Armed Forces Network (AFN) is a community of Starbucks partners (employees) dedicated to supporting military partners, support transitioning military and their families, and create a veteran friendly workplace.
- [US Chamber of Commerce Military Spouse Employment Summit](#)
- [Military Spouse Employment Study](#)
- [MilitaryOneClick](#) - MilitaryOneClick empowers the military community with multimedia content that informs and entertains. MOC connects you with the latest news, career, money, education, PCS and countless other valuable resources for military life. MilitaryOneClick also hosts MilSpouseFest 2017, a live event for military spouses held in 6 military communities around the country.
- National Military Spouse Network – [Military Spouse Career Summit 2017](#)

- If you have a Veteran who is interested in Federal Employment with FEMA/DHS please have them submit a resume to: Fema-careers@fema.dhs.gov

- **Spread the Word – DHS is Hiring Veterans!**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is committed to hiring veterans across the country in various fields. In fact, DHS is a leader in veterans employment across the federal government, employing more than 50,000 veterans.

As part of this commitment, DHS is seeking hundreds of qualified veterans to fill mission-critical positions in law enforcement, business operations, budget/finance/accounting, information technology, intelligence, and more.

Over the next several weeks, we will host webinars for veterans to provide information on DHS career opportunities, veterans appointing authorities, effective resume writing, veterans' preference, and how to create a profile on USAJOBS and make resumes searchable. If you know of a veteran who is interested in a rewarding career with the Department, please encourage them to participate in one of the below webinars for more information.

Thursday, July 20 at 10am

Monday, July 24 at 7pm

Thursday, July 27 at 10am

To join the webinar, go to <https://dhsconnect.connectsolutions.com/ochco/> and call 888-390-1069, access code 8005734

It is recommended that you log in prior to the webinar to test your connection

Please share this information with friends and family. To learn more, visit www.dhs.gov/recruitment.

For more information on career opportunities at DHS, please visit www.dhs.gov/careers.

- [My Reemployment Plan](#) –is a generic, interactive job search guide, i.e., a “road map” of sorts, that can be adapted to the specific requirements and various economies of states and regions. It outlines proven steps to successful reemployment in a 21st century job market and may be used by jobseekers directly or as a case management tool for professional workforce development staff.
- **Wednesday, July 26th Catalyst Career Group Maritime Conference Center**
11 AM – 3 PM
www.catalystcareergroup.com
692 Maritime Blvd

Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
General/Professional

- **Wednesday, July 26, 2017 TechExpo AT&T Public Sector Solutions Open House Hiring Event**
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

BWI Marriott
1743 West Nursery Road
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

Full Scope Poly Required
[Registration](#)

[Flier](#)

- **Wednesday, July 26th United Career Fairs Sheraton Columbia Town Center**
6 PM
www.unitedcareerfairs.com
10207 Wincopin Circle
Columbia, MD 21044
Sales

- **Community Job Fair**
Wednesday, September 13, 2017
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Club Meade
6600 Mapes Road
Ft. Meade, MD 20755
[Flier](#)

- **Veteran Job Fair**
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Club Meade
6600 Mapes Road
Ft. Meade, MD 20755
[Flier](#)

- **State Announces RFPs for EARN Md Targeting Cybersecurity & Green Industries**
The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation has just announced a Solicitation for Implementation Grant Proposals for the Employment Advancement Right Now (EARN) Maryland initiative targeting cybersecurity and green industries. Proposals are due on September 12, 2017. [Read more](#)

- **Federal Contracting Opportunities**
FedBizOpps.gov
- [Department of Defense Business Opportunities](#)
- [Department of Defense Small Business Opportunities](#)
- **Cohort III of the Veterans Entrepreneurial Jumpstart program** is now enrolling.

If you are a Veteran interested in starting your own Small Business, please read below.

Cohort III of the Veterans Entrepreneurial Jumpstart (VEJ) program is now scheduled for **October 14-22, 2017**. It will be held on the Saint Joseph's University campus in Philadelphia, PA.

VEJ is designed to provide our Veterans with the training, skills and services necessary to start their own small business.

This program is provided at No Charge to all Honorably Discharged Veterans, regardless of disability status. We accept veterans from all over the country.

Also eligible are Active Duty personnel, as well as members of the National Guard and Reserves.

Veterans Entrepreneurial Jumpstart (VEJ): This free program is a product of Saint Joseph's University. Delivered in three phases: Phase I (August-September) consists of an online self-study program designed to provide a foundation in business fundamentals and develop a draft business plan; Phase II (October 14-22) is a nine-day on campus residency at St. Joe's, complete with guest lecturers, panel discussions, one-on-one mentoring, and social outings, culminating in a "shark tank" presentation by all veterans and a graduation dinner and awards ceremony; Phase III (November 2017 to May 2018) is the execution component, and consists of in-kind services ranging from website development to accounting assistance to legal support, as well as the use of a mentor. This program and suite of services is provided at No Charge to all enrolled Veterans.

The application process has begun, and enrollment is available through our website:

www.sju.edu/vej

For more information, please call me at any time.

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- [Veteran Owned Small Business Participation in Maryland State Procurement](#)

- **Identifying Defense Contracting Opportunities for Maryland Businesses** - MD Dept. of Commerce is committed to assisting Maryland's defense-dependent contractors through the creation of the Maryland Defense Network (MDN), an online resource and data tool, and a new program, the Maryland Defense Diversification Assistance (MDDA) program that will begin this fall/winter. The first iteration of the Maryland Defense Network is live [here](#) and you can sign up/create an account to access Maryland defense contracting data and businesses. Future enhancements that will support, grow, and diversify Maryland defense contracting firms will be coming at the end of 2018.

Please see the [flier](#) promoting the current features of the MDN.

More information on the MDDA is forthcoming as we design the program guidelines, but it will contain training and consulting assistance for defense dependent contractors interested in diversifying to new (non-DoD) domestic, commercial or foreign markets to mitigate adverse impacts from loss of contracts/grants or from DoD budget fluctuations. If you are a company interested in diversification support, please reach out to John Stovall, Defense Industry Outreach Coordinator.

- To receive regional job openings, request to be on these distros:

James C. Tharpe
 Army Readiness Specialist: MD
 Private Public Partnership (P3)
 DoD Contractor (Sektor Solutions, Inc.)
 John E. Smathers Reserve Center
 2118 Annapolis Rd.
 Fort Meade, MD 20755
 Office: 301 833-6817
james.c.tharpe2.ctr@mail.mil

Gregory Ingram, OWDS
 Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) Specialist
 Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning
 Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation
 2 South Bond Street, Suite 204
 Bel Air, MD 21014
gregory.ingram@maryland.gov
 410-836-4630 (office)
 410-836-4640 (fax)
[DLLR Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Gayla R. Jenkins-Bailey MSW, MHRM
Disabled Veteran Outreach Program
 Job Service Specialist II
 Division of Workforce Development & Adult Learning
 Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation

11002 Viers Mill Road, Suite 100
Wheaton, MD 20902
gayla.jenkins-bailey@maryland.gov
301-929-4350 ext. 2006 (office)
301-929-4383 (fax)

jimditt@careerfairs-eastcoast.com - Job Postings, Career Fair & Program Listings & Articles to consider

- [The Howard County Office of Workforce Development Office Relocation](#) - temporarily relocating to Ascend One Building at 8930 Stanford Blvd, 2nd floor, Columbia, Maryland from July 17-21. If you need to call us during this time please call 410-313-0153. We will be back at the Columbia Workforce Center on July 25.

Health and Wellness Resources

- [Vet Arts Connect](#) - Vet Arts Connect supports the health and well-being of Maryland military veterans by connecting them with vital experiences in nature and the creative arts. Consistent with scientific findings, many veterans report that artistic expression and encounters with nature improve their mood, self-confidence, and ability to manage stress.
- [On Our Own of Maryland, Inc.](#) - is a statewide mental health consumer education and advocacy group that promotes equality in all aspects of society for people who receive mental health services and develops alternative, recovery-based mental health initiatives.
- [Military Families Learning Network](#) - offers FREE webinars covering a variety of topics.
- [Coaching Into Care](#) is a national telephone service of the VA which aims to educate, support, and empower family members and friends who are seeking care or services for a Veteran. Our goal is to help Veterans, their family members, and other loved ones find the appropriate services at their local VA facilities and/or in their community. We also provide coaching to family and friends of Veterans who see that a Veteran in their life may be having difficulty adjusting to civilian life. Coaching is provided by licensed psychologists or social workers, free-of-charge. Coaching involves helping our callers figure out how to motivate the Veteran to seek treatment. We can help you get information about mental health, services at the VA and tips on how to begin the conversation about treatment with a loved one who is a Veteran.
- [Mission Continues](#) - The Mission Continues empowers veterans who are adjusting to life at home to find purpose through community impact. We deploy veterans on new missions in their communities, so that their actions will inspire future generations to serve.

- [The Root Studio](#) in Columbia - Root Studio's multi-genre workspaces empower artists with access to professional grade tools, knowledge resources, and collaborative opportunities to further their craft. and you have a recipe for unlimited innovation.
- [Survivor Outreach Services](#)
- [National Military Family Institute's How to Help Military and Veteran Families](#) is a series of publications that offer valuable information to various audiences to help them assist and support members of the military, veterans and their families. Each issue provides evidence-based guidance on how a particular group can help, with short, practical suggestions and links that point to additional resources. Each issue has been carefully reviewed both by subject matter experts and military family support organizations.

Academic Advisors **New** (Printer friendly)

Disability Offices **New** (Printer friendly)

Faculty **New** (Printer friendly)

Families With Special Needs **New** (Printer friendly)

Family Caregivers **New** (Printer friendly)

Early Childhood Educators (Printer friendly)

Family, Friends, & Neighbors (Printer friendly)

Financial Professionals (Printer friendly)

Higher Education (Printer friendly)

Employers (Printer friendly)

Faith-Based Communities (Printer friendly)

Legal Professionals (Printer friendly)

First Responders (Printer friendly)

Medical Professional (Printer friendly)

Mental Health Professionals (Printer friendly)

Teachers (Printer friendly)

- [NAMI FALL 2017 PEER TO PEER CLASS](#)
NAMI Howard County is pleased to announce our Fall 2017 Peer to Peer 5 week course scheduled for the following time period:
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning August 8th-September 7th

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Location will be given to those who are registered for the class after completing a brief participant info questionnaire by phone.

WALK-IN's will not be accepted

•If you or someone you know are living with a mental health condition or disorder and are interested in registering for this educational recovery course, please contact us at info.namihc@gmail.com or call the office at 410-772-9300.

*Please note: Person living with the mental health condition must call or email to register him/herself for the course.

I have attached a fact sheet to provide more information about the course. Please call soon because the class fills up quickly!

- **NAMI Howard County** is pleased to announce **our Fall 2017 Family to Family** course scheduled for the following time period:

When:

Thursdays beginning September 7th-November 30th

(no class 11/23-Thanksgiving Day)

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Location will be given to those who are registered for the course after completing a participant registration form which will be emailed.

WALK-IN's will not be accepted...

The course is open to all caregivers of adults living with mental illness. The course is taught by trained NAMI family members who have relatives with mental illness.

Everyone is a valued participant. Please email aadair.namihc@gmail.com if interested in taking this educational and life-changing course or call the office @ 410-772-9300.

- **NAMI Howard County** is pleased to announce our Fall 2017 **six week Basics course** scheduled for the following time period:

When: **Monday, September 18, 2017 - Monday, October 23, 2017**

Time: 6:30pm-9:00pm

The class is taught by trained family members whose children experience mental health challenges.

So, if you are a parent or caregiver of people younger than 22 who are experiencing mental health challenges, please call the office at 410-772-9300 to register for this FREE class.

- [The How-to Guide for Packing Your Home Before Deployment](#)
- [Guide to Coping with Deployment and Combat Stress](#)
- [Interested in Using a VA Home Loan? Here's What You Need to Know](#)

- [VA Loan Information for Veterans & Active Military](#)
- [Basic Mortgage Calculator with Taxes & PMI](#)
- [Financial Resources for Veterans Returning to School](#)
- [PTSD Issues for Current Military Service Members](#)
- [The Guide to Managing PTSD As A Tradesman](#)
- [Affordable Mental Health Options for Veterans and their Families](#)
- [21 Strengths Arising From Military Experience](#)

Events and other Resources

July 24, 2017 – Lunch and Learn about affordably priced homes in Howard County

WOULD YOU LIKE TO OWN A HOME IN HOWARD COUNTY?

The County offers several programs designed to help you buy an affordably priced home so that you can live near your work.

If you would like to find out more about how you might be able to buy a home that is priced substantially below market rates and/or qualify for assistance with down payment and closing costs, then you don't want to miss this information session!

Join us on Monday, July 24th to get the facts - -and lunch too! Seating is limited to the first 30 respondents.

Please register at: https://mihu_lunch_and_learn.eventbrite.com

July 26 – **Veterans Seminar** – 6:30pm in Columbia -Addressing the concerns of long term care and VA benefits

[July 29 and Aug 25 – Free Yoga for Veterans](#), 6-7:15pm in Columbia

July 29 - **Maryland Advocates Rally from 11:30am to 1:00pm** in McKeldin Square to Call for Greater Federal Investments in Affordable Homes and Community Development. [Press release](#)

- [Howard County Chamber of Commerce](#) **Events**

August 3, 2017 - Elected Officials Meet & Greet at La Palapa Grill & Cantina

August 16, 2017 - Power Breakfast with the Central MD Chamber - Save the Date

August 17, 2017 - YPN Celerate Series - Save the Date

August 26 - National Portrait Gallery Military Family Appreciation Day. There will be a live bluegrass band, private tours with a curator, kids' activities, and popcorn!

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

National Portrait Gallery

8th St NW & F St NW

Washington, DC 20001

[Register](#)

- **Reading of Names at The Wall: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund** is hosting the Reading of the Names of the 58,318 servicemen and women inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The reading is part of the special activities planned this November to commemorate the 35th anniversary of The Wall. The Reading of the Names will take place for 65 hours over a four-day period beginning after an opening ceremony on **Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 3 p.m.** [Learn more or volunteer to read a name.](#)

VFW Calls on Vietnam Veterans for Help: The VFW is calling on Vietnam veterans to search their wartime memorabilia for any artifacts that might help Vietnam to determine the fate of its estimated 300,000 MIAs. Being requested are photos and sketch maps of battle sites or burial locations, as well as personal artifacts that may contain names, family photos and personal letters. No weapons, please! Veteran-to-veteran initiatives generate goodwill and further assist the U.S. government's efforts to investigative and recover Americans missing from the war. Please mail your memorabilia to Joe Davis, VFW Washington Office, 200 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002. Everything collected will be turned over to the Vietnamese Embassy in Washington.

[MDVA Newsletter](#), July 14 – Register to receive this

- [VFW Weekly Newsletter](#)
- [Under Armour offers discounts](#)
- **Consumer News**

July is Month of the Military Consumer. It's a great time to remind servicemembers, veterans, and their families of the helpful tips you can find at Military.Consumer.gov. It's the military community's tool for financial readiness. Because when you know how to manage your money — and how to spot a rip-off — you're more financially solid and mission-ready.

I hope you'll help us mark the month on social media:

Video

In our [new video](#), Acting FTC Chairman Maureen K. Ohlhausen kicks off Month of the Military Consumer with two colleagues who are veterans. Please share it!

Twitter

Join one of our upcoming [@MilConsumer](#) Twitter chats. Check #MilConsumer for details.

Share these tweets with your network:

- July is Month of the Military Consumer! Get tips on the go to manage your money & avoid scams. #MilConsumer
- Servicemembers: stay financially fit and mission-ready. Learn how at Military.Consumer.gov #MilConsumer
- Sign up for scam alerts to keep the con artists away. Military.Consumer.gov can help you protect your pocketbook. #MilConsumer
- Want to know how to watch your wallet? Military.Consumer.gov can show you how to get the most from your money. #MilConsumer

We'll also be live tweeting our two roundtables:

- July 19: [financial readiness roundtable](#) in San Antonio, Texas to discuss financial issues affecting military families.
- July 27: the [Economic Liberty Task Force](#) is hosting a [roundtable](#) in Washington, DC about issues related to state professional licensing programs.

Facebook

Follow us — and share posts — on our new Facebook page: [MilitaryConsumer](https://www.facebook.com/MilitaryConsumer).

Here's [a post to share](#) on your blog and Facebook page.

Watch [USA.gov's Facebook Live](#) event on July 26. We'll discuss choosing a college and looking for a job for military families.

- [Probono Resource Center of MD](#) - PBRC is the only statewide non-profit clearinghouse for legal professionals dedicated to offering free civil legal help to the most vulnerable and disenfranchised members of our community. Our goal is to ensure that all Marylanders have equal access to the legal system regardless of their socio-economic condition. For volunteer, employment and legal support, please visit [PBRC](#).
- [Maryland Cash Campaign](#) - The Maryland CASH (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) Campaign is a statewide non-profit that assists low and moderate income working families by offering financial education and asset building programs.

The Maryland CASH Academy provides free and low cost financial education classes through partnerships with service providers such as non-profits, banks, credit unions, educational institutions, and other financial professionals.

- **Howard County Office of Children and Families presents Summer 2017-Parent Pages**
This summer issue contains information for summer enjoyment, preventing the summer slide, ways to keep your children busy and preparing children of all ages for their transition in the fall [Click here](#)
- [Anne Arundel Community College Veterans Counseling Program](#)
- [Lifetime Senior Pass to Parks and Public Lands nationwide](#)

The Dept. of Community Resources and Services Office of Veterans and Military Families (DCRS/OVMF) does not endorse the organizations sponsoring these events, the views they express or the products/services they offer. The information serves as a DCRS/OVMF community outreach effort. If you wish to unsubscribe, please email lbterry@howardcountymd.gov

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The Department of Community Resources and Services provides vital human services through its offices of ADA Coordination, Aging and Independence, Children and Families, Community Partnerships, Consumer Protection, Local Children's Board, and Veterans and Military Families.

The Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families (OVMF) provides guidance, information and access to the more than 20,000 veterans who live in Howard County, as well as their dependents

and survivors, and military families. The OVVF also promotes activities for veterans of all ages and collaborates with other service providers to address more complex issues.

Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/vetcomm>

Department of Community Resources and Services Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/HoCoCommunity/>

Commission for Veterans and Military Families Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/HocoMilitary/>

Reserved Veteran Parking Initiative

Honor veterans living and working in Howard County by installing a Reserved Veteran Parking sign at your place of business or in honor of a loved one.

http://www.howardchamber.com/chamber_information/veteran_parking_sign_initiative.aspx