



# DMVA

North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

## ON POINT NEWSLETTER

## September 2021 Newsletter

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### #ICYMI

#### Repatriation of Pfc. Henry E. Ellis

**More than 70 years after US Marine Private First Class Henry E. Ellis, was declared missing in action from the Korean War, his remains were safely returned home to his family in North Carolina.**

On Monday, August 23, Governor Roy Cooper ordered United States and North Carolina flags at state facilities to be lowered to half-staff in honor of Pfc. Ellis, and all those who have fought for our country overseas and never returned home. On that same Monday, Secretary Gaskin joined the National Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. and United States Marine Corps, Combat Logistics Battalion 451, Charlotte, NC to honor Pfc. Ellis at his long-awaited funeral, with full military honors.

**Pictures from the arrival, motorcade, and funeral can be seen on our Flickr page at: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmWsmPYP>**



Secretary Walter Gaskin & the family of Pfc. Henry Ellis emotionally greet his arrival to Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

### NCDMVA At Work

#### Secretary Gaskin's Listening Tour Continues

Since being appointed Secretary of NCDMVA in January, Secretary Gaskin has embarked on a "Listening Tour," visiting military installations, state veteran homes, and veteran service offices across the state to learn firsthand about the issues facing the installation members, and the health of veterans and their surrounding communities. In a recent visit to the North Carolina State Veteran Home in Salisbury, Secretary Gaskin, toured the partially renovated facility. He also talked with management and staff and the resident military veterans to thank them for helping to pave the way for veterans like him.

See more pictures from Secretary Gaskin's visit at: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmWvSoFU>



Secretary Walter Gaskin talks bedside to veteran, U.S. Col. Peter Bent, a resident of NC State Veterans Home in Salisbury NC.

## Montford Point Marine Commemoration

Secretary Gaskin was honored to join members of the National Montford Point Marine Association last week to commemorate the arrival of the first recruits to Camp Montford Point on August 26th, 1941.

### Who is a Montford Point Marine?

They are the first African-Americans to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps after President Franklin Roosevelt issues an Executive Order establishing the Fair Employment Practices Commission in June 1941. The recruits trained at Camp Montford Point in Jacksonville, NC. The largest number of black Marines to serve in combat during WW II took part in the seizure of Okinawa, with approximately 2,000 seeing action.



DMVA Secretary Walter Gaskin alongside Montford Point Marine National President James T. Averhart, Jr.

## North Carolina Scholarship for Children of Wartime Veteran

The DMVA scholarship program has awarded 439 scholarships in 2021. The program was created to show its appreciation for the services and sacrifices of its war veterans, and is reserved for students of deceased, disabled, combat, or POW/MIA veterans. The scholarship is for eight academic semesters and the recipient has eight years to utilize the money. Applicants must be under the age of 25 at the time of application and a resident of the state. The veteran's qualifying criteria must have occurred during a period of war. **Learn more about the NC Scholarship for Children of Wartime Veterans [here](#).**

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To learn more visit [milvets.nc.gov/services/scholarships](http://milvets.nc.gov/services/scholarships)

## DMVA Public Service Announcements

### NC4ME 60-Day Campaign to "Honor our Veterans by Hiring a Veteran"



**NC4ME**  
NORTH CAROLINA FOR MILITARY EMPLOYMENT



Twenty years after the events of 9/11, [NC4ME](#) is once again challenging employers across North Carolina to hire the veterans, who have so valiantly guarded our freedoms. DMVA, Lowe's, the Carolina Panthers, Dominion Energy, Truist, and others are launching a 60-day veteran hiring campaign on Friday, September 10. It is geared towards making employers in our state understand the leadership, and added value that veterans can bring to their teams, and organizations. NC4ME is a long time partner of the NC Department of Military and Veteran Affairs and we look forward to working with them to keep our military veterans, and families, right here in NC.

Follow [NC4ME](#) and [DMVA](#) via Facebook for more on this campaign.



## 9/10 Day of Service VA National Cemeteries

Friday, September 10, 2021

The National Cemetery Administration and Carry The Load are partnering at more than 60 VA national cemeteries across the nation on Friday, Sept. 10, with a national day of service to mark the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Come join us as we clean headstones and perform other tasks to beautify our national shrines and honor those who have served our country over the last 20 years.

For more information, visit <https://www.cem.va.gov/National-Day-of-Service/>

Register at [https://www.carrytheload.org/.../SPageNa.../patriot\\_day.html](https://www.carrytheload.org/.../SPageNa.../patriot_day.html)

Don't wait to vaccinate.

## #MiVetsNC 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.

**A Veteran in Buncombe County is making a difference in his community.**

Kevin Rumley, a Purple Heart recipient is the program

coordinator for Buncombe County Veteran's Treatment Court. The program supports veterans charged with misdemeanor or felony offenses, who are struggling with addiction or mental illness. There are only four programs of this nature in the entire state

[Read the Spectrum News 1 feature here.](#)



Kevin Rumley

**Nominate a Service Member, Veteran, or Advocate to be featured on the #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](mailto: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

# Community Calendar

## North Carolina Observes 20th Anniversary of 9/11

### Buncombe County Sheriff's Honor Guard to Lead 9/11 Memorial Flag Raising Service at Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery

On Friday, September 10 at 8:45 a.m. the Buncombe County Sheriff's Honor Guard will raise an American Flag, flown during military missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

Airforce retiree and Buncombe County Sheriff's Office SERV Unit Director Rafael Jimenez will lead the honor guard. During his tours of duty in Afghanistan, as a KC-135 refueling crew member, the American flags flown were returned to the US and given to those that supported the troops. Several flags never made the trip and Jimenez held on to them in hopes of someday being able to give them a good home.

The flag being raised at the cemetery will find a new home at the Western Carolina Veterans Museum in Brevard, NC, after it is lowered at the end of the day.



Airman Rafael Jimenez stands alongside fellow Airmen at the World Trade Center, Ground-Zero



Unit Director - Buncombe County Sheriff's Office Mr. Rafael Jimenez



### 9/11 Events:

#### **9/11, 9am - 20th Anniversary War on Terror Memorial Service - Raleigh**

Capitol Monuments, 5 E. Edenton St. Raleigh, NC  
Contact: Al Pasquale,  
USMC, pasqualeusmc@yahoo.com, 484-802-2516

#### **9/11 HEROES RUN - Sept. 11th - 8:30 am - Raleigh/Durham**

Jefferson L Suggs Farm Park

Website: 9/11 Heroes Run - Raleigh/Durham, NC (travismanion.org)

#### **NC State University 9/11 Memorial Ceremony - Sept. 11th - 7 pm - Raleigh**

Talley Student Union, Stewart Theatre

Website: 9/11 Memorial Ceremony - NC State University Calendar (ncsu.edu)9/11 Memorial Ceremony - NC State University Calendar (ncsu.edu)

**Where Were You? - SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL EVENT - Sept. 11th - 7:30 pm  
- FESTIVAL PARK**

Rowan Street and Ray Avenue, Fayetteville, NC 28301

Website: Where Were You - September 11th Memorial Event ([visitfayettevillenc.com](http://visitfayettevillenc.com))

**9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB – Sept. 11th - 8:30 am**

Segra Stadium, 460 Hay Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301

Website: 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb ([visitfayettevillenc.com](http://visitfayettevillenc.com))

**9/11 Commemorative 5K Event – Spt. 11th - 8 am - City of Graham – City Hall Campus**

201 South Main Street, Graham, NC

Website: 9/11 Commemorative 5K Event – City of Graham, NC

**9/11 – 14th Annual Field of Honor @ 9am – 5pm**

Website: <https://www.cityviewnc.com/event/14th-annual-field-of-honor/> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/270800331199181/>

# 9-11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

**WHEN:** September 11, 8:30 AM

**WHERE:** 100 Court Plaza

Your attendance  
would be  
appreciated.

**Presentation of Colors** AFD/APD Honor Guard

**National Anthem** Sr. Officer Colby Fox

**Invocation** Chaplain Siefferman

**Opening Remarks** Scott Burnette  
Fire Chief

**Moment of Silence** 8:46 AM

**Remarks** Police Captain  
Joe Silberman

**Benediction** Chaplain Siefferman



## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Sep 9 **Funeral and Celebration of Life for Air Force Veteran Larry Gast, Charlotte**
- Sep 9 **Hire Heroes Employer Spotlight: Flyers Energy 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**
- Sep 9 **WACC with Ambassador Ryan Crocker America's troop withdrawal from Afghanistan**
- Sep 10 **2021 Triad Stand Down, Greensboro**
- Sep 10-11 **9/11 Day of Service, Fayetteville**
- Sep 11 **Patriot Day**

- Sep 11 [The Climb to Remember, Wake Forest University](#)
- Sep 11 [Shining Hope Farms 5K and 10K, Conover](#)
- Sep 11-Nov 11 [Team RWB Old Glory Relay](#)
- Sep 13-15 [National Small Business Week summit](#)
- Sep 14 [Marine Corps League 20th James T Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament, Charlotte](#)
- Sep 14 [Hire Heroes Employer Spotlight: Amazon Web Services \(AWS\) Military Apprenticeships 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm](#)
- Sep 15 [2021 Red Cross Women Who Serve Forum](#)
- Sep 18 [US Air Force Birthday](#)
- Sep 18-19 12th [Annual Tee Off For A Veteran golf tournament, China Grove](#)
- Sep 18 [Veterans Art Expo, Waxhaw](#)
- Sep 18 [USO with Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Bristol-TN](#)
- Sep 20 [USO NC 14th Annual Traditions of Honor Golf Tournament, Charlotte](#)
- Sep 20-24 [Patriots Path Workshop](#)
- Sep 21 [Hire Heroes Employer Spotlight: Sanford Health 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)
- Sep 22 [IVMF The VA and Communities-Collaborating for Greater Impact](#)
- Sep 22 [Patriots Path Mock-Interview Workshop](#)
- Sep 23 [NC Governors Working Group, Raleigh](#)
- Sep 23 [Hire Heroes Federal Employment Strategy Session 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm](#)
- Sep 25 [Marine Chevy Beat The Bridge 10K and 5K, Jacksonville](#)
- Sep 25 [100th Birthday of USMC WWII Veteran Cpl. Coy Shue, Charlotte](#)
- Sep 26 [Gold Star Mothers and Families Day](#)
- Sep 28 [DAV Recruit Military Transitioning Army & Spouse Virtual Career Fair](#)
- Sep 28 [Hire Heroes Employer Spotlight: BMO Harris Bank 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm](#)
- Sep 29-30 [USO's OPERATION JUMP START Virt. Entrepreneurial & Employment Summit](#)
- Sep 29 [Hire Heroes Social Impact for Professionals 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm](#)

Click [here](#) to visit our Events Page.

Submit your community calendar events to  
[Publisher@milvets.nc.gov](mailto:Publisher@milvets.nc.gov)

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

## OCTOBER EVENTS

### Wayne County Stand Down

October 7, 2021

Today, Stand Down refers to grassroot, community-based intervention programs designed to help the nation's estimated 107,000 homeless veterans. Please join us for the [Wayne County Stand Down 2021](#) and spread the word to all veterans who have served and are located in Wayne County and the surrounding areas. **Find out more about this event [here](#).**



# WAYNE COUNTY STAND DOWN 2021

ALSO SERVING LENOIR & WILSON COUNTIES



**WHEN**  
**Thursday October 7th, 2021**  
**9am - 2pm**

**WHERE**  
**T C Coley Community Center**  
**516 South Leslie Street**  
**Goldsboro, NC 27530**

**OFFERING • Employment Services • Medical Screening •  
Housing Referrals • VA Benefits • Food • Toiletries  
Barber Services • Clothing • Legal Services**

**PARTNERING ORGANIZATION:**



**SERVING  
VETERANS IN  
NEED**

***MUST BRING***

**VA ID  
OR  
DD214**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:**

**ZACHARY BRANCH**  
919-731-7950

**BILL GRAHAM**  
919-394-2200

DMV-Department of Motor Vehicles will be present to assist Veterans who need to obtain an ID. Please bring your Social Security Card and DD214, along with \$13.00/cash. If you are homeless, a letter from the shelter verifying that you are homeless is

**SPONSORS**

**Wayne County Veterans & Patriots Coalition, Inc.**

**NC Works Career Center**

**Goldsboro Elks Lodge #139**

**Kinston Elks Lodge #740**

**The Bridge Church**

## The Hall of Firsts

October 9, 2021 (Postponed)

Due to a recent surge in Covid-19 cases, the 2021 North Carolina Military Hall of Firsts Inaugural Induction Ceremony has been postponed until Spring 2022. The accompanying exhibit at the [North Carolina Museum of History](#), featuring the 2021 Inductees, will be unveiled as planned on October 9, 2021. Please stay tuned for details!

Stay tuned for updates! Click [here](#) to learn more about the [NC Military Hall of Firsts](#).

## 2021 NC Women MilVets Virtual Summit

Thursday, October 21, 2021, 9am –  
12:30pm

[Click here](#) to sign up for the 2021 NC Women MilVets Virtual Summit!

This free, biennial event is aimed at empowering military and veteran women



to live healthy and happy lives.

Presenters will discuss the latest federal and state benefits and resources. There will also be an exchange of ideas emphasizing business, entrepreneurship, education, career opportunities and health and wellness. The event will feature breakout sessions of presenters, panel discussions, plus a Q&A session.

Click [here](#) for more information on the **NC 2021 Women MilVets Virtual Summit** or contact [info@wmvse.org](mailto:info@wmvse.org).

## Educate, Empower, Enrich: Emerging & Lighting the Way Forward



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and Veterans Affairs

The North Carolina Department of Military and 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.

