



# DMVA

North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

## ON POINT NEWSLETTER

## January 2022 Newsletter

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### #ICYMI



#### **State Veterans Home - Black Mountain Celebrates WWII veteran, Bernice Liverett**

With a cake and fruit punch, WWII veteran Bernice Liverett celebrated her 103rd birthday in style last month inside the North Carolina State Veteran's Home – Black Mountain.

Dozens of birthday cards and treasured photographs of Bernice added to the joy.

Ms. Liverett served in World War II, helping in medical transportation. When asked for the secret to her longevity, Ms. Liverett simply said she goes to bed and wakes up the next day.

[Click here](#) for the full story.

## Celebrating High-Quality Health Care

It is an honor to care for those who have given so much in service of our nation. We are thrilled that [North Carolina State Veterans Home – Black Mountain](#) and [North Carolina State Veterans Home – Fayetteville](#) have been ranked among America's Best Nursing Homes by Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report. We are grateful to the caregivers at all of our State Veterans Homes for their consistent commitment to providing the best care possible to every patient they serve.



# Cooper Proclaims Jan.10 "NC Children of Wartime Veterans Scholarship Day"

Did you know that the NC Children of Wartime Veterans Scholarship program was established in 1934?

More than 20k scholarships have been awarded to dependents of World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and the Global War on Terror veterans, and this year more than 2k dependents are currently approved to receive a scholarship.

Thanks to Governor Roy Cooper for proclaiming January 10, 2022, as "NC CHILDREN OF WARTIME VETERANS' SCHOLARSHIP DAY" in North Carolina, in recognition of this enduring program created for North Carolina children of Veterans pursuing higher education.

Find out more about the NC Children of Wartime Veterans Scholarship program [here](#).

# Governor Cooper declares January 31 "Veterans Service Organization Day"

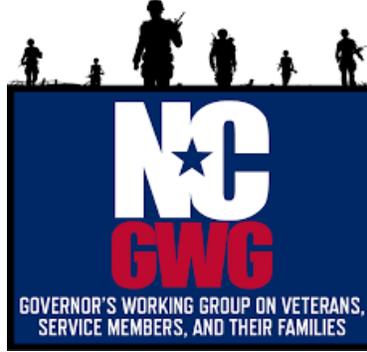
Governor Cooper recognized the 433 registered veterans service organizations (VSOs) in North Carolina, including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans among others with a [proclamation](#) on January 31. These organizations represent over 700,000 veterans and their families across North Carolina, providing information and voice in local and national legislation, and a link between veterans the communities they live and work in.

[Click here for a list of military and veterans resources in North Carolina.](#)



# NCGWG wraps up Social Determinants of Veteran Suicide Series

In January the NC Governor's Working Groups wrapped up its five-part series on the Social Determinants of Veteran Suicide with a one-hour discussion on "Restoration of Self Worth". This series took a deep dive into one of the most critical issues facing Veterans today. [Click here](#) to view recordings of the full series



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## NCDMVA At Work

### NC Museum of History opens display to honor the legacy of North Carolina's African American service members



Secretary Gaskin records welcome video detailing African American Military and Veterans Lineage project.

To coincide with Black History Month programming, the [North Carolina Museum of History](#) has opened a new temporary display, “[We Wanted to Fight: Black North Carolinians in World War I](#)” to commemorate the history of African American military service in North Carolina.

On view in the museum lobby beginning Feb. 1, the panel display honors the legacy of brave African American service members across North Carolina.

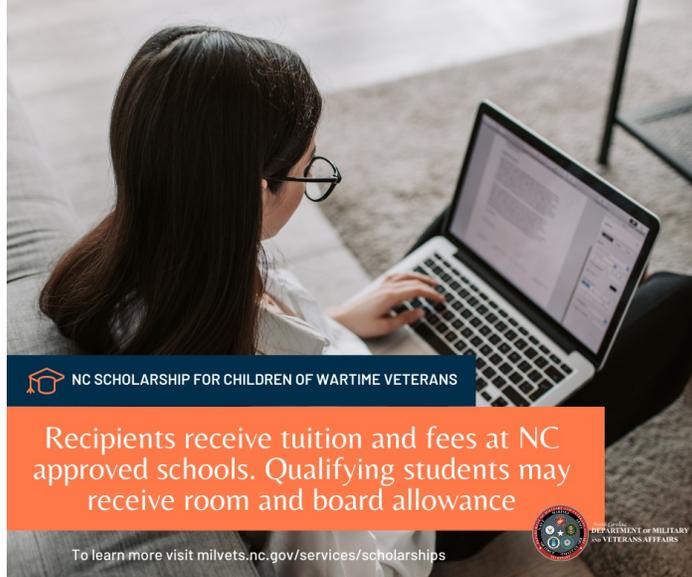
The temporary display is part of a joint grant project of the NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NCDMVA), the North Carolina Museum of History, Elizabeth City State University School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the State Archives of North Carolina Military Collection in recognition of the African American Military and Veterans Lineage Project.

NCDMVA will launch a series of digital actions throughout the month of February to elevate the program and engage the public through social media, a dedicated website landing page, print materials and other helpful resources.

[Click here](#) to plan your visit to the North Carolina Museum of History.

[Click here](#) to access free resources and more information on the African American Military and Veterans Lineage Project.

## Public Service Announcements



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## OFF-BASE TRANSITION TRAINING

Employment-focused training for veterans, including those veterans currently serving in the Reserve Component (National Guard and Reserve members), and their spouses.

FREE WORKSHOPS: REGISTER ONLINE AT <http://DOL.GOV/OBTTWORKSHOPS>

[Click here](#) for a full listing of Off-base transition training workshops in North Carolina throughout the month of February.

For more info or questions, email [VETS-OBTT@dol.gov](mailto:VETS-OBTT@dol.gov)

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## Leaderboard

### **Abigail Rainey Scrocco**

**Reserve Command Master Chief US Coast Guard Reserve Sector North Carolina**

#### **What prompted you to join the Coast Guard Reserve, instead of one of the four main branches of the military?**

Back in high school in the 1980's I thought of applying to one of the military academies, however I didn't know any women in the military, and I rarely saw women in those roles. Fast forward to my late twenties and I was approached by my home contractor, who was also a Coast Guard Reservist. When he asked me if I'd ever thought of being in the Coast Guard Reserve it inspired my research. The Coast Guard proudly performs 11 missions, including the ones you normally think of such as Drug Interdiction, Search & Rescue, and Law Enforcement. However, I was most interested in the helpful missions they have, such as Marine Environmental Protection, Port & Waterway Security, Aids to Navigation, Living Marine Resources, and Marine Safety.

#### **In your time as a reservist what has been one of your most memorable moments?**

In 2010, I was deployed to Louisiana to assist with the Operation Deepwater Horizon oil spill. I had been working very hard for about 6 weeks and was offered an opportunity to go on an overflight to see the drilling rig and response from the air. The day I happened to be on the flight, the leak was successfully plugged. It was amazing and everyone celebrated!

#### **What are a few things the Coast Guard Reserve taught you that you will carry with you as you transition out of the service?**

One of my favorite mentors, Master Chief Angela Rodriguez gave me words of wisdom when I was going through Chiefs Initiation that I live by each day.

#### **Here are a few of the most impactful lessons she shared that will benefit her as she retires from the USCG Reserve:**

- Always take care of your people,
- Walk the walk,
- Rely on your network,
- Take time to listen,
- Be a good mentor.

#### **What would say to someone who is thinking about joining the Coast Guard Reserve?**

Being a Reservist is truly rewarding. The Reserve provides opportunities to continue learning, meet great people, earn amazing benefits, and grow as a person, all while serving your country.

# Community Calendar

[Click here](#) for an up-to-date listing of military and veterans-focused events across North Carolina this month.

Feb 3 [Four Chaplains Day](#)

Feb 3 [Hire Our Heroes Career Growth and Negotiating Strategies](#)

Feb 4 [USO Birthday](#)

Feb 4-5 [USO of NC Birthday Indoor Skydiving, Concord and Raeford](#)

Feb 8 [HKY4Vets Virtual Hiring Fair](#)

Feb 7-11 [Patriots Path Workshop](#)

Feb 10 [Feeding Independence, Charlotte](#)

Week of Feb 14 National Salute to Veteran Patients

Feb 15 [Hire Our Heroes Military Spouses: 5 Steps to Get Hired](#)

Feb 17 [Letters from Home, Charlotte](#)

Feb 19 [Coast Guard Reserve Birthday](#)

Feb 22 [Hire Our Heroes Employer Spotlight: Amazon Military Pathways](#)

Feb 22 [Virtual Entrepreneurship Coaching for the Military Community](#)

Feb 23 [Carolinas Freedom Foundation Guinness Gathering, Charlotte](#)

Feb 24 [NC Governors Working Group, Raleigh](#)

Feb 28-Mar 4 [Patriots Path Workshop](#)

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