



Carroll County Veterans Coalition

Agenda

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Or

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1. Round Table Introductions
2. Guest Speakers
 - a. Matt Young and Pete, [Great American Park](#)- To introduce plans to support SMVF:
 - i. Operation Continued Purpose: Address service member and first responder mental health issues, using the great outdoors as a catalyst for recreational therapy. Solution- Create the Great American Park, an adventure park and campground that contributes to the enrichment of society by providing high quality outdoor recreation experiences, with the proceeds to fund and provide experiences for veterans, service members, and first responders. The location and equipment can be used recreationally by the public and can also be used to pursue recreational therapy in conjunction with mental health providers.
 - ii. Nonprofit organization, helping veterans and enriching communities
 - iii. The former Mount Whittier is a potential location in Carroll County
 - iv. Next steps- Trying to find board members to form the nonprofit, trying to look for financial support, also looking for people's expertise and connections
 - v. Matt will email presentation to Jen to share with the minutes
 - vi. Potential collaboration ideas: Northeast Passage, Camp Resilience, TERRA, Upreach, and Easterseals Military and Veterans Campus
 - vii. FMI: <https://www.greatamericanpark.com/> and matt.j.young173@gmail.com
3. Partner Organization Updates
 - a. No updates
4. Conference Review



- i. Improvements: Acoustics and timing of presentations. Ask the Question is important, but many of the organizations there already utilize it. The presentations caused the energy to go down during the resource fair. Idea to have providers come before or stay after the event for the presentations.

5. CCVC Updates

- a. Contest vote
 - i. The 5 medals of honor design won the most votes
- b. Review Action Plan from last meeting- Complete
- c. What is one short term goal we should strive for?
- d. What is one long term goal we should strive for?
- e. Quick SWOT brainstorm
 - i. Do goals and SWOT at the next meeting
- f. Schouler Park Fair
 - i. Veteran Family Resource Fair, Saturday, June 14, 1000 to 1400 hours at Schouler Park in North Conway, registration link coming soon
 - ii. List of vendors- Gary has some people that want to table
 - iii. List of activity ideas- Talked to Northeast Passage, can reach out to TERRA for horses, trying to get a flyover for a Blackhawk (Joshua can also talk to Maddison with the Guard), Operation Delta Dog is coming, they may be bringing a dog, Gary can ask state police for a K9 to come
 - iv. Food
 1. Gary will bring frozen ice pops for kids
 2. CCVC will not have food for the public, but could get donations for community partners for lunch (Soyla will reach out to Subway, Hannaford or Flatbread pizza could also be options)



3. We can also direct people to the American Legion Flag Day luncheon for food (it's open to the public)
 - v. American Legion Flag Day luncheon on the same day- Gary has been in touch, we will work together and direct people to each other's events
 - vi. Start promoting this now- Remind people to bring their own table/tent, Emily will finish registration page and flyer and will rework the press release
 - vii. If anyone thinks of any other ideas, reach out to Jen
- g. Trauma Informed Practices Presentation:
 - i. May 22, by a speaker from The Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester, working on finalizing location, potentially the Wright Museum
 - ii. 2/3 will be general info, 1/3 will be specific to the military/veterans
 - iii. Social worker and nurses CEUs offered and applying for prevention CEUs
 - iv. Emily and Jen will finalize the flyer and registration page
6. Resources and Upcoming Activities
 - a. [Mental Health/Behavioral Health Resource List](#)
 - i. Find more resource guides on our website at:
<https://www.c3ph.org/resource-center/resource-guides>
 - ii. Jen will send the PDF of the resource list with the minutes
 - b. NH Veterans Virtual Hiring and Resource Fair
 - i. April 24th, 2025 – 1100 – 1300 hrs
 - ii. New Hampshire Employment Security
 - iii. Register on their website: [NH Veterans Virtual Hiring and Resource Fair - NHES Job Database](#)
 - c. Fisher Cats – Veterans Game! May 23, 2025 1835 hrs



- i. Proceeds to help reduce veteran suicide
- ii. Delta Dental Stadium
- iii. Discounted tickets are available, CCVC could purchase some and offer them for free for veterans/service members and their families
 1. Decision?
- iv. If there's a veteran's story that you'd like to share briefly at the game (get their permission first), reach out to Josh (Paula will reach out)
- v. See flyer below
- vi. Or use this link: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/PFPH25>
- d. The Wall that Heals- Claremont, NH, June 26-2, 2025
 - i. <https://www.vvmf.org/event/The-Wall-That-Heals-Claremont-NH/>
- e. [Job Loss Outreach Toolkit](#)
 - i. https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/joblossoutreachtoolkit/VA-Homeless_Jobloss_Toolkit-508c.pdf
- f. **NH Senate passed SB 255 on consent!**
 - i. NAMI NH and New Futures that the military/Veteran community made a huge impact in ensuring that it passed today!
 - ii. AN ACT establishing and developing crisis stabilization services
 1. Creates a trust fund to promote awareness of behavioral health crisis service systems.
 2. Creates a commission to oversee the behavioral health crisis service system trust fund
 3. Establishes a crisis services telecommunications surcharge
 4. Creates a special 988 license plate
- g. [About | Ask the Question](#)
 - i. To identify SMVF and learn their needs



- 1. To help connect them to culturally appropriate resources
- h. Serving Those Who Serve: The importance of identifying Military Connections in Your Organization or Business – on-line, self-paced course with certificate
 - i. [Serving Those Who Serve](#)
- 7. The Pass Along Project – Volunteer Opportunities
 - a. Prepares packages with clothes, toys etc. for kids entering foster care. Office in Ossipee, packing office in Manchester
 - b. Free service to foster families
 - c. www.thepassalongproject.com
 - d. FMI: Lynette Kaichen - info@thepassalongproject.com
- 8. Feedback and Course Correction
- 9. Close
 - a. Need to move April 22 meeting; ideas?
 - b. Wednesday, April 23 at 10am

Action Plan

| Objective action is tied to (see our Objectives) | Action | Who? | Resources needed | Progress (0-5 where 5 is complete) | Completion date goal | Evidence of action |
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| 6 | Finalize flyer and registration page for Trauma Informed Practices | Emily, Jen | Canva, Google Forms, finalized location info | 2 | April 4 | Completed flyer and registration, start promoting |



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| | presentation and start promoting | | | | | |
| 1, 4 | Soyla will talk to Subway about donations for Resource Fair lunch for partners | Soyla | Email/Conversation | 0 | April 30 | Donations secured |
| 1, 4 | Complete flyer and registration page for Resource Fair | Emily | Canva, Google Forms | 3 | March 31 | Completed flyer, start promoting |
| 1, 4 | Rework press release for Resource Fair | Emily, Jen | Word | 3 | April 30 | Approved press release |
| 1, 4 | Alert winner of Arts Contest | Jen | Email | | April 30 | Give prize to winner |
| 2 | CCVC will decide about purchasing tickets for Fischer Cats game | collective | email | 0 | April 15 | Purchases tix for Veterans |
| 2 | Contact Lisa DuFault – Valley Promotions – see when/if a story | Jen | email | 0 | April 4 | Successful contact with Lisa/copy of story? |

Objectives:

1. Increase mental health supports by addressing the needs iterated by service members, veterans and their families (SMVF)
2. Decrease social isolation for service members, veterans, and their families (SMVF)



3. Meet with stakeholders one time per month
4. Hold at least two events to raise awareness about veteran suicide or needs
5. Conduct a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis per year. Review annually.
6. Conduct at least four trainings per year to include suicide prevention, military culture, PTSD, Ask The Question or any pertinent SMVF training, to stakeholders
7. Facilitator of the coalition to attend statewide coalition member meeting
8. Constantly receive input and assess needs all year round. With at least one formal needs assessment to be done in a manner which is deemed viable. Activities, capacity, and objectives will be adjusted as necessary



PLEASE JOIN US FOR
the
DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE

WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE MEMORIAL

THURSDAY

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2025

JUNE

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE VETERANS CEMETERY

110 DANIEL WEBSTER HIGHWAY
BOSCAWEN, NH 03303

Light snacks and beverages will be served



WE WILL CELEBRATE THE
COURAGE, SACRIFICE, AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE WOMEN IN THE
MILITARY WITH THE UNVEILING
OF THIS MEANINGFUL TRIBUTE





★ VETERANS ★ GAME

TICKETS



6:35 PM

May 23

Delta Dental Stadium



Each ticket supports veteran suicide prevention

