



**LOUDOUN COUNTY
COMMUNITY VETERANS
ENGAGEMENT BOARD
(LCCVEB)**

**Overview
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Who are we?

- LCCVEB established in August 2018 based on a modified version of *MyVA Community Framework*
 - Consist of an elected Executive Board that includes a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Executive Assistant
 - Voting membership is open to all qualified Veteran Support Organizations (VSOs)*
 - Currently 24 active organizations
 - Purpose is to ensure the LCCVEB is a key component of Veteran information for Loudoun County by working with VSOs to identify programs, legislative initiatives, and events of importance towards improving services for Veterans and their families

* VSOs include VA recognized VSOs and other Veteran Support Organizations



Where are we going?

CVEB Strategic Plan

2023-2027 Goals and Objectives

Mission – Realize the vision through in-person visits and utilization of communication tools and information/services that are available to VSOs, Veterans, and their families

Goals:

1. Utilize EXCOM liaison outreach with VSOs to identify programs/events/issues of importance to Veterans and their families.
2. Identify and pursue strategic issues of importance (i.e., benefits, legislative initiatives, etc.) to Loudoun County Veterans and their families.
3. Provide quarterly updates to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors on events/activities, legislation (state/federal), local issues/concerns to gain their support.
4. Work with other CVEBs throughout the Commonwealth to identify opportunities that further enhance Veteran services.



What have we accomplished?



VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)

- LCCVEB began working in 2018 with the Loudoun County Veteran Services Coordinator and the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a CBOC in Sterling
 - Minimize Veterans trips to Washington D.C. and/or Martinsburg, WV
- With the onset of COVID, the CBOC was put on the back burner in early 2020; however, VA inserted the Loudoun County CBOC in FY2022 budget
- Given other governmental efforts to relocate the CBOC south of Loudoun County, LCCVEB worked with Congresswoman Wexton recommending contact with VA to engage on locating a CBOC in Loudoun County as originally planned
 - VA approved a Super CBOC for Leesburg based on the VERS report; expect to see the clinic open late 2027/early 2028
- Met with Loudoun County staff in May to begin the process of identifying a location and necessary county support



Virtual Veterans Experience Action Committee (V-VEAC)

- LCCVEB worked with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct an in-person VEAC for May 2020, however, COVID required cancellation
 - 9-months of planning; transportation for Veterans major issue
- Given the concerns surrounding COVID and a Congressional mandate to qualify more Veterans for benefits, VA worked with a Florida based CVEB to develop a V-VEAC that allows outreach across an entire state vice localized events
 - Nine states (including Virginia) have conducted V-VEACs
- Based on VA's intent for a state-wide event, VA and the Virginia Department of Veteran Services, conducted the first ever Virginia V-VEAC April 26-28, 2022
 - Served 587 Veterans across the commonwealth of which 29.1% were female (Note: In-person VEAC's generally draw ~6% of our female Veterans)



Veterans Treatment Court

- Supporting establishment of Loudoun County Veterans Treatment Court to provide Veterans an opportunity to meet obligations to themselves, the court, their community and families
 - Requires regular court appearances
 - Mandatory attendance at treatment sessions
 - Frequent and random testing for drug and alcohol use
- Veterans respond favorably to this structured environment, given their past military experience
- Program intended to preclude veterans from remaining in the criminal justice system



Legislative Issues

- On behalf of 60K Loudoun County Veterans and their dependents, we provided a letter of support to the Virginia Senate for Virginia Senate Bill 528
 - Under the new law, which still requires a governor's signature, military retirees will receive a tax deduction that will be phased in beginning in tax year 2022. Taxable military retirement pay will be reduced by \$10,000 in the first year and progress in \$10,000 increments to a maximum of \$40,000 in 2025



Enhancing Communications Outreach

- Developed a new **LCCVEB Website** – info@lccvets.org
 - The new website is more vibrant, robust and informative than the previous version we have had since the formation of the LCCVEB
 - **HOME** page you will be welcomed into the site and given a statement of our *Mission*, then given a look at the *Upcoming Events*
 - **ABOUT** page you will find the *Statement of Purpose*, a new view of the *LCCVEB Executive Committee*, and the *By Laws of the LCCVEB*
 - **MEMBERSHIP** page list all the registered member organizations of the LCCVEB in clickable boxes that takes you to their individual website, additionally, there is a Join Us application to become a member
 - **RESOURCES** page provides valuable resources (e.g., DoD's National Resource Directory) available to Loudoun County Veterans at the click of a button
 - **CONTACT** page you can send a message to the EXCOM with your questions, concerns or suggestions



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