

Southeast Tennessee Veterans Coalition
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2019

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| 1. Mickey McCamish (Epilepsy Foundation) | 15. T.J. Jordan (Survivor Outreach Services) |
| 2. Dan Wolgast (State of TN) | 16. Fran Barker (TNARNG J9 Family Program) |
| 3. Linda Hinkle (UTC) | 17. Ivan Deitch (Hospice of Chattanooga) |
| 4. Chuck Alsobrook (Ham. Cty Veteran Service Officer) | 18. Wayne Belk (American Legion Post 159) |
| 5. Bill Hewitt (MOAA, NLUS, VV203) | 19. Chris Cole (Purple Heart) |
| 6. Vicky Fisher (Volunteer of SOS) | 20. Dr. Everlena Holmes (Community Advocate) |
| 7. Casey Bonsall (City of Chattanooga) | 21. Chris Dooley (HCV4M) |
| 8. John Perry (VA) | 22. Laura Sweeney (MASH) |
| 9. Stacy Kehoe (NLUS/DAR/Sea Cadets) | 23. Floyd Boone (Retired Army) |
| 10. Carmen Hutson (United Way) | 24. George Davis (American Job Center) |
| 11. Anne Munns (Red Cross) | 25. Loretta Leda (Health Essentials TN)) |
| 12. Matt Goniea (VOA HVRP) | 26. Latisha Turner (U. S. Census) |
| 13. Alden Perry (NLUS, MOAA, MOHHC, VVA 203)) | 27. Haley Stacey/Karissa Goodman(Welcome Home) |
| 14. Steve Powell (Signal Centers) | 28. Kelly Cotton (Senator Blackburn's Office) |
| | 29. Jonathan Wurth (Chattanooga Housing) |

-January 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved as presented and introductions by Mickey McCamish.

-UNITED WAY 2-1-1 REPORT by Carmen Hutson-Over 1,400 Water Quality Fee Assistance applications have been received; a reminder-the deadline is April 5, 2019 and the United Way point-of-contact is Carmen Hutson at 423-752-0364 or email: CarmenHutson@uwchatt.org . Carmen mentioned a new community based program, CELICA; this program provides home repair assistance that usually begins with help needed for payment of an extremely expensive utility bill.

-HAMILTON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE reported by Charles Alsobrook. The main issue is transportation to the VA Clinic; several suggestions were offered.

-FREEDOM RANCH will host a R & R event for veterans on Saturday, March 23, 2019.

-REMOTE AREA MEDICAL (RAM) VISITS-Details were distributed pertaining to several up-coming RAMs that included Dayton, TN (March 9-10, 2019), Cleveland, TN (June 1-2, 2019) and East Ridge, TN (November 16-17, 2019).

-FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT FOR VETERANS and THEIR SPOUSES seminar was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

-ADAPTIVE KAYAKING PROGRAM FOR VETERANS-Will be conducted throughout the spring at the Brainerd Indoor pool, 1010 N. Moore Road. Point-of-Contact is Elaine Adams Gossett at email: eadams@chattanooga.gov or telephone: 423-667-5241.

-TAI CHI FOR VETERANS-The Veterans Affairs as granted another year of funding to continue the wheelchair/adaptive Tai Chi for veterans. The weekly training programs are conducted on Thursdays from 6:45 pm-7:45 pm at UTC Aquatic & Recreation Center.

-YOUR SKILLS, YOUR FUTURE is a work force development initiative. The Waterhouse Group will make a presentation to the Coalition on Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

-2019 VETERANS SALUTE & INFORMATION FAIR is set for SATURDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2019.

-FOURTH ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE "LEADING OUT LOUD" will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019, 8:30 am-4:30 pm at Christ United Methodist Church, 8645 East Brainerd Road.