



Veterans Taskforce Workgroup Meeting

Veterans Resources Taskforce Meeting March 21, 2024; 2:00 PM EDT Via zoom

Attending: Commissioner Whitney Allen, Cynthia Rogers, John Miles, Summer Morgan, Zach Morgan, Sharelle Williams, Paula, Keith Hosey, Frank St. Charles, Callie Miracle, Dallas Kratzer

Administrative Staff: Alisher Burikhanov, Debbie Dennison, Elishah Taylor, LaChrista Ellis, Katy Lawrence

2:01 PM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Welcome and Overview

Whitney Allen, Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs (KDVA), greeted everyone and thanked them for attending. He emphasized the importance of resources for veterans, their families, and military personnel. Commissioner Allen then outlined the meeting's agenda, highlighting the upcoming discussion on next steps reviewing the resources and creating a strategic plan.

Group Goal Overview:

Alisher Burikhanov, Executive Director, Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (KWIB), reviewed the list of military resources received during the previous task force meeting. He explained that suggestions received had been categorized. He asked for the group if there were any significant gaps to address. He expressed interest in feedback on how to best use these resources.

Vetting resource credibility and relevance was raised. Commissioner Allen stressed that the list served as a tool and guide. The Commissioner emphasized the need for accurate and relevant information. Members were asked to contribute additional resources across all 120 counties. Commissioner Allen began a walkthrough of the listed resources. Suggestions were made to streamline resource naming and improve clarity on areas served.

Several adjustments were recommended for specific entries, including updating contact information and removing irrelevant resources. Questions arose regarding the inclusion of certain organizations, with a decision made to remove those not directly relevant or located in Kentucky.

A taskforce member questioned the broad scope of services provided by certain organizations, but it was decided that organizations that offer services listed in several categories should remain in the category reflecting their primary objective(s).

After completing the revisions and considering suggestions, Commissioner Allen proposed allowing one more week for review and to ensure that the document is updated by 03/28/2024.

Group Discussion:

Commissioner Allen shared the KDVA Strategic Plan template outlining framework items to consider their next steps.

Commissioner Allen asked for the group's ideas regarding a strategic plan that should align with the Governor's plans and in support of the Education and Labor Cabinet initiatives. He added the need to clarify the vision and identify what success looks like. He asked the group to consider its strengths as well as what needs improvement. He gave an example of the recruitment efforts with VALOR and aligning them to other state veteran recruitment initiatives. He stated that we have a pool of passionate individuals and opportunities in various sectors, as well as a supportive administration. However, we also face threats from other states that may be performing better in certain areas.

Commissioner Allen would like to use the plan template as the taskforce's next meeting agenda and to establish clear objectives and goals during that time. His goal would be to create a solid draft of the plan by mid-June.

Commissioner Allen reiterated his desire to have significant progress within a month. A template will be provided to the taskforce members within a week.

Immediate Objectives to Accomplish and Next Steps

Commissioner Allen emphasized the need to organize resources, create a strategic plan, and determine where to store lists, stressing the importance of sticking to an aggressive timeline. As part of this timeline, updates to the [resource guide](#) must be completed by March 28, 2024. Commissioner Allen thanked the taskforce members for their valuable contributions and participation. Next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2024, from 2pm-3:30pm EDT.

2:59 PM EDT ADJOURNMENT

Next Steps

1. Review and refine the Veterans Taskforce Resource Document by March 28th, 2024.
2. Taskforce members should work towards reviewing and bringing suggestions for the draft of the Strategic Plan for the next meeting on April 25th, 2024.



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Time: March 21, 2024; 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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2:00 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Welcome *Whitney Allen*
Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

Group Goal Overview: *Alisher Burikhanov, Executive Director*
Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (KWIB)

- Review and discussion of the list of military resources shared during the previous task force meeting.
- Review of existing resources
- Identification of missing resources and gaps in services to veteran populations.

Discussion..... *Commissioner Allen*

- Organization of resources, creation of a strategic marketing plan, and determining the best location for the lists.
- Develop a strategic marketing plan by the end of the fiscal year.
- Exploration of marketing strategies, sharing information with businesses, and educating human resource departments on hiring Kentucky veterans.
- Finalizing resource lists, discussing webpage setup, and additional strategic plan items.
- Address any additional items related to the strategic plan, ensuring comprehensive coverage.

3:30 pm EST ADJOURNMENT

Name of Org	Website	Phone	What they do	Who they serve	Contact Name
Employment					
Kentucky Career Center - Jobs for Veterans State Grants (JVSG)	Veterans Services - Kentucky Career Center		Provide individualized career and training-related services to veterans and eligible persons with significant barriers to employment and to assist employers fill their workforce needs with job-seeking veterans.	Veterans & Families	
Kentucky Veterans Employment Resources	KY Vets Employment Resources Kentucky office of Veteran Affairs				
Department of Defense SkillBridge	Department of Defense SkillBridge		Opportunity for service members to gain valuable civilian work experience through specific industry training, apprenticeships, or internships during the last 180 days of service. DOD SkillBridge connects transitioning service members with industry partners in real-world job experiences.	Transitioning service members	
Veteran Training Development Employment Resources	Veteran Training Development Employment Resources		This website helps veterans find partners to skill up with, find jobs, and translate military skills to civilian skills.		
Lincoln Trail Workforce Development Board (LTWDB) Annual Report Narrative	US Army Fort Campbell EAGLEWERX		It is the region's largest employer and a great source of talent for other regional employers.		

Career Skills Program	Career Skills Program (CSP) U.S. ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND				
United Way – Bluegrass (UWBG) 211 United Way	UWBG211		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Needs • Consumer Services • Criminal Justice and Legal Services • Education • Environment and Public Health/Safety • Health Care • Income Support and Employment • Individual and Family Life • Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services • Organizational/Community/International Services 		
Fort Knox Transition Assistance Program	Transition Assistance Program Us Army Fort Knox	Telephone: 502-624-5222 Telephone: 502-624-2227			
Veteran Ready Employers	Veteran Ready Employers Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs		Provide a list of employers that are Veteran Ready	Veterans that are job ready	
Military Skills Translator	Military Skill Translator		Match Military Experience to Civilian Jobs		
SBA Veteran-Owned Small Business	Veteran-Owned Business US Small Business Administration		Offers support for veterans as they enter the world of business ownership. Look for funding programs, training, and federal contracting opportunities.	Transitioning service members	

KY Military to Law Enforcement	Military to Law Enforcement		Create an effective and efficient means to recruit and train active duty military personnel interested in starting a law enforcement career within Kentucky and create financial and expedited hiring benefits to our law enforcement and support agencies who choose to hire veterans.	Active military members	
Bluegrass Army Depot	Employment Opportunities USA Jobs	1-866-335-6044	Employment Opportunities		http://usajobs.gov/
Kentucky Chamber Foundation - Military Hiring Academy	Military Hiring Academy Kentucky Chamber	502-695-4700	The Military Hiring Academy aims to provide businesses with training and experiences to find, hire, and retain military talent (veterans, service members leaving the military, and military spouses).	employers seeking to work with veterans and transitioning servicemembers	Callie Miracle (cmiracle@kychamber.com)
Department of Labor - Veteran's Employment and Training Services	VETS US Department of Labor	1-866-237-0275			
Hire Veterans - Business Resources					
Kentucky Career Center - Jobs for Veterans State Grants (JVSG)	Veterans Services - KCC		Provide individualized career and training-related services to veterans and eligible persons with significant barriers to employment and to assist employers fill their workforce needs with job-seeking veterans.	Veterans & Families	

Ft. Campbell Transition Assistance Program	Fort Campbell TAP	Primary: 270-798-5000 Secondary: 270-798-4163	FORT CAMPBELL TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)		
Ft Knox Transition Assistance Program	US Army Fort Knox	Telephone: 502-624-5222 Telephone: 502-624-2227			
Kentucky Association of Manufacturers	https://kam.us.com/		KAM works to make a better Kentucky by promoting and growing manufacturing in the Commonwealth. This	Manufacturers	Zach Morgan z.morgan@kam.us.com
Kentucky Chamber Foundation- Military Hiring Academy	Military Hiring Academy	502-695-4700	The Military Hiring Academy aims to provide businesses with training and experiences to find, hire, and retain military	employers seeking to work with veterans and transitioning servicemembers	Callie Miracle (cmiracle@kychamber.com)
Society for Human Resources Management - Louisville / Elizabethtown chapters	LSHRM				
Society Human Resources Management Veterans at Work	Veterans At Work				
Veterans and Families					

Knox Regional Alliance Veteran	GrowKnox.org	270-351-8800	<p>KRDA has four stated goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocate for new missions and retain existing missions at Fort Knox 2. Expand defense contractor business and presence in the region 3. Develop more public-public and public-private partnerships 4. Advocate and facilitate improved support for Soldiers and their families 		jim@growknox.org; beth@growknox.org
Purple Star Award	Purple Star Award		State-sponsored recognition for individual schools' dedication and support of military-connected youth and families.		
Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Incorporated	Kentucky River Foothills	859-624-2046	Assisting low-income families and individuals to achieve self-sufficiency by providing direct services and working with partnering organizations to develop additional resources to reduce poverty and create opportunities for those in need	Service areas are Clark, Estill, Madison, and Powell Counties	
Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs (KCMA) Military Community Support Paper	Kentucky General Assembly Military and Veterans Legislation	502-564-9203	Helping veterans and their families obtain all federal, state, and local veterans benefits to which they are entitled.	Veterans & Families	
Veteran's Club	Veterans Club		To Provide Connection, Healing, Recovery, Housing Assistance, and Vocational Training to the Veteran Community.	any veteran and their families	

Kentucky Veterans Accelerated Licensure Occupational Recruitment (KY Valor)	KY Valor		Match veterans with open job opportunities in Kentucky. KY VALOR, is designed to recruit transitioning service members and their families to civilian occupations throughout the state by partnering with Kentucky employers.	Transitioning Service Members & Families	KSTC.ORG
Gold Star Families Program	Gold Star Families Program				
Disabled American Veterans (DAV)	I help Veterans		provide care and support during tough times, advocate for the veteran community on Capitol Hill, connect veterans with meaningful employment, and more.	veterans and their families	
USA Cares	USA Cares - Veteran & Military Family Support System		CSP Fort Knox, HVRP	post-9/11 military veterans, service members, and their families with financial assistance and post service skills training to create a foundation for long-term stability	
New Veterans	New to Kentucky		Provides a list of resources for Veterans and their families. The list of resources can be found on this excel sheet.		
Post Secondary Resources					

Georgetown College	Veterans Benefits Georgetown College				
Bellarmino University	Office of Military and Veterans Services Bellarmino University				
Mohorehead State University	veterans Morehead State	2878			V.A./Athletic
Northern Kentucky University	Veterans Resource Station				
Eastern Kentucky University	Office of Military and Veterans Affairs				
University of Kentucky	Veterans Resource Center	859-257-1148			
Sullivan University	Military Students Apply Today Sullivan University				
University of Louisville	Center for Military-Connected Students				
Murray State University	Veteran and Military Student Success				
University of the Cumberlands	Military Students University of the Cumberlands				
Society Human Resource Management - Louisville / E-town chapters	LSHRM				
Society Human Resource Management Veterans at Work	Veterans at Work				
Warrior Scholar	Warrior Scholar Project	202-796-8777			

Student Veterans of America	Student Veterans of America	202-223-4710	Act as a catalyst for student veteran success by providing resources, network support and advocacy to, through, and beyond higher education	student veteran	
Universities (need help identifying which ones)	Top 10 Friendly Colleges in Kentucky				
Gateway Community Technical College	Military and Veterans GCTC				
Southcentral Kentucky Community Technical College	Military and Veterans KCTCS Southcentral	270-901-1052	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Sevice Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official
West Kentucky Community Technical College	Military and Veterans WKCTC	270-534-3110	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Sevice Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official
Ashland Community & Technical College	Ashland Military & Veterans Website	606-326-2275	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Sevice Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official

Big Sandy Community & Technical College	Big Sandy Military & Veterans Website	Prestonburg, 606-889-4841, Pikeville, 606-218-1215	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Sevice Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official
Elizabethtown Community & Technical College	Elizabethtown Military & Veterans Website	270-706-8815	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Sevice Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official
Hopkinsville Community College - HCC	Military and Veterans HCC	270-707-3918	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Sevice Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official
Bluegrass Community Technical College	Military and Veterans BCTC	859-246-6820	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Sevice Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official
Somerset Community College - SCC	Military and Veterans SCC	606-878-4784	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Sevice Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official

Madisonville Community College - MCC	Military and Veterans MCC	270-824-1708	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Service Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official
Jefferson Community Technical College	Military and Veterans JCTC	502-213-2139	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Service Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official
Hazard Military & Veterans Website	Hazard Military & Veterans Website	Hazard 606-487-3059, Lees 606-487-3044	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Service Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official
Henderson Community College	Henderson Community College	270-831-9791	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Service Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official
Maysville Community & Technical College	Maysville Military & Veterans Website	606-759-7141 ext. 66196	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Service Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official

Owensboro Community & technical College	Owensboro Military & Veterans Website	270-852-8165	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Service Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official
Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College	Southeast Military & Veterans Website	Cumberland/Harlan 606-589-3020, Middlesboro 606-248-0143, Whitesburg 606-589-3330	Learn about VA Benefits such as the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance for Current Service Members, and Tuition Waivers. Learn how to receive course credit for formal military training and experience.	student veteran	School Certifying Official
Kentucky Community & Technical College Military + Veterans Information	Military and Veterans KCTCS	877-528-2748	Connecting Military Service Members, Veterans, and their families with the services and resources they need to reach their personal and academic goals. Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military and Veterans educational benefits counseling • Certification of enrollment • Academic advising • Financial aid assistance • Referrals to on- and off-campus resources 	student veteran	Military Services – Mr. DeMarcus Hopson; Military Credit – Dr. Kendrah Winters-Pearson
Housing					
Homeless Veterans	Homeless Veterans	877-424-3838	Immediate needs - food, clothing, access to shelter access to homeless veteran providers assistance with Rent and Utilities	Gets homeless veterans off the streets and provides assistance to those at imminent risk of homelessness	

Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing	Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing		Provides coffee and pastries from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and serves hot, nutritious lunches from 12 to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday	Free and open to anyone in need	
Kentucky Housing Corporation	Kentucky Housing Corporation		Housing programs meet the unique needs of many Kentuckians who are unable to acquire housing easily,	Low-income, homeless, special needs, and other populations	
Homeless & Housing Coalition of Kentucky (HHCK)	Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky	502-223-1834	Eliminate the threat of homelessness and fulfill the promise of affordable housing	Low-income Kentuckians	
HUD-Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing	US Department of Housing and Urban Development		These services are designed to help homeless Veterans and their families find and sustain permanent housing and access the health care, mental health treatment, substance use counseling, and other supports necessary to help them in their recovery process and with their ability to maintain housing in the community.	Homeless veterans	
Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program	Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program		Provide competitive employment for veterans	Homeless veterans	
Department for Aging and Independent Living Programs (DIAL) Services	Department for Aging and Independent Living	502-564-6930	Oversees administration of statewide programs and services on behalf of Kentucky elders and individuals with disabilities		

Volunteers of America (VOA)	VOA Mid States	502-636-0771	Services address family homelessness, addiction, developmental disabilities, HIV infection, and other issues facing individuals and communities		
Pennyroyal Center	Penny Royal Center	1-877-473-7766	This is a 50 bed facility for homeless veterans.	Homeless veterans & clients with substance issues	
Transition Assistance					
Veterans - West Kentucky	Veterans and Transitioning	(270) 886-9484,1 (800)	Serving Separating Service Members & Military	Veteran & Transitioning	300 Hammond Drive
Helmets to Hardhats	Helmets to Hardhats		Connects transitioning active-duty military service members, veterans, National Guard and Reservists with skilled training and quality career opportunities in the construction industry.	transitioning active-duty military service members, veterans, National Guard and Reservists	
Fort Campbell Transitioning Assistance Program	Fort Campbell Transitioning Assistance Program	Primary: 270-798-5000 Secondary: 270-798-4163	FORT CAMPBELL TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)		
OCONOUS Navy Enterprise Network (ONE-NET) - Military Crosswalk Search	Military Crosswalk Search		O*NET information portal has data and tools for workforce professionals and developers.		
Equity and Equal Opportunity					

