

VSACT 16 March 2022 Meeting

****Meetings normally take place the 3rd Wednesday of every month from
10AM – Noon via ZOOM**

- 10:00AM** Welcome
- 10:05AM** Guest Presenter:
- Update on VA – K C Hawkins, Bell County Veteran Service Officer
 - Four ways to get service connection and five ways to receive compensation for them.
 - Changes in the law, including Nehmer lawsuit requirements.
 - Presumptive illness expansion.
 - Any other relevant information to help the Veterans you serve.
 - City of Killeen Community Development Program – HOME-ARP (American Rescue Plan Program) – qualifying individuals to address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services.
- Questions after each presentation
- 10:35AM** Brief Introduction of Everyone in Attendance
Updates & Events between Now through April 20, 2022
- 10:50AM** Shout out for Help
- Veteran/Veteran Family Needs
 - If Searching for Particular Resources, etc.
- 11:00AM** Steering Committee Opening Updates
Networking Portion of VSACT Meeting
- 12:00PM** Adjourn

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The VA. Gulf War Registry is located at the Temple VA. BLDG. 146 tell # 254-743-2949, Pl. encourage Veterans that may be experiencing symptoms related to and of unknown origin. Thanks for all that you all do "One Team"

Art Spark Texas has two upcoming free virtual events. A Memoir writing workshop for veterans and a Women veteran songwriting workshop. I'll send Eventbrite links. April Sullivan, Art Spark Texas, april@artsparktx.org, 512-454-9912

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reconstructing-memories-a-memoir-writing-workshop-with-brian-turner-registration-290721896017>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-vets-moving-forward-through-the-arts-visual-art-and-songwriting-registration-290839337287>

Department of Veterans Affairs

Please join us in Celebrating Women's History Month. This year theme is to honor the Providers and Caregivers that have helped and continue to bring us through this year's pandemic. You can join by teams or by phone.

The Federal Women's Program in collaboration with The Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Diversity Committee, invites you to join this year's Women's History Month Celebration. This year's program is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

Please join us in celebrating Central Texas Veterans Health Care System (CTVHCS) Women that have contributed to healing, provided hope, and continue to carry us through this pandemic.

The Celebration will include guest from Executive Leadership, Chaplain Services and two keynote speakers that are Providers at CTVHCS. The Program will be held on March 24th, 12:30-1:10 pm via Microsoft Teams.

For more information, please contact Kimberly Kinerd - Federal Women's Special Emphasis Program Manager @ Kimberly.kinerd@va.gov or Shannon Kessler - Equal Employment Specialist @ Shannon.kessler1@va.g

Joan Vanicek, CTVHCS Housing near/accessible to healthy food. Sometimes only choices within range are fast food, dollar store, gas station/convenience stores and those stores often don't have much selection for healthy food.

Heart of Texas Goodwill, pbilunas@hotgoodwill.org 254-447-2746 Operation Achieve USAA Grant to upskill minority Veterans and spouses. Call for more info!

Accessible, affordable and have small dog areas From Killeen Community Development to Everyone

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81251130422?pwd=QW5GTThhPTGdqUXFzcnJoeXI2TUFTdz09>

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