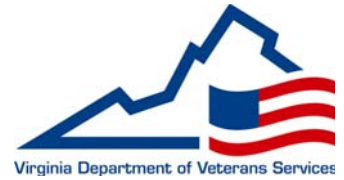


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## News Release

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### ***Workshop offers eligible veterans opportunity to apply for benefits, file for health care, and much more***

CHERITON—At a workshop to be held on August 7, 2010 at American Legion Post 56 in Cheriton, Virginia, eligible veterans will be able to apply for VA benefits, file for health care, sign up for free counseling, enroll with the Virginia Employment Commission, and work with representatives from a half-dozen state and federal agencies. The event is sponsored by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, Eastern Shore Community College, and Virginia Employment Commission, and will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Legion Post at 21210 S. Bayside Road.

“We are looking forward to working with the VA Medical Center Rural Health Care Team, and the other agencies involved to bring another veterans workshop to the Eastern Shore.” said Wendy Ainsworth, Veterans Services Representative, Virginia Department of Veterans Services. “This event can really benefit area veterans. They can start the application process for VA benefits, fill out the VA health benefits enrollment form, request a copy of their DD214, and complete a lot of other processes, all at one location.”

Representatives will be available from the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, including Benefits, Education and Training, and the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program; Eastern Shore Community College; Virginia Employment Commission; Norfolk Vet Center; and the Rural Health Team Hampton VA Medical Center.

Monica Hall, Local Veterans Employment Representative with the VEC, said, “Veterans may be unaware of all services available to them at the Employment Commission.”

During the three-hour workshop, veterans and their family members will be able to complete more than half-a-dozen processes:

- Begin the claims process for VA benefits

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- File the VA Health Benefits Enrollment Eligibility Form 1010EZ
- Apply online for their Post 911 G.I. Bill benefits
- Sign up for free counseling and referral services from the Norfolk VET Center.
- Get help from the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program for combat stress and traumatic brain injuries
- Enroll with the Virginia Employment Commission and begin the job search process
- Order a copy of their DD214

“Many veterans may not realize all the benefits they qualify for such as disability compensation, VA health care, or G.I. Bill benefits. That’s why this kind of event is so important—it gives everyone an opportunity to find out what they’re eligible for and to start the process,” said Ainsworth.

For more information about the workshop, contact Wendy Ainsworth, (757) 787-5862; Jim Brofee (757) 789-1777, or Monica Hall, (757) 302-2014.

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