



"The NASWA Veterans Affairs Committee – which includes members from all 50 states, D.C., Guam, the US Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico – is instrumental in steering or introducing many leading-edge, national initiatives focused on Veterans, Transitioning Service Members and Military Spouses. Being part of this group is so much more than meetings – it's networking, sharing promising practices, partnership development, and making a difference for Veterans, their families and the communities they live in."

Daryle Dudzinski
Deputy Commissioner

Connecticut Department of
Labor

2021-2022 NASWA Veterans
Affairs Committee Chair

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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The NASWA Veterans Affairs Committee advises State Workforce Administrators on issues related to workforce programs for Veterans, primarily the Jobs for Veterans State Grant program, Wagner-Peyser Act program, and required Priority of Service for Veterans in all U.S. Department of Labor-funded employment and training programs. The Committee provides a forum for state Veteran program leaders to discuss policy and procedure, share promising practices, and hear about pending legislation. The U.S. Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service considers the committee a primary partner in developing policy recommendations and procedures for services delivered by state workforce personnel, specifically Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP), Local Veteran Employment Representative (LVER) and consolidated DVOP/LVER personnel.

COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

Continue support of the annual Veterans Conference, now entering its ninth year.

Advise state administrators on issues related to workforce program for Veterans and respond to NASWA board direction on issues related to Veteran programming and service delivery.

Conduct research on emerging issues, draft issue papers and prepare policy recommendations for the Board's consideration.

Provide a forum for the exchange of critical information for state leaders to discuss federal legislation, policy, funding allocation formulas, priority of service, the labor exchange, and other procedures affecting Veterans, Transitioning Service Members, Military spouses and caregivers.

Serve as a technical assistance resource for the Board on Veterans policy, initiatives and programs.

Collaborate with NASWA Committees by promoting awareness of Veterans issues and requirements within other NASWA groups.

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The NASWA Veterans Affairs Committee generally holds three in-person/virtual meetings each Association Year, and conference calls every other Thursday. State representatives appointed to the Committee may serve on the Mark Sanders Award subcommittee and other working groups to address specific issues and topics. Members are encouraged to utilize committee expertise when seeking information, recommendations, and policy guidance. The Committee educates the workforce system on important Veteran-focused initiatives through the annual conference and presentations at NASWA-sponsored events.

MEMBER RESOURCES

State Shared Resources *Presentations, Templates, and Training Materials*

SharePoint Site *Member-Only Resource Library*

Access to the Hilton Honors Military Program

Access to the Grow With Google Scholarship Program

JOIN THE COMMITTEE

NASWA Administrators are required to submit an email request to appoint staff to NASWA Committees. Appointments to the NASWA Veterans Affairs Committee can be emailed to Lori Adams at ladams@naswa.org. Please include the appointed staff contact information and specify the NASWA Veterans Affairs Committee.