

"As a military spouse, I've seen firsthand the unique strengths and challenges that come with military service and the transition into civilian life. The Veterans Affairs Committee plays a vital role in ensuring that veterans, service members, and their families have access to meaningful career opportunities and the support they deserve. I'm honored to serve as the chair and look forward to advancing our mission of empowering those who have served our nation to thrive in the workforce and in their communities."



Anna Hunter
Assistant Director,
Division of
Employment and
Rehabilitation Services
Arizona Department of
Economic Security
Committee Chair

## COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

Anna Hunter, Chair
Assistant Director, Division of
Employment and Rehabilitation
Services, Arizona Program Director,
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**Casey Cameron,** Vice-Chair Executive Director, Utah Department of Workforce Services

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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 (JVSG) 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 learn about pending legislation. The U.S. Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) considers the committee a primary partner in developing policy recommendations and procedures for services delivered by Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP), Local Veteran Employment Representative (LVER) and consolidated (CODL) personnel.

# **COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES**

Continue support of the annual Veterans Conference.

**Advise state administrators** on issues related to workforce programs 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 holds two in-person meetings each Association Year, and conference calls once a month. 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

News Updates Monthly newsletter and biweekly Veterans newswire

You can access these resources with a member account login on the <u>Veterans Affairs Committee pages</u> of the <u>NASWA website</u>.

## JOIN THE COMMITTEE

NASWA Administrators are required to submit an email request to appoint staff to NASWA Committees. Appointments to the NASWA Vets Committee can be emailed to <a href="maswa@naswa.org">naswa@naswa.org</a>. Please include the appointed staff contact information and specify the NASWA Vets Committee.