

BLUE RIDGE VETERANS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



Who Are We?

- *The Blue Ridge Veterans Community Partnership (BRVCP) is a collaborative network of Veterans, advocates, resources, and other stakeholders who organize through community Veteran engagement councils to improve outcomes for Veterans, Service Members (SM), and their communities.*
- The Board provides a framework for VA leaders to begin having conversations with local community leaders about collaborating with existing community engagements or creating community collaborative networks where they don't exist.
- The Board is comprised of three Co-Chairs and council members with a common goal of providing service and support to Veterans in the area.

Our Mission

- Improve communication for Veterans regarding their healthcare, to include billing issues, and better access to their healthcare providers.
- To identify homeless and at-risk Veterans by raising awareness of the need for better resources for these Veterans in their own communities.
- To inform and educate the community on Veterans' financial barriers and offer ways to assist with these barriers to improve physical and mental well-being.

Challenges

Due to the geographical aspect of our area, many Veterans face issues including:

- Transportation to VA facilities
- Distance to VA facilities
- Homelessness
- Financial Barriers/Lack of Employment

BRVCP Current Status

- **On August 5, 2016, the BRVCP had a meeting to engage local organizations and educate them on the purpose and mission of the BRVCP.**
- **In early September, we will hold a 2nd meeting of local organizations and hope to finalize all board members at that time.**

BRVCP Vision

- Our vision for the future is to make an impact in the lives of our Veterans by helping to address their concerns as a collaborative community.
- Our hope is to bring together our community resources for the purpose of improving the physical and mental well-being of the region's Veterans.