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# **GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENT**

Welcome all to **The National Association of American Veterans, Inc. (NAAV)** 1st Quarter 2022 Newsletter. It seems 2021 just closed out, yet here we are one quarter into a new year. Time does not fly, but rather humanity does not stop… That is until God says when.

These past few months have met us with a lot of unexpected twist such as the Russia/Ukraine crisis, devastating fires in the west and tornados throughout the mid-and central U.S. Let us also recognize the past two-year mark of the COVID pandemic outbreak, which is only now slowly withdrawing its ravishing effects.

*NAAV CONTINUES ITS TESTAMENT OF STEADFAST FAITH AND HOPE. In 2022, ONCE AGAIN AS BEFORE “WE MUST CHOOSE THE LIGHT” AND PRESS ON TOWARDS A HIGHER CALLING*…

Please allow us to repeat portions of our sentiment posted during the 4th Quarter 2021: “We chose the light. That is the light of God in our hearts…” This end of March is the beginning of a season of crisp sunshine and rays of hope. NAAV is here to state we stand firmly on the same sentiment i.e., *we choose* *the light—W*e choose to see the movement of life in the light of service toward our American Veterans and their family members…



**IN MEMORY OF:**

**Message from NAAV, Inc.:** Please accept our heartfelt sympathy to Veterans and their family members who passed away or lost loved ones during this first quarter.

>Evangelist Margaret Walker, U.S. Navy (Ret) and NAAV Spiritual Wellness  
 >Advisor whose beloved mother passed in January, to the family of  
 >Patricia Morris, a NAAV supporter who passed on March 22nd, and James  
 >Wheat, Jr., a NAAV Veteran supporters whose brother a Vietnam War Veteran who passed in March 2022.

Matthew 5:4 *“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.”*

**Social Media & Resources[[1]](#footnote-1):**

Hello all you social media, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter enthusiast! Did you know that NAAV’s CEO and President also has a presence in many of those outlets? Ms. Constance A. Burns is not only known for her enduring service to our Military servicemen and veterans through the establishment of NAAV, but she is also highly esteemed amongst other platforms. Here are a few snips of her accomplishments and ways to follow:

\*Images can be enlarged for better view…

NAAVets, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, assists Veterans and their dependents accessing benefits.

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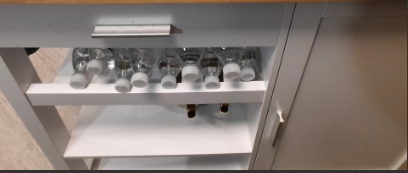
**HEAD’S UP EVENT:**

We are very excited to announce that the 2022 – Veterans Bonanza will  
be taking place on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at  
the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI!

Come join us in ensuring 2022 will be a continued success by registering your spot.  
Please visit our website <https://veteransbonanzalax.com/> to learn more. You can  
register to be a sponsor (Sponsor Registration <https://veteransbonanzalax.com/sponsorship/>)  
or a vendor (Vendor Registration <https://veteransbonanzalax.com/vendor-registration/>) at our website as well.

**TESTIMONIAL HIGHLIGHTS:**

On March 24, 2022, NAAV, Inc. paid for a dining table and two chairs, an  
office desk and office chair with wheels including a microwave with  
pots, dishes, pans and glasses, etc. the kitchen for once homeless  
Veteran Julius Berger of Fredericksburg, VA.

* NAAV, Inc. donated funds in support of Native American Veterans  
  Assistance in Pine Ridge, South Dakota in March 2022 to help with box of  
  food, help to get Veteran's electricity turned back on and with the  
  purchase of cords of wood etc. in March 2022.  
    
  NAAV also sent $244.00 to the American Bible Society for Bibles to be  
  sent to Service men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces worldwide  
  in February 2022.  
    
  Funds were also given $309.00 to the Central Union Mission in February  
  2022 to provide meals for over 100 homeless Veterans and men residing at  
  the shelter in Washington, DC.
* We received over 100 calls for assistance with financial hardship  
  nationwide including assistance with VA claims and benefits.

**Springtime message to warm your heart:**



Greetings NAAV,  
  
HMI Sully H.W. Bush, the former service dog and companion to President George H.W. Bush, stopped by the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, D.C yesterday bringing smiles and joy to our military Veterans and staff here at AFRH.

Representatives from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center's Facility Dog Program brought Sully to our facility giving our Veterans and staff a rare opportunity to meet  
and greet the devoted Lab, famous for faithfully standing by his owner's side until the end.

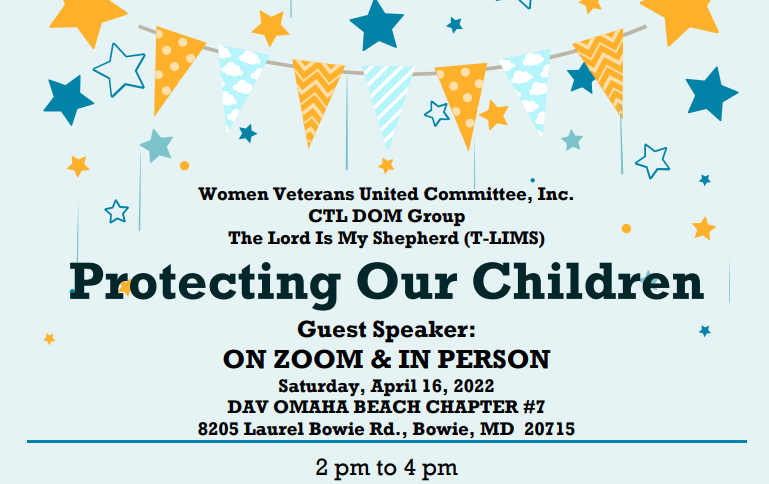
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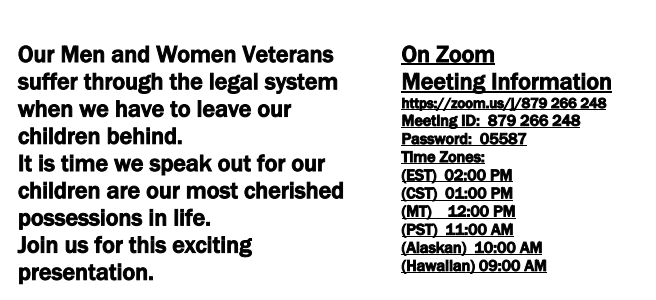
Today, Sully is a member of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center’s (WRNMMC) Facility Dog Program in Bethesda, Maryland, a role he assumed in accordance with the wishes of the 41st president. “It’s an honor to have Sully visit with our veterans here at AFRH,” said Susan Bryhan, administrator of the campus here in Washington, D.C. “Dogs always boost the morale of our Veteran residents. We thank the Walter Reed Team for sharing him with us today.” Amy O’Connor and Angela Kinart, both command project managers at WRNMMC, escorted Sully throughout the campus as he engaged with military Veteran residents and staff.

“Sully H.W. Bush is one Walter Reed’s facility dogs, and was formerly owned by President George H.W. Bush,” Kinart explained. “Before he passed, he decided he wanted Sully to continue working to help improve the experience and provided care for our members in uniform.” (Article released on Apr. 11, 2022, for more information regarding this story and more go to: <http://www.afrh.gov/>.

**Happening in April**:



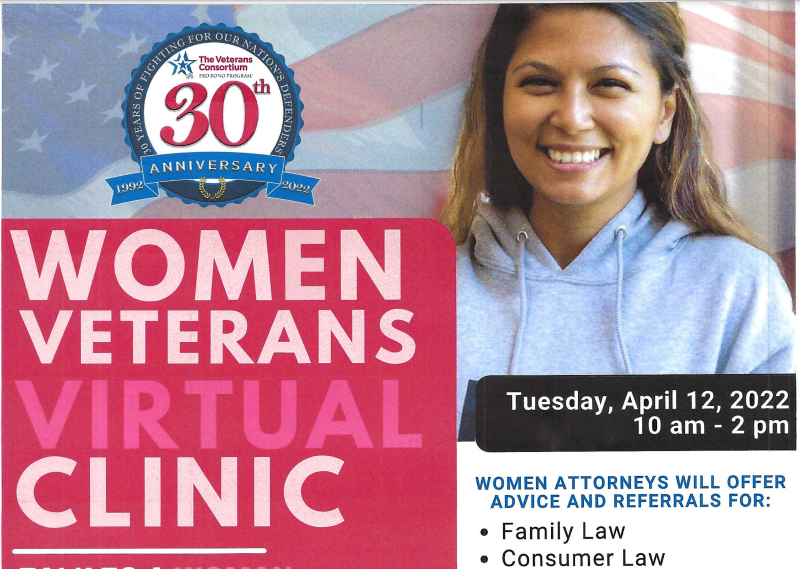




… More to come for women… You don’t want to miss:

**In case you missed the recent event, please see below:**

**\*Recently held - FREE LEGAL CLINIC FOR WOMEN VETERANS**   
  
TVC held a FREE legal clinic for Women Veterans in DC, VA &  
MD on APRIL 12, 2022.  
  
This clinic was virtual and by appointment only.  
  
For future reference and or more information on other upcoming events be sure to share with any women who have served in the U.S. Military.  
  
The Veterans Consortium | 2101 L Street NW, Suite 840, Washington,  
DC 20037



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**NEED HELP FIGHTING SUBSTANCE ABUSE:**

Substance abuse is one of the most difficult issues anyone can face.  
It’s also a growing problem nationwide. Yet many people are afraid to  
seek treatment, in part because they don’t know what to expect.  
That’s where this helpful guide comes in.

It contains valuable information such as:  
How to prepare to enter treatment — what you need to pack, tying up  
loose ends, etc. This sort of advice can help make the process of  
getting help a bit less intimidating.  
<https://www.naavets.org/medicare-guide-for-veterans>

**ADVANCED CARE PLANNING: A CONVERSATION ABOUT BURIAL BENEFIT**  
Calling all Caregivers, Veterans, and Community Members! Join the  
Washington DC VA CSP team, American Association of Retired Persons  
(AARP), and the VA National Cemetery Administration (NCA) for the second  
event in their Advanced Care Planning Series. Participants will learn  
more about the services and benefits offered through VA NCA. The event  
will be held on: **April 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. ET (9:00  
a.m. CT; 8:00 a.m. MT; 7:00 a.m. Pacific).** There will be an opportunity  
to ask questions to the presenters! Please RSVP at least 72 hours in  
advance using the following link: <https://aarp.cventevents.com/d/m8qbzv/>  
[8].





We wish you an exciting springtime adventure!

Sincerely,

o/b/o CEO/President

NAAV, Inc.

Washington, DC

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1. Please note, NAAV does not endorse all resources provided herein; however, we are sharing as potential interest for your determination and value. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)