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May 27, 2021 Agenda

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Jeff Smith, Moderator (NC DMHDDSAS/DHHS)

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| 2:00- | 2:05 | Pledge of Allegiance |
| 2:05 - | 2:10 | Welcome: Lt Gen Walter Gaskin, USMC (Ret) |
| 2:10 - | 2:25 | Chairs Updates and Information: VHA, VBA, DMVA, DHHS, WFS (5 min. each) |
| 2:25- | 2:30 | GWG Updates and Initiatives: Operation HOME, NC STRIVE, <i>Ask the Question</i> campaign, and Governor's Challenge to Prevent Veteran Suicide (Jeff Smith, NC DMHDDSAS/DHHS) |
| 2:30- | 2:40 | NCServes Update (Dave Roddenberry, Governor's Institute) |
| 2:40- | 2:45 | Vote for a Veteran Program (Noah Grant, NC Board of Elections) |
| 2:45- | 3:05 | Mental Health Awareness Month (Susan Watkins, Durham VAMC) |
| 3:05- | 3:25 | Moral Injury (Joe Hazel, NC Veterans Life Center) |
| 3:25- | 3:45 | Hearing Loss Awareness Month (Jan Withers and Sean Baker, Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, NC DHHS) |
| 3:45- | 4:00 | Closing |

Future Meeting Dates:

- June 24
- July 22
- August 26

Resources:

- VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guidelines: <https://www.healthquality.va.gov/>
- Behavioral Interventions for Comorbid PTSD and Substance Use Disorder, PTSD Research Quarterly: https://www.ptsd.va.gov/publications/rq_docs/V31N2.pdf
- Resources for COVID-19 Information: <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/72856/veterans-multiple-resources-covid-19-information/>
- Moral Injury: https://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/treat/cooccurring/moral_injury.asp
- NC Regional Centers for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/hearing-loss/regional-centers-for-the-deaf-hard-of-hearing>
- Department of Defense Hearing Center of Excellence: <https://hearing.health.mil/>
- Services for Veterans with Hearing Loss in VA: <https://www.research.va.gov/topics/hearing.cfm>
- Hearing Loss Association of America – Veterans Virtual Chapter: <https://www.hearingloss.org/hearing-help/communities/veterans/veterans-virtual-chapter-meetings/>