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September 23, 2021 Agenda

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Crystal Miller, Moderator (NC DMVA)

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| 2:00- | 2:05 | Pledge of Allegiance |
| 2:05 - | 2:10 | Welcome: Lt Gen Walter Gaskin, USMC (Ret) |
| 2:10 - | 2:35 | Chairs Updates and Information: VHA, VBA, DMVA, DHHS, WFS (5 min. each) |
| 2:35 - | 2:40 | Brief Intermission |
| 2:45 - | 3:45 | Social Determinants of Veteran Suicide Series, Pt. I of V
Expert Panel Introduction and Overview:
Victor Armstrong, <u>Moderator</u> ; Director Division of MH/DD/SUS, NC DHHS
Dr. Harold Kudler, Assoc. Consulting Prof., Duke Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science
Dr. Anthony Hassan, CEO & President, Cohen Veterans Network
Dr. Susan Strickland, Assoc. Director, Research and Evaluation, Suicide Prevention, VACO |

Future Meeting Dates:

- October 28 Social Determinants of Veteran Suicide Series, Pt. II of V; The Role of Trauma
- November 18 Social Determinants of Veteran Suicide Series, Pt. III of V; MH/BH/EH After Effects
- December 16 Social Determinants of Veteran Suicide Series, Pt. IV of V; Resulting Instabilities
- January 27 Social Determinants of Veteran Suicide Series, Pt. V of V; Restoration of Self Worth

Resources:

- <https://helpncvets.org/resources/#benefits>
- Call VA toll-free hotline at 877-222-8387, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET to get help with applying for VA benefits using the VA Form 10-10 EZ.
- <https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/docs/data-sheets/2019/2019-State-Data-Sheet-North-Carolina-508.pdf>