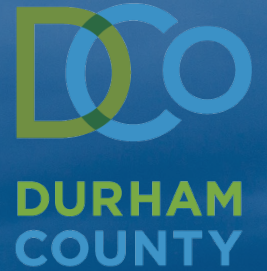


DURHAM NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE 2019



Durham County Department of Veteran Services

Presented by Lois Harvin-Ravin

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan,"

Abraham Lincoln

Mission & Vision

MISSION:

The mission of Veteran Services is to make a positive difference in the lives of our Veterans and their families long-term by honoring, enriching, educating, advocating and advising them through professional quality benefit counseling of their rights and entitlement to federal benefits under the laws and regulations administered by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other various federal, state and local agencies.



Director

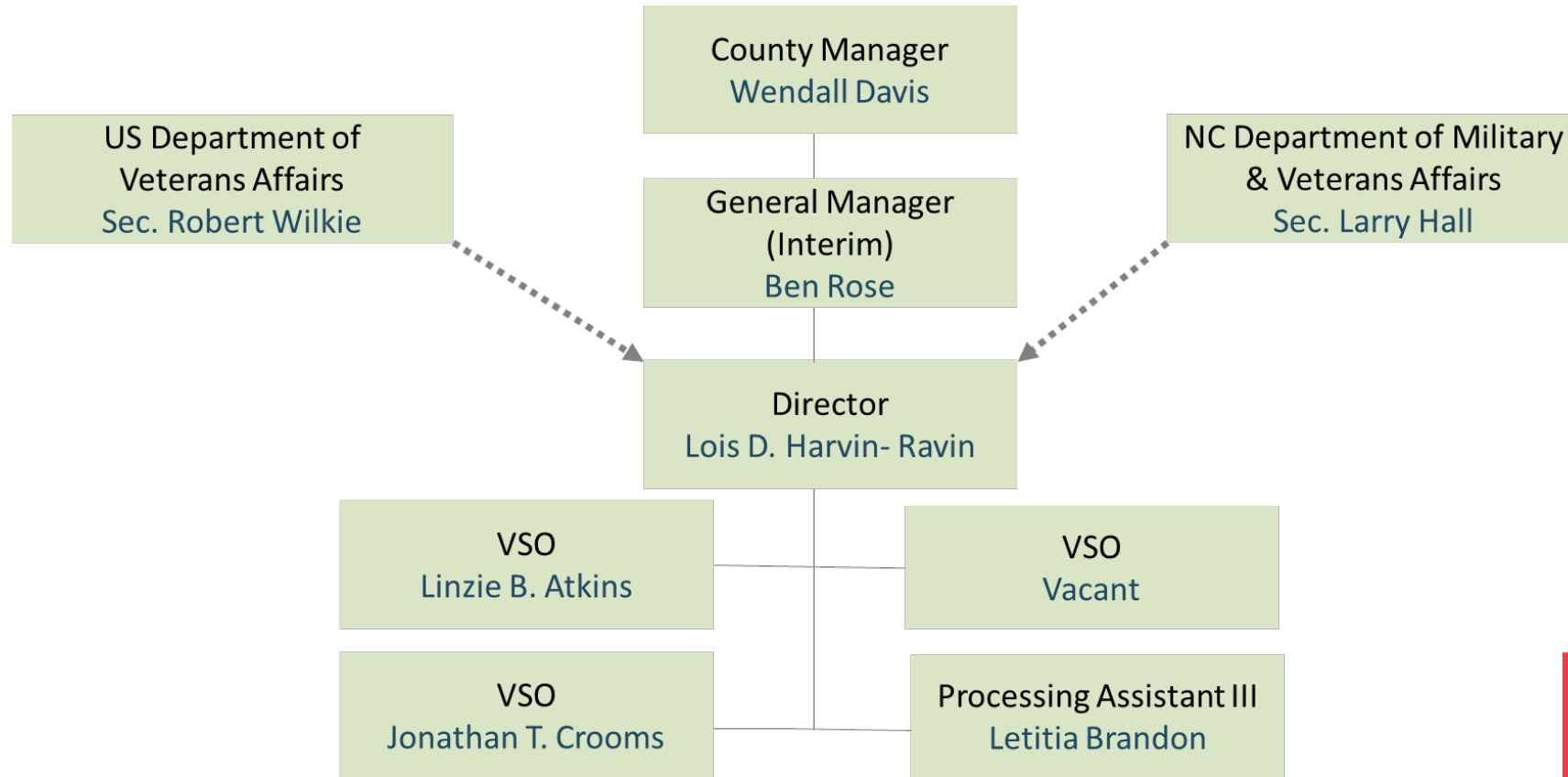
Our Vision

Is to empower our Veterans to move from poverty to prosperity; from homelessness to home; from sick care to healthcare for a healthier and wealthier military Veteran community here in Durham.





Organizational Chart & Structure





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Veteran Services

VETERAN SERVICES STAFF



Linzie Atkins, VSO **Letitia Brandon, PA** **Gayle Harris, Former GM**
Jonathan Crooms, VSO



Programs & Initiatives

Veteran Services is comprised of one program: **Comprehensive Benefits Counseling and Claims Preparation** for accessing benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which is comprised of three(3) administrations that deliver services to our nation's Veterans here in Durham County.



Veterans Health Administration (VHA) provides a broad range of **primary care, specialized care, and related medical and social support services** that are uniquely related to Veterans' health or special needs.



Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) provides a variety of monetary benefits to Veterans and their families. These benefits include **compensation, pension, fiduciary services, educational opportunities, vocational rehabilitation and employment services, home ownership promotion, and life insurance benefits.**



National Cemetery Administration (NCA) provides **burial and memorial benefits** to Veterans and their eligible family members. These benefits include burial at national cemeteries, cemetery grants, headstones and markers, and medallions.



Key Programs & Initiatives

VA Disability Compensation: A monetary benefit paid to a veteran who has an illness, injury or diseases that was caused or aggravated by active duty military service. It is also paid to certain **Veterans** disabled from **VA** health care. All VA compensation benefits are tax-free.

VA Pension Benefit: A needs-based monetary benefit program for wartime Veterans, who are age 65 or older or have a permanent and total non-service connected disability, and who have limited income and net worth. **Veterans and Surviving Spouses** who are more seriously disabled may qualify for pension at the increased housebound or aid and attendance rates.

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation DIC- A monthly monetary benefit paid to eligible survivors of Service members who died while on active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty for training or • Veterans who died as a result of a service-connected injury or disease, or • Veterans who was deemed totally disabled by a service-connected disability for at least 10 years before death.

VA Healthcare Benefits: A comprehensive **Medical Benefits** Package which includes preventive, primary and specialty care, diagnostic, inpatient and outpatient healthcare services.



Key Programs & Initiatives

Veteran Services is conducting aggressive **Community Outreach** to some 11,000 Veterans with unmet needs living here in Durham County. We look to improve their access to VA benefits and services and continue to reduce homelessness or at-risk homelessness amongst our Veteran population.

DID YOU KNOW???

- **Over 14,495 Veterans live in Durham County**
- **11 Thousand Veterans in Durham with unmet VA needs this is 75 percent of our Veteran population**
- **5,600 Veterans in Durham are Age 65 years of age and older**
- **\$72 Million received in VA Compensation and Pension Benefits annually by DCo Veterans.**
 - **3,415 Male Veterans in receipt of cash benefit**
 - **539 Female Veterans in receipt of cash benefit**
- **\$1 Million in Dependent Indemnity Compensations(DIC)and Insurance received Annually**
- **\$118 Million in Medical Care received by Durham Veterans**
- **\$210 Million in Total VA Expenditures for DCo Veterans**



Frequently Asked Questions

Who is a Veteran?

Answer: Those who have served in the military

- a). I served on active duty for 30 days am I a Veteran?
- b). My sister was injured while on active duty. She was discharged after 11 days. Is she a veteran?
- c). I participated in ROTC both in high school and college and I a Veteran?
- d). My neighbor's deceased husband served on active duty during the Korean Wartime period. But not in combat. Was he a Veteran?

CONTACT OUR AT 919.560.8387(VETS)



Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible for VA Benefits?

- 1). I served on active duty for 30 days. I was discharged for failure to disclose medical conditions. Am I eligible for VA benefits?
- 2). My sister was injured while on active duty and was discharged after 11 days. Is she eligible for VA benefits
- 3). I am the surviving spouse of a Veteran who served in Vietnam. He died in 1986 of diabetes complications. I have never remarried. Am I eligible for VA benefits?
- 4). My neighbor's deceased husband served during the Korean war. She has never remarried. She need some help with daily living. Is she eligible for any VA cash benefits?

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Opportunities for Engagement



DCO VA Community Healthcare Fair

Community Outreach **KNOW A VET...TELL A VET**

WHERE WE ARE LOCATED
and
HOW TO CONTACT US



Dco VA Community Claims Clinic

Veterans Day Celebration *Please Join us Friday, November 8, 2019 at 11:00AM at the Human Service Building*

Veterans Appreciation Program * Memorial Day of Remembrance * Memorial Day Observance * Veterans Day Program





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Final Thoughts

As a result of Veteran Services advocacy work. We assist our Veterans with Benefit Counseling, Claims Preparation, Homeless Services and Community Outreach to our Aged and Disabled Veterans to obtain some of the best healthcare through our Veterans Health Administration-Healthcare systems enabling them to move from sick care to healthcare, from poverty to prosperity by accessing cash benefits through Veterans Benefit Administration; Their lives, their spouses and their children will be richer because of educational, employment opportunities and community connections we help to create;

Helping Veterans make homelessness, history by assisting them in the application process to connect to one of our major partners, designed to promote housing stability among our very low-income Veteran. enjoy their purchased homes that we help in securing through their VA Home Loan Certificate of Eligibility;

Helping our Veterans and their beneficiaries receive other well-deserved state and local benefits and supportive services, and it didn't take too long to access services through our office.

Finally, their families, friends and the community will know with the support of the VA National and State Cemetery Administration, we've given our Veterans the utmost respect and help with their final honors as they are laid to rest.

We Salute Our Nation's Veterans...



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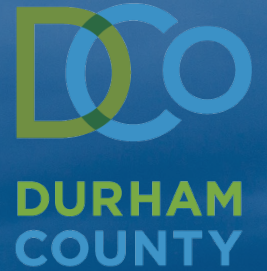


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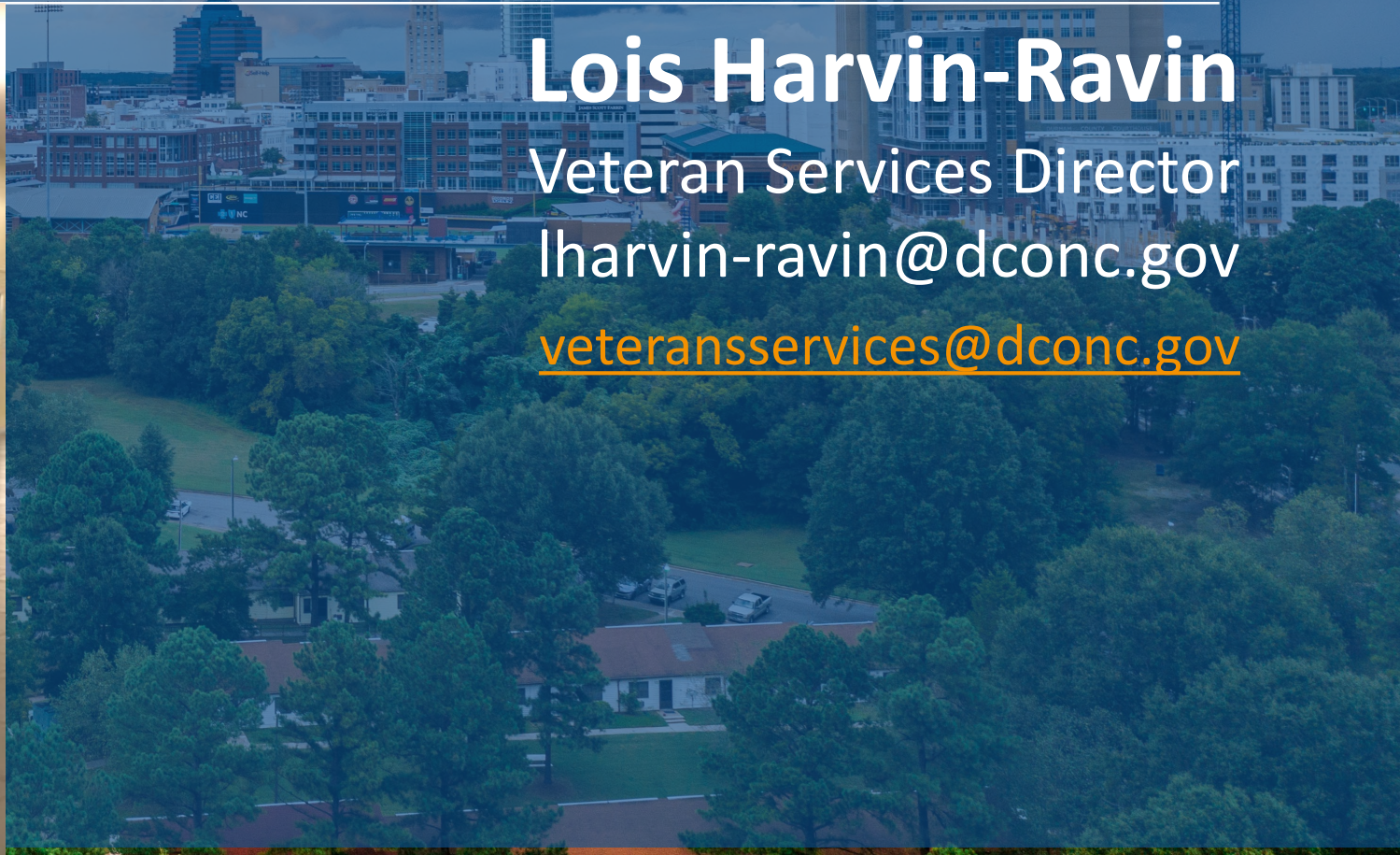
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