



"The NASWA Veterans Affairs committee is instrumental in steering many leading-edge, national initiatives focused on Veterans, Transitioning Service Members and Military Spouses. Being part of this group – which includes members from all 50 states, DC, Guam, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands - is so much more than meetings. It is networking with peers with common experiences, sharing promising practices, partnership development and making a difference for Veterans and their families."



Sarah Morrissey
Employment Services
Bureau Director
New Hampshire
Employment Security
Committee Chair

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The NASWA Veterans Affairs Committee advises State Workforce Administrators on issues related to workforce programs for Veterans, primarily the Jobs for Veterans State Grant (JVSG) program, Wagner-Peyser Act program, and required Priority of Service for Veterans in all U.S. Department of Labor-funded employment and training programs. The Committee provides a forum for state Veteran program leaders to discuss policy and procedure, share promising practices, and learn about pending legislation. The U.S. Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) considers the committee a primary partner in developing policy recommendations and procedures for services delivered by Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP), Local Veteran Employment Representative (LVER) and consolidated DVOP/LVER personnel.

COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

Continue support of the annual Veterans Conference.

Advise state administrators on issues related to workforce programs for Veterans and respond to NASWA board direction on issues related to Veteran programming and service delivery.

Conduct research on emerging issues, draft issue papers and prepare policy recommendations for the Board's consideration.

Provide a forum for the exchange of critical information for state leaders to discuss federal legislation, policy, funding allocation formulas, priority of service, the labor exchange, and other procedures affecting Veterans, Transitioning Service Members, Military spouses and caregivers.

Serve as a technical assistance resource for the Board on Veterans policy, initiatives and programs.

Collaborate with NASWA Committees by promoting awareness of Veterans issues and requirements within other NASWA groups.

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The NASWA Veterans Affairs Committee generally holds two in-person meetings each Association Year, and conference calls once a month. State representatives appointed to the Committee may serve on the Mark Sanders Award subcommittee and other working groups to address specific issues and topics. Members are encouraged to utilize committee expertise when seeking information, recommendations, and policy guidance. The Committee educates the workforce system on important Veteran-focused initiatives through the annual conference and presentations at NASWA-sponsored events.

MEMBER RESOURCES

State Shared Resources Presentations, Templates, and Training Materials

SharePoint Site Member-Only Resource Library

Access to the Hilton Honors Military Program

News Updates Monthly newsletter and biweekly Veterans newswire

You can access these resources with a member account login on the [Veterans Affairs Committee pages](#) of the [NASWA website](#).

JOIN THE COMMITTEE

NASWA Administrators are required to submit an email request to appoint staff to NASWA Committees. Appointments to the NASWA Vets Committee can be emailed to naswa@naswa.org. Please include the appointed staff contact information and specify the NASWA Vets Committee.