



# Chattanooga Area Veterans Council

Serving veterans and their organizations of East Tennessee, North Georgia and North Alabama

*Home of the Free,  
Because of our Military Veterans*

**Veterans Salute & Information Fair**  
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Saturday, November 11, 2017

**Chattanooga's Historic National Guard Armory**  
1801 South Holtzclaw Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee

*Chattanooga Area Veterans Council is coordinating a celebration to honor All Military Veterans. Entertainment, snacks, information & surprises will be provided FREE at this event to Military Veterans in appreciation for the FREEDOM you gave us.*

*Make plans now to stop in anytime between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, November 11, 2017. While there, learn about the latest Veteran Benefits as well as services, products and opportunities available throughout this area to our Military Veterans.*

**FREE!** Snacks      **FREE!** Soft Drinks      **FREE!** Information      **FREE!** Entertainment      **FREE!** Door Prizes      **FREE!** Parking

**NO SALES OF ANY KIND** may be conducted during this event.

If your organization/business would like to set up a display, please contact Patty Parks for an application at 423-326-0839 or [pattyjoparks@yahoo.com](mailto:pattyjoparks@yahoo.com)

*Our goal is to make this an annual event.*



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If your organization would like to set up a display, please **complete and sign** the below request form and return it by mail or email **NO LATER THAN October 30, 2017** to Patty Parks at 6920 Sawtooth Drive, Ooltewah TN 37363-6894 or [pattyjoparks@yahoo.com](mailto:pattyjoparks@yahoo.com)

## Display Space Reservation Request & Agreement

Organization/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Business is  For Profit  Non Profit (Select applicable box at left)

Primary activity, service or product of Organization/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ Understand and Agree to the following:  
(Print point of contact's name in above space)

- **NO SALES OF ANY KIND** may be conducted during this event.
- I am responsible for the safe storage of my Organization/Business display items.
- My display will be open and available to attendees from 1 pm until 4 pm (minimum).
- All display items and give-aways must fit on, under or behind my assigned table.
- I **CAN CANNOT** provide my own display table (3' x 8' maximum)  
(Circle appropriate above)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization/Business Contact Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Display Tables & Spaces ARE LIMITED.**  
They will be awarded in the order  
completed and signed requests  
are received.

Questions? Contact:

Patty Parks at  
(423) 326-0839 or [pattyjoparks@yahoo.com](mailto:pattyjoparks@yahoo.com)  
6920 Sawtooth Drive, Ooltewah TN 37363-6894

# Guard & Reserve On-Site Sale

*We're bringing the benefit to you!*

[www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com)

## September 14-16 2017

Thursday & Friday: 0900 to 1700  
 Saturday: 0900 to 1600

**Hosted by Robins AFB  
 Commissary**

**Susan Edmonds,  
 Director**

[susan.edmonds2@deca.mil](mailto:susan.edmonds2@deca.mil)

(804)-712-7513 cell  
 (478)-222-7618 or  
 (478)-926-3714



1901 Terrell Mill Road, Ste. 200  
 Marietta, GA 30067

[Click here for driving directions!](#)

**Future Events:**

October	19-21 2017
November	16-18, 2017
December	14-16 2017

### Stock your pantry and save!

- ◆ Military ID card authorizing commissary privileges is required
- ◆ Cash, check, EBT, debit and credit cards accepted
- ◆ All authorized shoppers are welcome



## Tennessee AgrAbility Project

Tennessee AgrAbility Project is a program with UT Extension that helps farmers with disabilities keep farming with assistive technology has received a new grant for the Beginning Farmer Development Project. Within this grant is the goal to help build a network of Veterans across the state who are beginning farmers or who are already farming to assist a National Farmer Veteran Coalition in forming a TN State Chapter. An organizational session is being hosted for Beginning Farmers and Veterans in conjunction with the Ag in the Foothills field day. Following the live animal demonstration session, more information will be presented on resources and allow the participants to meet, and begin organizing for future meetings and trainings. Please share with any of your veterans who want to farm. Thank you,

Eileen Legault  
University of Tennessee Extension  
Tennessee AgrAbility Project  
Eastern Region  
1801 Downtown West Blvd,  
Knoxville, TN 37919  
865-200-4527 Office  
[www.agrability.org/](http://www.agrability.org/)



**A public event at the  
East Tennessee AgResearch  
and Education Center—  
Blount Unit**

Preregistration for lunch ticket  
at 865-974-7201 or your local  
Extension office.

For more information, visit  
[east.tennessee.edu](http://east.tennessee.edu) or call the  
East Tennessee AgResearch  
and Education Center at  
865-974-7201.


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# Navy League Chattanooga Celebrates the 242<sup>nd</sup> Birthday of the United States Navy

*You're Invited*




*Please Join Us*  
*Saturday, October 14, 2017*  
*For*  
*Social Hour - 5:00 p.m. ~ Ceremony / Dinner - 6:00 p.m.*  
*Chattanooga Choc - Choc Hotel*  
*Chattanooga, TN 37402*  
*In Celebration of The*  
*242nd Birthday Ball*  
*Of*  
*The United States Navy*

*Our local Navy League Council is proud to again serve as the host of the U. S. Navy's 242nd Birthday Ball in the Chattanooga Area*

*For the past thirteen years, a Chattanooga U. S. Navy Birthday Ball has been held to show appreciation to our Navy heritage and to display pride and professionalism in the naval service. Dinner, music and dancing will make this evening a delight for all. Suggested attire is U. S. Navy Service Dress Blues or coat and tie for men and evening wear for ladies. Reservation Pricing: Active/Reserve/Veteran - E1-E3: Free; E4-E6: \$20; E7-E9: \$25; O1-O9: \$30; Sea Cadet/NJROTC Student: \$20/Parents and Leadership: \$25; Military and their date pay same price; Civilians: \$40. Please mail reservations to Mark Parks, 6920 Sawtooth Drive, Ooltewah, TN 37363-6894. Questions: Contact Mark Parks at: parks8192@gmail.com or call 423-326-0839.*

**Make Check Payable To: "Navy League Chattanooga."**  
**RSVP by 07 October 2017**



The reservation form is on the last page of this newsletter.

# DON'T BE A VICTIM: BE AWARE OF PENSION POACHING SCAMS

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pension exists to help financially disadvantaged wartime Veterans and their survivors.

Individuals and organizations are available to help you file a VA pension claim **free of charge**. A searchable list of VA-accredited representatives including Veterans Service Organizations, agents, and attorneys is available at the VA Office of General Counsel website:  
[www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp](http://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp).

 To get more information about VA pension, visit [www.benefits.va.gov/pension](http://www.benefits.va.gov/pension) or call 1-800-827-1000.




## BE AWARE

Be cautious if someone offers to move your assets around for you to qualify for VA pension. This type of scam is often directed toward Veterans and family members who do not actually qualify for VA pension. You could be required to repay these benefits to the government.

Examples of possible pension poaching scams:

- Organizations that cold call Veterans, charge money for assisting with a VA pension claim, and take credit card information from Veterans over the telephone
  - People who charge as much as \$6,000 upfront to represent claimants before VA, with a percentage of any eventual back payment from VA as a portion of the ultimate fee
- For more information about VA pension eligibility requirements—which include special monthly pension benefits—go to [www.benefits.va.gov/pension](http://www.benefits.va.gov/pension) or call 1-800-827-1000.

There are many VA accredited lawyers and law firms in the Chattanooga area who can assist with VA Pension forms. For a searchable list go to:  
[www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp](http://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp)

A good place to start is to contact your Hamilton County Veterans Service Officer. His name is Charles “Chuck” Alsobrook. Chuck has the experience, knows the answers, and has all the forms needed. And there is never a fee for his services. His contact info:

Charles Alsobrook  
 1250 Market St. Suite 1006  
 Chattanooga, TN 37402

Office phone: 423-209-7884



# Save the Date

## SPIRITHORSE AT FREEDOM RANCH OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8  
288 W. COLSTON LANE  
TUNNEL HILL, GA - 30755



We're excited to open our doors and welcome you to visit our new home at Freedom Ranch—located just 5 minutes from I-75 in Tunnel Hill, GA on 61 beautiful acres of rolling pastures and peaceful woodlands. Join us for a **BIG CELEBRATION**, complete with food, friends, and fellowship. Tour our new facilities, meet the staff of volunteers and the families whose lives we touch every day, and enjoy an afternoon of music and fun with Cannon Creek Band.

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[GINGER@FREEDOMRANCHGA.COM](mailto:GINGER@FREEDOMRANCHGA.COM)

# SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH WEBINAR *You're Invited!*

**CALLING ALL:**

- COMMUNITIES**
- STATE/COUNTY OFFICES**
- VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**
- MILITARY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**
- COMMUNITY VETERANS ENGAGEMENT BOARDS**
- COMMUNITY ACTION BOARDS**
- VETERAN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

*#BeThere*



## **S.A.V.E TRAINING & OVERVIEW OF VETERAN OUTREACH TOOLKIT** **PREVENTING VETERAN SUICIDE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS: A COMMUNITY CALL TO ACTION**

### **CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING DATES/TIMES:**

- SEPTEMBER 12TH 3-4PM ET**
- SEPTEMBER 13TH 1-2PM ET**
- SEPTEMBER 15TH 12-1PM ET**

**AT THE ABOVE TIMES VISIT: [HTTP://VA-EERC-EES.ADOBECONNECT.COM/SAVE6281/](http://va-eerc-ees.adobeconnect.com/save6281/)  
ALSO YOU MUST CALL IN FOR AUDIO AT: **800-767-1750**; ACCESS CODE **43912#****

**QUESTIONS ON THE VETERANS EXPERIENCE OFFICE AND  
COMMUNITY VETERANS ENGAGEMENT BOARDS (CVEBS)  
CAN BE DIRECTED TO  
[VETS-EXPERIENCE@VA.GOV](mailto:VETS-EXPERIENCE@VA.GOV)**



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs





# JOINT OPERATION



A free event to provide veterans and their families with a one-stop shop to access local resources and services

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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
**9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

Museum Center at Five Points  
200 Inman Street East  
Cleveland, Tennessee

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**HOSTED BY:**  
**SENATOR BOB CORKER**  
**MAYOR GARY DAVIS**  
**MAYOR TOM ROWLAND**

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Services include VA claim assistance, education, vocational rehabilitation, employment, mental health, housing, business loans and more.

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Contact Senator Corker's office for more information at 423-756-2757.

# U.S. Navy 242nd Birthday Ball

Hosted By Navy League of the United States-Greater Chattanooga Council

Saturday, 14 October 2017

Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel

Imperial Ballroom

1400 Market St., Chattanooga, TN 37402

Social Hour at 5pm, Ceremony/Dinner at 6pm

### Reservation Pricing:

Active, Reserve, Veteran → E1~E3: free / E4~E6: \$20 / E7~E9: \$25/  
O1~O9: \$30

Sea Cadet/NJROTC → students: \$20 / parents & Leadership:\$25

Military and their date pay same price / Civilians: \$40

**Reservation For:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Entrée

(please indicate choice) **Chicken Marsala / Roast Sirloin / Grilled Salmon**

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP by 7 October 2017**

**Make Check Payable To:** Navy League Chattanooga

**Mail Payment/Reservation to:** Mark Parks, 6920 Sawtooth Drive,  
Ooltewah, TN 37363-6894

Or make your payment via **PayPal** to: mparks@epbf.com then email  
your reservation form to that address.

**Questions?** Contact Mark Parks by phone at 423-326-0839.