



NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

January 31, 2024

NC AMVETS Service Foundation Launches CBD Study for Veterans with University of Northern Colorado and Vantage Hemp Co.

Rockwell, North Carolina, January 24, 2024
 The North Carolina AMVETS Service Foundation, a 501(c)(3) extension of the state's most inclusive congressionally chartered veterans service organization, proudly announces the initiation of a clinical study on the efficacy of CBD for U.S. veterans. This comprehensive research effort, conducted in collaboration with the University of Northern Colorado ('UNC') and Vantage Hemp Co. ('Vantage'), a globally accredited plant-based extractor and finished product manufacturer, aims to better understand the effects of CBD among the veteran population in addressing various issues they may face.

Through the joint effort, Vantage has pledged a total of \$100,000, consisting of \$50,000 in cash and \$50,000 in in-kind services, to support the study. UNC will play a vital role in the research process, contributing expertise to ensure the study's scientific rigor and validity.



Pictured Above, NC AMVETS Service Foundation holds a check donation from Vantage Hemp Co. alongside National Commander Bill Clark

"This research initiative was developed in the pursuit of supporting and improving the lives of America's veterans," expresses AMVETS National Commander William Clark. "We are extremely grateful for the support of UNC and Vantage as their contributions will help provide meaningful results and catalyze well-informed decisions."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring NEC

Legislative Advocacy week is quickly approaching. All reports must be submitted no later than

February 9th, 2024.

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Please submit your reports [HERE](#).



Convention 2024 ~ Aug. 5th - 10th

National Convention heads to Springfield, IL! Registration is not yet open. Stay tuned for more details as the event date approaches. We can't wait to see you at this year's Convention!

Commander's Testimonial ~ July 19th -20th

Join us for National Commander Bill Clark's Testimonial at the Sheraton at Four Seasons, Greensboro, N.C. This memorable event will feature a live performance by the Star Spangled Girls, adding a touch of patriotism to the festivities. The cost will be \$75 per person. Come and show your support for National Commander Bill Clark and applaud the remarkable work accomplished during his term. Ticket sales will be announced soon.

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Joint Opening Ceremony ~ August 7th, 2024

Rolling to Remember ~ May24th -26th

Visit <https://www.rollingtoremember.com> for updates on the ride as it approaches.



PROGRAMS

As AMVETS we know that we need to report programs every reporting period. Why do we do that and what makes a program a program?

What is an AMVETS Program?

Simply, it is the way that we provide service to veterans and our communities. When your post raises funds to help a homeless veteran get a sleeping bag and a tent that is a program. When your post sponsors a little league team that is a program. When your chaplain visits sick post members in the hospital that is a program. When your post honor guard gives funeral rights to a veteran that has passed away that is a program. Whatever you do to better to world around you in the name of AMVETS is a reportable program.

Why is it so important to report all of these things?

When we do good in our communities it shows the world that we are not just a club and we are not just a bar. It shows them that we have a purpose and a mission to better the lives of veterans and our communities. Our posts are often pillars of community. People are married there, celebrate birthdays there, and honor our deceased there. These places that we call our home posts are truly places where we spend our lifespans and celebrate the milestones all along the way. When we report programs, it shows in a very real way that we give back. When we apply for grants, it shows that we have a proven track record of service to the community. When we go to politicians to convince them to support veterans and veteran legislation, we have the data to show that we are committed to our cause of bettering the lives of veterans and our communities.

Reporting periods are **January 1 - June 30 and July 1 - December 31**. There is a week grace period at the end of the reporting period to get reports in. Do your part to show the great things we do!

Visit www.amvets.org/submit-reports & click Online Program Reports. If you have any questions send an email to programs@amvets.org.



FHUD

Virtual Minority Veteran Outreach Symposium: Celebrating Black History Month

In recognition of Black History Month, this symposium will celebrate African American service in military, as well as Veteran contributions to our Nation. Attendees will be educated and empowered about the benefits and services available to them during the presentation. The symposium will also provide information on current and future VA benefits, to include filing a VA disability claim online, the Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act and Improving Veterans Quality of Life through Vet Center services program overview. In addition, there will be a presentation on how to Access VA Healthcare and keynote address from the VA's Center for Minority Veterans (CMV). Feel free to join and to share the invite information with any interested party.

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024

Time: 2:00-3:30pm (ET)

Quick Join: [Click Here to Join](#)

Link to Join: <https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=m29a8f52bfbcb1472119aee9f064db459d>

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Audience: Minority Veterans Nationwide, Service members, Family Members, Caregivers, Survivors, VA Staff and Outreach Coordinators, Veteran Advocates, National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO), National Association State Department of Veterans Affairs (NASDVA) and Veteran Service Organizations (VSO).

Please send any questions to the OTED National Outreach Mailbox OUTREACH.VBACO@va.gov.



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