

## Opening Words From Our Vice Commander

Tiffany Daniel

Welcome to the 2nd edition of Chapter #96's Newsletter. As we embark upon our new newsletter, it comes at a time of many changes. As we have a new leadership team for both NABVETS and in Annapolis.

We are looking forward to working alongside them both and making great strides. Both Commander Taylor and I look forward to your unwavering support as we make the year of 2023 a most successful one.

## What We've Been Doing

2023 started off full speed ahead with hearings in Annapolis, Maryland testifying to "Keep Our Heroes Home Act and Health Care for Heroes Act"



Under Governor Moore's proposed "Keep Our Heroes Home Act" he is calling for expanding Maryland's tax exemption to \$25,000 of income in tax year 2023 and \$40,000 in tax year 2024 for military retirees. Maryland current law allows military retirees to deduct \$5,000.00 from their taxable income if they are under 55 and \$15,000 if they are 55 years of age or older. A key note is that Governor Moore's proposed legislation also eliminates the age distinction.

Under Governor Moore's **Health Care for Heroes Act**, he is proposing year round free medical and dental care for Maryland National Guard members and their families year round regardless of their mobilization status.



Above: Veterans from various Veterans Service Organizations gather outside the hearing room to soon enter in.



Above: MD. Governor Wes Moore welcomes Mike Moses, far right (Member of Chapter 0096 and State Commander of NABVETS and member of the Military Maryland Coalition (MMC) Legislation Committee. To his right is John May, also a member (MMC) Legislation Committee.

## What We've Been Doing (con't)

After the hearing – Photos with our elected officials



Shown above are L to R: MD. Governor Wes Moore; Tiffany Daniel-NABVETS V. Commander, Ch. 0096; Newly Appointed MDVA Secretary, Anthony Woods

**On departing the Maryland Capitol Building several Veterans met another Elected Official - Shown Below -**



Shown above L to R: Member of NABVETS Chapter 0096 & Secretary, Wash., DC Chapter of the National Naval Officers Association, CAPT (Ret) Jerome D. Davis, SC, USN; Mrs. Angela Alsobrooks, Prince George County Executive; CAPT (Ret) Willie Evans, SC, USN; and Mr. James Holland the Senior Vice Commander for the Department of Maryland VFW.



*Women Veterans  
United Committee, Inc.*

On February 4, 2023 From 2:00pm until 4:00pm, Vice Commander Tiffany Daniel of NAVBETS Chapter 0096, had an eBenefits Clinic in support of the "Woman Veterans United Committee, Inc." Presentation were by: NABVETS Chapter 0096; Team River Runner, and Cohen Security. For more information contact Tiffany Daniel @ 202.498.5678

## What We're Doing Now

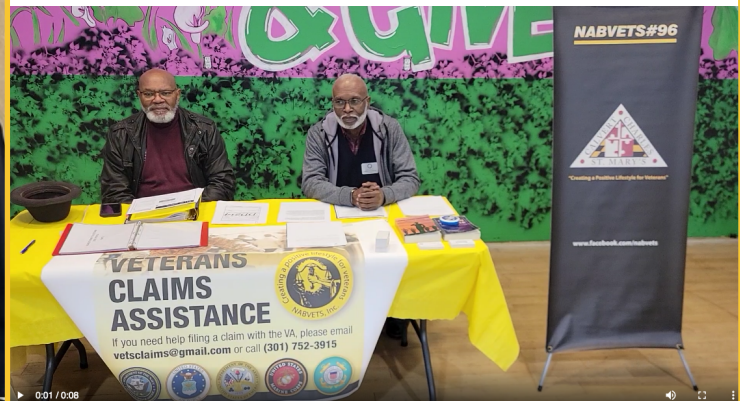
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& GROW**

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NABVETS Chapter 0096, continues to set up a table at the

Pop-Up & Grow site. As we move into the warmer seasons, we have great anticipation that our "Face in the Place" will generate an increased interest. Shown below is a member of the NAACP receiving "On The Job Training". You too, can receive OJT to help our Vets.



Shown above L to R: Larry Holmes-NAACP Member; Mike Moses-NABVETS Maryland State Commander and member of Chapter 0096



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## — What We're Doing Now (con't) —

Veterans continued to be assisted at the Maryland Department of Labor in Waldorf, every second and forth Monday of each month, on Post Office Road. Shown below is a Veteran being assisted by a Veteran's Service Officer (VSO) to submit a claim for Pension or Compensation, while another member from chapter 0096, receives "OJT".



Shown above L to R: A Veteran; Andrea Wiley-Receiving OJT; & Charles Harding Jr. VSO, both members of Chapter 0096

## — Vision Update —

Our first quarter's vision: To increase the number of Accredited VSOs within the NABVETS organization. **Mission Accomplished**

Thanks to our newly elected National Commander, Gwendolyn D. Worthy and Vice Commander, Darryl L. Brown (Rock Stars), and their persistence, three NABVETS members are now accreditation VSOs. "Who you gonna call?" More VSOs to come in the future.

## What Is Our Vision?

It goes without saying, "We wear many hats" (i.e.) Many of us Veterans are members of other Veterans Service Organizations and or other organizations that support our Veteran population. That's just the way we are, always wanting to give back. Starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Chapters 0096's Newsletter, we will be featuring "Unsung Hero or Shero"

In the past and to date, conversations and presentations were/are given to: MD. State Senator Arthur Ellis, Congressman Steny Hoyer, MD. Governor Wes Moore, MDVA Secretary, Anthony Woods, the Commissioners of Charles County, any the list goes on, for a Veterans Resource Center in Charles County.

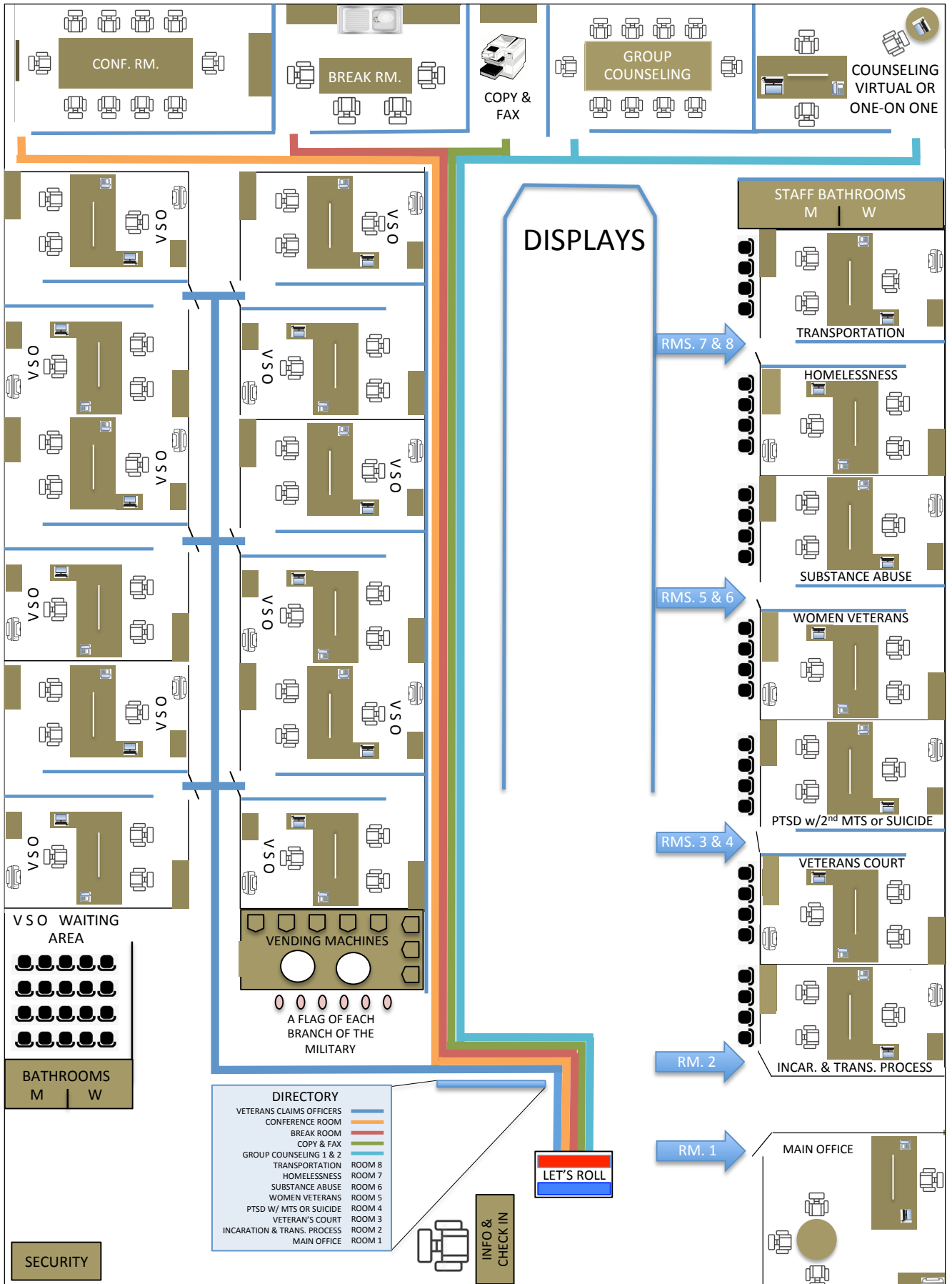
The concept of a Veterans Recourse Center (VRC) is different than that of a Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), which is a medical facility that functions as a Primary Care clinic, providing the most common outpatient service, including health and wellness visits.

The concept of a VRC, is to provide resources for needs like: Transportation, Homelessness, Substance Abuse, Women Veterans, PTSD w/secondary MST or Suicide, Veterans Court, and Incarceration & Transition Process. In addition, "All" Veterans Service Organizations (especially organizations that don't have their own "four walls") in Charles County, will have a space to assist Veterans and their families to submit claims for Pension or Compensation, etc. (see diagram drawing of concept on the following page.

## Closing Remarks

Commander Ch. 0096: Jerry Taylor

NABVETS Chapter #0096 keep going and show the world what you are made of. Every challenge contains an opportunity; obstacles are not placed in our paths to discourage us, but rather to test our resolve and determine whether the goal is worthwhile. Always remember you are stronger today than you were yesterday. We as Veterans are family and we are the largest family in this nation. REMEMBER: "A Veteran is someone, who in his/her life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including our life". Greater love than this has no man/woman, than to be willing to give his/her life for this great nation we once served in uniform. We made it and the check is still outstanding, but the mission is not over. The needs of our family members are greater now than ever. We will continue to serve until day is done and gone the sun in our lives.



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## NABVETS provides:

- Advocacy for minority, women, and all under-served Veterans.
- Direct support in the implementation of programs and the improvement of medical services.
- Advocacy for community outreach
- NABVETS has a variety of programs and nationally recognized projects designed to uplift Black Veterans and promote unity through community activism.
- WE also offer apparel, novelties to support our efforts.



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## National Association for Black Veterans

- Provides outreach services by, working together with the community to end homelessness, and to empower low-income and minority Veterans and disadvantaged youth.
- A nationally certified Veterans Service Organization with membership and chapters throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. A U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs claims representative (VA).
- Provides assistance to veterans, and their family members through the VA's application processes. Also specializing in Military Sexual Trauma Counseling, offering a safe environment to discuss those issues and concerns.
- Continually building and expanding its programs, including transitional and permanent housing and day services for low-income Veterans and their families: historical preservation of the contributions of minority, women, and honoring of Vietnam era veterans.

## NABVETS history

NABVETS, was initially the *Interested Veterans of the Central City (IVOCC)* and was established by seven Vietnam combat Veterans. IVOCC was incorporated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1969 and reorganized in 1973 to become the National Association for Black Veterans, Inc.

NABVETS, a membership organization, was established to address issues concerning Black and other minority Veterans. Over the years, NABVETS has led several campaigns to bridge the void for mainstream services to Black, low-income and homeless Veterans. NABVETS is nationally recognized for its family and veteran advocacy.

## NABVETS mission

To provide a voice for those veterans, who have traditionally been voiceless, and under-served in the State of Maryland. To be a positive resource for the Maryland Veteran population. To represent, and advocate for all veterans on Federal, State, and, local levels. To engage in conversations on issues of interest to our veteran population. To assist veterans, and their families through the Department of Veterans Affairs medical assistance and benefit programs. To Develop, monitor, and pursue priorities approved by NABVETS National Command. Conduct inquiries, and gather data pertaining to veteran issues.

## NABVETS Vision

To be recognized as a forceful advocate for equitable distribution of benefits and services for all Veterans.

## NABVETS CORE VALUES:

**HONOR:** We honor the service of our Veterans

**ADVOCATE:** We are the voice of our Veterans

**EQUITABLE:** We are committed to balance the scales of justice surrounding our minority ,women, and under-served Veterans.