

Brunswick County Veteran's Coalition

March 11, 2026

Brunswick County Government Cooperative Extension Training Room, Building N, located in the Brunswick County Government Complex, 25 Referendum Dr, Bolivia, NC 28422

Time: 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM

Agenda

1. Brunswick County EMS Paramedics, Ms. Erica Booth (15 minutes)
2. VA Volunteer Opportunities, Ms. Heather Loch (15 minutes)
3. Justice Hub, Ms. Shelly Bao (10 minutes)
4. Trusthouse, Ms. Lyndsy Cushman (20 minutes)
5. VA Veteran Benefits Updates and Information, Mrs. Anta Hartsell (20 minutes)
 - a. North Carolina Veterans Insight Report
 - b. VA Speeding Up of Benefits
 - c. Stop VA Claims Sharks
 - d. VA Position on Memorial Services
 - e. Update on Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAP)
6. Topics of Interest, Mr. Gary Crowden (40 minutes)
 - a. Newest Veteran Suicide Data
 - b. Veteran Suicide Rate Increase
 - c. Prostrate Artery Embolization
 - d. What is Tragedy Assistance Program (TAPS)
 - e. SITREP: Major Richard Star Act
 - f. VA Proposed Rule on Medication
 - g. Congressional Bills Being Considered
 - h. VA Caregiver Future Protections
 - i. Korean Defense Service Medal
 - j. How to File Claims with TRICARE For Life
 - k. TRICARE Pharmacy Costs
 - l. Women Veterans Health Care Summit (June 18 – 19)
 - m. 250 Veteran Jamboree (April 25)
 - n. Veteran and Military Panel Request

- o. Honor Flight Mail Call Deadline (March 20)
- p. Veteran Casino Night (May 23)
- q. Bataan Death March Memorial 5K (April 25)
- r. Veterans Recognition Gala (May 16)
- s. Event Calendar
- t. Veteran Stand Down (March 28)

Next meeting, date, location and time: **May 13, 2026**, Place: Brunswick County Government Complex Bldg N, 25 Referendum Dr, Bolivia, NC Time: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM.