

# Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families (SMVF)

Newsletter: July 2026



DEPARTMENT OF  
**COMMUNITY &  
HUMAN SERVICES**

As we celebrate July and our nation's independence, we honor the service, sacrifice, and resilience of veterans, service members, and military families. Their dedication and perseverance strengthen our communities and help protect the freedoms we enjoy every day. This month, we encourage everyone to recognize and support the military-connected individuals and families who make a lasting impact in our communities.

## Upcoming Events:

### **National Harbor Veterans Makers Market**

Saturday, July 4, 12 p.m.

[Registration Link](#)

### **Veterans Connect Resiliency Event**

Thursday, July 16, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

[Registration Link](#)

### **Military Cultural Competency Training**

Tuesday, July 21, 1–3 p.m.

[Registration Link](#)



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## Military Observances

- **July 4** – Independence Day: While a national holiday, it is closely tied to honoring those who have defended the nation's freedoms throughout history.
- **July 27**- Korean War Veterans Armistice Day: Commemorates the signing of the armistice agreement that ended active combat in the Korean War in 1953. It honors the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans.
- **July 28** - National Buffalo Soldiers Day: Commemorates the formation of the all-Black regiments in 1866, celebrating their significant contributions to the U.S. military.
- **July 29** - Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary: Marks the establishment of the Army Chaplain Corps in 1775

## Free SMVF Trainings with CEU Credit

### Supporting Hidden Helpers in the Classroom

PsychArmor Training | [Register](#)

This course is designed to increase the awareness and knowledge of professionals on the unique needs, strengths, and challenges faced by military caregiving youth.

### Women Veterans Series

PsychArmor Training, .5 CMEs | [Register](#)

This online course is designed to introduce learners to the unique experiences and contributions of women service members and Veterans.

### Connecting with the VA

PsychArmor Training, .5 CEUs | [Register](#)

This module is designed for healthcare professionals who treat military service members and military and Veteran-connected patients, wishing to work more effectively to promote patient understanding and culturally-informed care.

### Caring for Our Diverse Military Population

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This innovative training program prepares mental health providers to address identified gaps in cultural competency within behavioral health services. The training covers key topics including military cultural humility, intersectionality, diversity in the military, mental health disparities, and culturally responsive treatment practices to improve care and outcomes for the military-connected community.