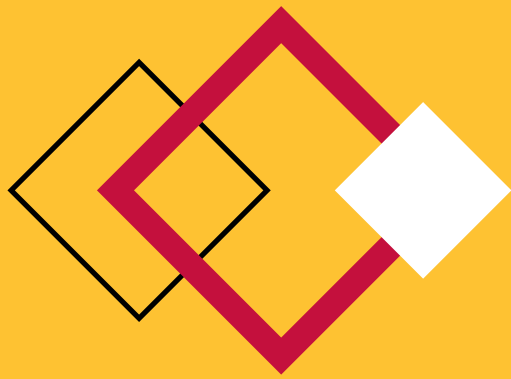


2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Veterans' Services Specialist Program

2023 REPORT Chapter 707 of the Acts of 2017
State Government- Department of Veterans Affairs-
Veterans' Services Specialists





CHAPTER 707 OF THE ACTS OF 2017

BACKGROUND

Introduced during the 2017 Maryland Legislative Session and signed into law on May 25, 2017, SB857/HB1275 created Veterans' Services Specialists in State Government to coordinate services with the Outreach and Advocacy Program Director in the Department of Veterans and Military Families.

Specialists attend training, provide the Department of Veterans and Military Families with certain information and post information on their respective Department or Agency websites. Information required for posting on websites includes veteran services offered by the respective Department or Agency and a link to the Department of Veterans and Military Families Outreach and Advocacy Program.

The DVMF continues to work with Departments and Agencies to have this information placed on websites. The Act also requires the Department of Veterans and Military Families to coordinate meetings and an annual training, and submit a progress report each January to the Governor and Maryland General Assembly. The Act took effect October 1, 2017.



MEETINGS

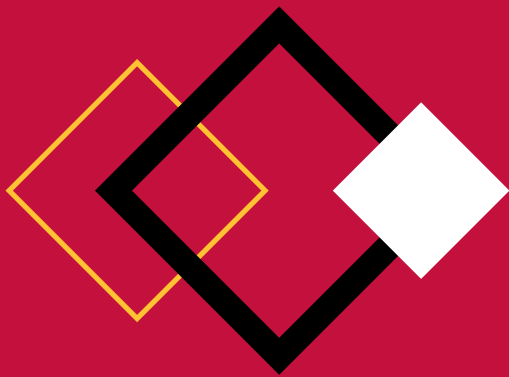
Meetings were held:

January 26, 2023- Joint meeting with county veterans commission members to plan for 2023, Host partner: Maryland Department of Transportation

May 25, 2023- VSS liaison meeting and community partner highlight: The Baltimore Station, Host partner: Maryland Stadium Authority

September 28, 2023- Joint meeting and training with local veteran commissioners and community partners, Ask the Question Campaign training provided, Host partner: Maryland Department of Transportation

December 14, 2023- Postponed



ACCOMPLISHMENTS CY24 GOALS

Year 2023

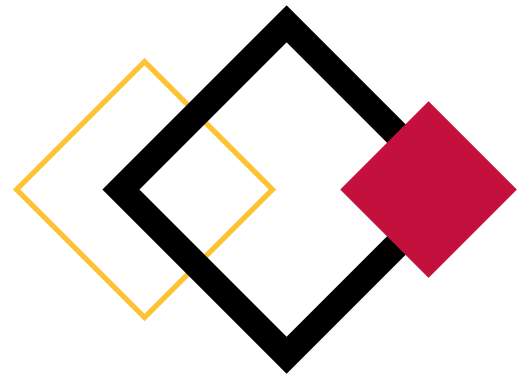
- The Baltimore Station donation drive
- Liaison handbook created
- Marketing one pager created
- Protected liaison website created
- Ask the Question campaign launch and training



Year 2024 Goals

- Zero vacancies on the liaison roster
- All state agencies have VSS program information on their websites
- VSS program one pagers are given to new state personnel during onboarding

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