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To: Upstate Veterans Alliance Network (UVAN) membership
From: UVAN Steering Committee
Subject: 2026 Meeting Schedule

As we begin the new year, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your continued support and partnership. Your engagement and collaboration are vital to the strength and impact of the veteran services network across Upstate South Carolina.

The UVAN Steering Committee has approved five strategic pillars that will guide our collective work moving forward. Beginning in 2026, UVAN Membership Meetings will be aligned to focus on one pillar at each meeting. Please note that a fifth Membership Meeting has been added this year to support this approach.

We will look for our Steering Committee members to chair each pillar, with active involvement from our broader membership based on interest, expertise, and organizational alignment. The five approved pillars are:


- **Health & Resilience**
- **Social & Community Connection**
- **Economic Mobility**
- **Education & Development**
- **Housing Stability**


Your Steering Committee members are listed on the following page, and we are grateful for their leadership and service. Thank you again for your continued commitment to working collaboratively to strengthen and enhance veteran services throughout our region as part of the State Veteran Coalition.



The Committee has been working hard to develop a solid schedule for 2026, so please make notes of the following dates. All are subject to change, but we wanted to expeditiously communicate our plans for this year.

In Partnership,


Paul Howell Co-Chair
Senator Lindsey Graham's Office


Kevin McBride, Co-Chair
Prisma Health

*Steering Committee Membership
Current as of December 2025*

Kevin McBride (Co-Chair)	Prisma Health, Military and Government Liaison
Paul Howell (Co-Chair)	US Senator Lindsey Graham
Charlie Hall (Past Co-Chair)	Upstate Warrior Solution
Deanna Heger (Secretary)	Upstate Veteran Alliance Network
Robert Kappel (Past Co-Chair)	Upstate VA CBOC / VHA Volunteer Services
Nora Messick	SC Army National Guard (Family Readiness)
Shelia Jackson	Regional VA Office Director
Marlon Hines	Columbia VA Regional Office (VBA)
Rich Boggan	Columbia VA/Upstate CBOCs Director (VHA)
Jim Capobianco	VA Vet Center (RCS)
Diva Brown	Alston Wilkes Society (SSVF)
George Sharpe	US Senator Tim Scott



Alan Dabney

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Greenville County VA Service Officer

Clemson University Veteran Affairs

SC Department of Employment and Workforce

SC Department of Veterans Affairs

Renewable Water Resources (REWA)

Columbia VAMC HUD/VASH

Pickens Co. Veterans Council

VA CEPC



*County Veteran Service Officers
Current as of December 2025*

George Carter	Abbeville County VA Service Officer
Matthew Muth	Anderson County VA Service Officer
Steven Bright	Cherokee County VA Service Officer
Daniel Tager	Edgefield County VA Service Officer
Alan Dabney	Greenville County VA Service Officer
Rosalind Burke	Greenwood County VA Service Officer
Carey D. Bolt, Jr.	Laurens County VA Service Officer
Donald D. Moss	McCormick County VA Service Officer
Jerry Dyar	Oconee County VA Service Officer
John Hembree	Pickens County VA Service Officer
John Hood	Saluda County VA Service Officer
Brent Cobb	Spartanburg County VA Service Officer
Daniel Young	Union County VA Service Officer