



CENTRAL ALABAMA VETERANS COLLABORATIVE

Who we are

- We are a “big tent” group of individuals with a passion to serve the needs of local military service members
- CAVC evolved from of a “Military Culture” training workshop conducted in January 2019 by the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) for its Birmingham staff community, including veterans, active service, Guard & Reserve, and their families
- Today, our ad-hoc group exceeds 190 partners representing more than 100 agencies, programs, non-profits, companies, and other entities, including:
 - Active representation from multiple federal, state agencies and government officials,
 - Veterans service organizations and other non-profits, and
 - Educational Institutions, corporations, and unaffiliated individuals.
- CAVC is not incorporated and currently has no plans to form a 501(c)3 nonprofit
- A nine member Leadership Council meets on a monthly basis to provide overarching guidance and to arrange for our periodic meeting.

What we do

- **Mission Statement:**
 - Develop and sustain collaborative partnerships with the common purpose of improving conditions and outcomes for Veterans and their families, and
 - Share information relevant to the military community with partners and interested parties.
- Growth of services and individual contacts is the result of partner referrals and conversations with other supporters of our military community who learned about us in various ways
- CAVC has hosted several virtual town hall meetings that were livestreamed via YouTube. Three held thus far are “What Happens When It’s Over”, following the withdrawal from Afghanistan, “Military Families Appreciation”, and “Family/Intimate Partner Violence”. Future topics may include mental health, PTSD/TBI, addiction, and Military Caregiver Support. The goal is to conduct 2 or 3 town halls each year.

How we do it

- Telephonic linkages occur every day in matching service members to resources. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday monthly at 10:00 am in-person or periodically by virtual link (re:Zoom). Currently, venues rotate among 3 locations in Fultondale, Downtown Birmingham, and Bessemer.