



Veteran Friendly Community Appreciation Event – One Pager

Since, Veteran Friendly Communities (Formerly MyVA) launch in 2015, VA leaders have been participating actively in community-based efforts to maximize the collective impact of local services, stakeholders, and federal/state agencies working together to improve Veteran outcomes where they live, work, and raise their families. For two years, the Veterans Experience Office, has fostered and supported local Community Veterans Engagement Boards throughout the country, in partnership with local VA leaders.

Over the last two years, two paths have emerged in communities across the country. In some communities, VA leaders have joined or increased their participation in existing community collaborative groups. In other communities, the Community Veterans Engagement Boards Model provides a supportive framework for community leaders to coordinate locally with VA leaders to develop new community Veterans engagement boards. Both approaches have seen success across the country! We are pleased to announce that 136 boards extend from coast to coast.

This year, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, would like to appreciate this community-based effort by thanking those that pioneered the boards. Through appreciation, the momentum will continue for CVEBs, demonstrating VA's continued partnership in the community, bringing awareness of the hard work accomplished to date and for the work that is to come.

Veterans Experience Office, Veteran Friendly Community Division is responsible for leading this effort on behalf of SECVA, and we will:

- Work with the local VEO representative to identify an existing event that brings together the Community, State, and VA for a common purpose.
- Work with local VEO representative and VA staff to build the appreciation sequence of events.
- Coordinate the local event with VEO representative.
- Be on site with local VA to support the execution of the appreciation event.
- Provide Certificate of Appreciation

