

CCD Veterans Task Force Annual Report 2019

Brief Task Force Description:

The CCD Veterans Task Force follows issues of concern and interest to veterans with disabilities and seeks to serve as a forum for matters that affect veterans with disabilities as people with disabilities.

Top three issues the Task Force worked on in 2019. Issue 1:

The principal issue on which the task force worked in 2019 was an appropriations request to fund a staff position devoted to employment issues affecting veterans with significant disabilities – service-connected and non-service-connected – in the Department of Labor’s Veterans Employment and Training Service. Funding for this position was ultimately included in the final 2020 Labor-HHS appropriations bill and much of the credit must go to our former colleague and co-chair, Maynard Friesz of Easter Seals, whose advice, guidance and direction throughout much of the appropriations process was critical to the success of this initiative.

Top three issues the Task Force worked on in 2019. Issue 2:

Other issues with which the task force involved itself included supporting the Blinded Veterans Association in its efforts to obtain \$25 million for the DOD Congressional Directed Medical Research Program’s Vision Research programs.

Top three issues the Task Force worked on in 2019. Issue 3:

The task force also partnered with the Clear2Connect Coalition in pressing the Federal Communications Commission to preserve access for those with hearing loss to reliable and accurate assistive technologies.

Top three issues the Task Force anticipates working on in 2020. Issue 1:

With the passage of funding for the DOL VETS Disabled Veterans Program staffer, the task force expects to focus some of its energy on guiding the agency in proper implementation of this new position.

Top three issues the Task Force anticipates working on in 2020. Issue 2:

The task force is also interested in partnering with the Social Security Task Force on a briefing about Social Security and veterans with disabilities.

Top three issues the Task Force anticipates working on in 2020. Issue 3:

Other issues will evolve in collaboration with other members of the task force.

Task Force Meeting Day:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Third week of the month	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fourth week of the month	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Task Force Meeting Time:

10 am to noon

Task Force Co-Chairs (list for 2020 if already known, 2019 if not).

Danielle Applegate - VETS First

Susan Prokop - PVA
