

# Veterans' Trust Fund Grant Applications Now Open

By Stte Rep. Ann Flood

PEN ARGYL - The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) is inviting grant applications for the 2023-24 Veterans' Trust Fund (VTF).

Grants are available to nonprofit organizations, veteran service organizations and county directors of veterans affairs across the state. The funding supports services such as transportation, food insecurity, housing insecurity, behavioral health/mental health/suicide prevention initiatives and legal assistance, among others.

Grant applications must be received no later than 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8.



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It is an unfortunate fact that fraud happens everywhere. Property and Mortgage Fraud is one of the fastest growing white collar crimes, according to the FBI.

Monitoring the recording of documents/instruments in your name can help alert you to something that is fraudulent and could cost you one of your most valuable assets, your property.

The Recorder of Deeds office is required to record any document that is

## Implementation of New Record Alert System

By Brittney Waylen

EASTON - The Northampton County Department of Fiscal Affairs announced that the Recorder of Deeds office is now offering a new Record Alert System for property owners in Northampton County. The Alert System is free of charge to anyone who would like to sign up for the service.

The Record Alert System monitors recorded activity against the name and parcel ID of a property owner. Those signed up for the program will receive real-time alerts from the recording vendor, LANDEX, whenever changes are made to their deeds, mortgages, or other recordable documents, whether legitimate or fraudulent. Businesses are also welcome to sign up for this service.

"Northampton County is taking a significant step to combat theft for our property owners," says County Executive Lamont G. McClure. "County residents can look into the LANDEX webstore for free to see what activity was recorded. If a document is presented properly, signed, and acknowledged, the Recorder of Deeds is obligated to record it. If a document is on record that residents did not authorize, residents can look into it further."

Northampton County property owners can register their property through the county website using their name, address, or unique parcel identifier here: [www.landex.com/recordalert/northampton](http://www.landex.com/recordalert/northampton).

## Brain Injury Awareness Day

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

The purpose of our Brain Injury Awareness Day is to educate members of the PA General Assembly on the needs of Brain Injury Survivors. The past four years, we averaged over 80 participants and met with many Legislators in both the House of Representatives and Senate.

We have a full day planned with several experienced brain injury survivors, as well as professionals who are well-respected and knowledgeable in the brain injury community.

As a member of the PA Brain Injury Coalition we work diligently in bipartisan with all four Co-Chairs of the Brain Injury Caucus.

At the Main Rotunda, Tim Briggs (D), House of Representatives, 149<sup>th</sup> District will speak on the NEW Legislation, House Bill 1682, coverage for post-acute Neurorehabilitation for individuals who sustained a brain injury.

Ann Flood (R), House of Representatives, 138<sup>th</sup> District will talk on how she built from the ground up a foundation to enhance the quality of life for brain-injured children and offer support for their families.

Ann founded Hope Foundation in 2008 in memory of her daughter, Lauren, who was only four years old when she passed away sustaining an Acquired Brain Injury.

Senator Tim Keamey (D), 26<sup>th</sup> District and Senator Ryan Aument (R), 36<sup>th</sup> District will speak at the Reception.

Kevin McDonald and Melissa Carmen will give an inspirational testimony on recovery after brain injury.

### Agenda for the day

Brain Injury Briefing, Main Rotunda  
10:30am – 11:30am

Schedule your own Legislative Meetings  
11:40am – 12:50pm

Reception  
1:00 – 2:00pm (Rm 8E-B)

Brain Injury Panel  
2:00pm – 3:00pm (Rm 8E-B)

**At our Brain Injury Panel Welcome....**

Mary K Mutschler, LCSW, BCPCC, CBIS, CCTP EMDR, LCP, Brain Injury Specialist, Psychotherapist, Elizabethtown

AND

Shawn Holmes, a tech educator, entrepreneur, and passionate advocate for veterans. As a United States Army veteran who sustained a traumatic brain injury during deployment to Iraq in 2004, Shawn has embarked on a journey of healing, recovery, and reconnection. Combining his IT expertise with personal experiences in overcoming multiple brain injuries, he has gained a profound understanding of the pressing need for more comprehensive supportive services for both veterans and marginalized communities.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Shawn is a dedicated father of four and an active member of the Dauphin County Veterans Coalition.

If attending please contact: Melissa Carmen at [sunshineblu18@aol.com](mailto:sunshineblu18@aol.com)  
Write in subject line: BIAD or call: 717-361-2854

**Kevin McDonald, Founder of RESTART Your Life / RENEW Your Mind and Melissa Carmen, Pennsylvania Brain Injury Coalition Board who are both survivors of a severe TBI and are at the forefront of our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Brain Injury Awareness Day at the Pennsylvania State Capitol, Harrisburg.**

## 2023 SPECIAL NEEDS EXPO

Saturday,  
Nov. 18, 2023  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Forks Township  
Community Center  
500 Zucksville Road  
Easton, PA 18040

Registration is not necessary.

Vendors representing a variety of government, not-for-profit and private organizations will be on hand to provide information about programs, services and products they provide that are tailored specifically for residents living with special needs.



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