

National Association for Veterans Upward Bound 2023 Membership Commission Report

Commission members communicated via email and phone periodically to discuss membership needs, do outreach to new programs, talk about NAVUB membership benefits, and assist where needed for the Annual Conference (registration check-in, conference packets, service pins, etc.) In addition, the NAVUB Directory was updated as needed to reflect new programs, Program Directors and staff

Commission Members: Beatrice Turpin-Peek (Chair), Frances Knight and Linda Morris

Goals:

- To organize and update the online NAVUB Directory as needed
- To communicate with members regarding the status of their institutional membership dues
- To encourage new members to join the NAVUB membership and attend the Annual Conference

Highlights:

The U.S. Department of Education awarded sixty-five VUB grants for the 2022-2027 grant cycle. There are 11 new grants listed below and 54 continuing programs.

New Programs (Institution Name and State)

Talladega College (AL)

University of Connecticut (CT)

The Catholic University of America (DC)

Florida State College of Jacksonville (FL)

*L.E.A.R.N. Foundation (GA) (2 new grants)

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Eastern Kentucky University (KY)

Board of Regents, NSHE obo University of Nevada/Las Vegas (NV)

Owens State Community College (OH)

*University of Central Oklahoma (one new grant, along with their existing grant)

Texas A & M University/Kingsville (TX)

Texas State University (TX)

Challenges:

The U.S. Department of Education published a roster of funded programs, both new and continuing much later than anticipated, which delayed our ability to do earlier outreach and membership engagement. In addition, some of the new programs are still without a Program Director and or support staff so information for those programs could not be included in the NAVUB Directory

Recommendations or Lesson Learned:

Encourage more members to serve on this commission and or in a leadership role and consider offering some virtual veteran-related workshops throughout the year to engage the membership more.

Respectfully submitted by: Beatrice Turpin-Peek, Member Chair