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Ways to Help Veterans as We Celebrate Our Independence

This Fourth of July, Wake County Veterans Services encourages you to remember the men and women who are responsible for the freedom we celebrate today.

One simple thing you can do? Say “thank you.”

“It’s always a good day to thank a veteran,” said Douggy Johnson II, director of Wake County Veterans Services. “But it can be especially meaningful on a day of such national celebration.”

Another way to honor those who served our country is to make sure they know about the benefits and services available to them. The Wake County Veterans Services office is here to help veterans and their families navigate the sometimes-overwhelming process of accessing benefits for which they are eligible.

“We believe veterans, who selflessly volunteered for military service, and their families, who were subjected to the rigors of military commitment, should be treated with respect and dignity,” Johnson said. “We do this by listening to veterans,

asking them about their military service, and advising them how to apply for the most appropriate benefits.”

The Wake County Veterans Services Office assists eligible veterans, their dependents and/or surviving spouses, children of deceased veterans, members of the Reserves or National Guard, and active-duty service members in applying for benefits and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs and North Carolina Department of Military & Veterans Affairs.

To learn more about how the [Wake County Veterans Services Office](#) can help, contact Douggy Johnson II at douggy.johnsonII@wakegov.com or 919-212-8387.

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