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2014 MILITARY RETIREMENT BENEFITS DEDUCTION



There is no longer a retirement deduction for military retirement benefits included in adjusted gross income for those who do not qualify for the Bailey retirement deduction. The Tax Simplification and Reduction Act (House Bill 998) was signed into law on July 23, 2013. Under this law, all taxpayers will be taxed at a lower rate and be granted a higher standard deduction. The Act made significant changes to the individual income tax law for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

- **Before Tax year 2014:** Taxpayers were allowed a deduction on their NC return for government retirement income (up to \$4,000) and private retirement income (up to \$2,000), retirement benefits received by vested NC State government, NC local government, or Federal Government Retirees under the Bailey Settlement, and Taxable Social Security.
- **Tax Year 2014:** The deductions for retirement benefits received pursuant to the Bailey settlement and Taxable Social Security are still allowed.

Although the \$4,000 and \$2,000 deduction will no longer be offered; under the Bailey Settlement, if an individual had five years of creditable service as of August 12, 1989, all of their military retirement income is exempt from N.C. State taxes. In addition, beginning in 2014, N.C. has increased the amount of standard deduction across the board, leaving North Carolinians paying lower taxes.

GUIDE DOGS AND SERVICE DOGS

VA may provide guide dogs to blind veterans including the expense of training the veteran on how to use them, and the cost of the dog's medical care.

Additionally, VA may also provide service dogs trained for the aid of hearing impaired veterans and veterans with spinal cord injuries, dysfunction and other chronic impairment that substantially limits mobility. Currently there are pilot programs being conducted by the VA to provide service dogs to veterans who have conditions such as PTSD.

There are also many private non-profit organizations that provide service dogs to disabled veterans.

See a list of non-profits on page 112

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

The VA pays a clothing allowance to veterans who, because of a service-connected disability, wears or uses a prosthetic or orthopedic appliance (including a wheelchair) in which the VA determined tends to wear out or tear the clothing. The VA will also pay an annual clothing allowance to veterans who use medication prescribed

by VA physicians for skin conditions caused by a service-connected disability which the VA determines causes irreparable damage to the veteran's outer garment.

AUTOMOBILE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The VA offers qualified veterans and active duty service members a one-time payment of up to \$20,114 to be used toward the purchase of an automobile or other forms of conveyance. To qualify, a veteran or service member must have one of the following disabilities including loss, or permanent loss of use, of one or both feet, loss, or permanent loss of use, of one or both hands, or permanent impairment of vision in both eyes to a certain degree.

ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT

VA will pay for installation of adaptive equipment for automobiles deemed necessary to ensure that eligible veterans will be able to safely operate vehicles, and to satisfy the applicable state standards of licensure. This equipment includes power steering, power brakes, power

windows, lifts, power seats and other special equipment necessary to assist the person into and out of the vehicle or other conveyance.

VA will also repair, replace, or reinstall adaptive equipment determined necessary for the operation of a vehicle acquired under this program, or for the operation of a vehicle an eligible veteran may previously or subsequently have acquired.

DID YOU KNOW?
NORTH CAROLINA IS THE FASTEST GROWING REGION FOR VA HEALTH CARE IN THE PAST 10 YEARS!

VETERAN DESIGNATION ON NC DRIVER LICENSE



The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) now offers a veteran designation that can be voluntarily placed on a North Carolina Drivers License. In order to receive the designation, veterans must be a United States veteran, provide proof of veteran status (DD-214, or DD-215), and meet all other North Carolina requirements for driving privilege or identification card including payment of the original, renewal or replacement fee, only if new - not on renewal.

MILITARY RECORDS AND MEDALS

Veterans or their next of kin who need assistance in obtaining service records, a DD-214, or replacement awards and medals must formally request them through the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). The NPRC is the records custodian for most discharged and retired members of all branches of service. The fastest way to obtain a copy is through their website.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can order a copy by mailing or faxing a Standard Form 180. The forms are available in any CVSO office or online at www.archives.gov/veterans.

VETERANS RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATES

The North Carolina DMV offers specialty license plates to veterans and service members who want to display their military service.

You can choose from over 20 specialized license plates which include Purple Heart recipient, Bronze and Silver Star, Combat Theaters and POW plates.

To obtain a specialty license plate, proof of military service (DD-214) and form MVR-33A must be brought to a state veteran service office. You can find the form MVR-33A at your local DMV, State Veterans Office or online at:

www.ncdot.gov/download/dmv/Plates_MVR33A.pdf



SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE TYPES:

- Afghanistan Veteran
- Bronze Star Valor Recipient
- Bronze Star Recipient
- Congressional Medal of Honor
- Desert Storm Veteran
- 100% Disabled Veteran
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Distinguished Service Cross
- Ex-Prisoner of War
- Gold Star Lapel Button
- Iraq Veteran
- Korean Conflict
- Legion of Merit
- Legion of Valor
- Partially Disabled Veteran
- Pearl Harbor Survivor
- Purple Heart Recipient
- Motorcycle
- Purple Heart Recipient
- Silver Star Disabled Veteran
- Silver Star Recipient
- Vietnam Era
- War on Terror
- WW II Veteran



Visit
ncwildlife.org
today to learn
more



NC HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

All North Carolina veterans who are 50% or more disabled may purchase a lifetime hunting-fishing license.

Prices of the licenses range from \$10 to \$110 depending on the type of license the veteran wishes to purchase. To purchase a

license, visit your local wild life commission or www.ncwildlife.org to download a free application.

When returning an application, bring a copy of your VA decision letter awarding a 50% or greater disability rating and a check or money order.

OTHER DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE:

The following attractions provide a discount on admission fees for Active Duty Military and Veterans:

Battleship North Carolina	www.battleshipnc.com
NC Museum of Art	www.ncartmuseum.org
NC Museum of History	www.ncmuseumofhistory.org
NC State Fair	www.ncstatefair.org
Tryon Palace	www.tryonpalace.org
NC Zoological Park	www.nczoo.org

NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUMS

www.ncaquariums.com

HOURS & FEES

Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. year-round
Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

Adults: Ages 13-61: \$10.95

Seniors: Ages 62+: \$9.95

Military: \$9.95

Children: Ages 3-12: \$8.95

No charge for children 2 and under, registered NC school groups and NC Aquarium Society Members
The Aquariums are wheelchair-accessible.

ROANOKE ISLAND

374 Airport Road, Manteo, NC, 27954,
Toll Free: 800-832-3474 ext. 4

PINE KNOLL SHORES

1 Roosevelt Blvd., Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512,
Toll Free: 800-832-3474 ext. 3

FORT FISHER

900 Loggerhead Road, Kure Beach, NC, 28449,
Toll Free: 800-832-3474 ext. 2

JENNETTE'S PIER

7223 South Virginia Dare Trail, Nags Head, NC, 27959,
Toll Free: 800-832-3474 ext. 6



MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19
featuring a military appreciation parade, special exhibits, programs, music and more!

DAILY DISCOUNT

JOIN US

Active-duty service members, reservists, retirees, National Guardsmen and their dependents (ages 13-64) pay only \$6 daily at the gate. That's a 44% discount! Additionally, veterans are offered the same discount for themselves, plus one discounted ticket for a guest or dependent, for a total of two tickets at the reduced rate.

This offer is not available online or in advance. You must present proper identification at the ticket window to receive this discount.

Identification accepted for discount:

- Valid Uniformed Services ID
- Valid North Carolina Driver's License with Veteran Designation
- Photocopy of valid DD-214 Form

- Valid Common Access Card (CAC)
- Valid Veteran's Affairs Health Identification Card
- Photocopy of valid NGB-22 Form

OCTOBER 13-23, 2016
www.ncstatefair.org

INCARCERATED VETERANS BENEFITS



VETERANS COURTS

There is a growing effort nationally to institute Veterans Courts or dockets to allow district attorneys to send military members and veterans into treatment, rather than jail, when they commit a non-violent offense.

These courts are staffed by people who take into consideration charges and challenges facing veterans who return home from war. They may allow some military members to enter into mental health diversion programs as treatment for non-violent infractions as opposed to automatically jailing the offender.

The law relies on the judgment of a prosecutor, who will determine, on a case-by-case basis, which defendants may be eligible for diversion. These prosecutors must consider, for example, whether a veteran who spent four years at a military base should be offered the same diversion opportunity as one who deployed twice to combat situations in Afghanistan or Iraq.

Prosecutors must decide how serious the crime must be before diversion is taken off the table and must consider the victim of the offense.

THE VETERANS JUSTICE OUTREACH (VJO) PROGRAM

VJO offers outreach and case management to veterans involved in law enforcement encounters, overseen by treatment courts, and incarcerated in local jails.

INCARCERATED VETERANS BENEFITS

VA benefits are affected if a beneficiary is convicted of a felony and imprisoned for more than 60 days. Disability compensation paid to an incarcerated veteran rated 20 percent or more disabled is limited to the 10 percent rate.

Payments are not reduced for participants in work-release programs, residing in halfway houses or under community control.

Failure to notify VA of a veteran's incarceration can result in overpayment of benefits and the subsequent loss of all VA financial benefits until the overpay-

ment is recovered. VA benefits will not be provided to any veteran or dependent wanted for an outstanding felony warrant.

VA may be able to take a portion of the amount that an incarcerated veteran is not receiving and pay it to his or her dependents, if they can show need.

When a veteran is released from prison, his or her compensation or pension benefits may be restored.

Depending upon the type of disability, the VA may schedule a medical examination to see if the veteran's disability has improved or worsened.

THE HEALTH CARE FOR REENTRY VETERANS PROGRAM

This program offers outreach to veterans incarcerated in state and federal prisons, and referrals and short-term case management assistance upon release from prison.

KNOW A VET IN JAIL?

Lucas Vrbsky GED, MSW, LCSW
Incarcerated Veterans Reentry Specialist

Salisbury VA Medical Center
1601 Brenner Avenue, Rm: 122
Salisbury, NC Carolina 28144

Office: 800-469-8262 x5521
Mobile: 704-267-9565
Fax: 704-638-3437
Email: lucas.vrbsky@va.gov

DID YOU KNOW?

NORTH CAROLINA HAS THE 3RD LARGEST ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY VETERANS LAW CLINIC

The North Carolina Central University School of Law operates a Veterans Law Clinic that provides legal advice to veterans in the community and throughout the state. Under extensive supervision, law students assist veterans and their families with the complexities and technical aspects of filing their claims with the US Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Offices nationwide, the Board of Veterans Appeals, and the US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. This service is provided to veterans throughout North Carolina through partnerships with UNC Campuses located in other regions of the State.

The Veterans Law Clinic is handling all types of claims at all stages of the Veterans Affairs claims adjudication process including judicial review.

The Veterans Law Clinic is one of the leading advocates for eligible active duty personnel, veterans, or their survivors. The Clinic accepts cases year-round but cannot accept all cases. To determine eligibility, contact the Supervising Attorney, Craig Kabatchnick, 919-530-6605.

NCVETSLEGAL.ORG

NC Veterans Pro Bono Network is a collaboration of over thirty stakeholders seeking to provide a structure and sharing of information among service providers, law schools, legal aid organizations, public defenders, veterans service organizations, VJOs and others interested in expanding pro bono representation to veterans throughout the state of North Carolina through public-private partnerships and recruitment of private bar members.

CORRECTION OF ERRORS OR INJUSTICES ON MILITARY RECORDS

Requests to have military records corrected are handled through each branch of service's Boards for Correction of Military Records.

All requests to correct an error to military records must be filed within three years of discovery of the error and contain evidence, such as signed statements from you and other witnesses or copies of records that support your case. It is not enough to provide the names of the witnesses.

Applying for a correction is a simple process; however, it is recommended you use the services of a VSO.

APPLYING FOR REVIEW OF DISCHARGE

You must make your application for discharge upgrade within 15 years of discharge. If your discharge is older than 15 years, you must apply for a change to your military records using the process detailed above.

Form DD 293 (Application for the Review of Discharge or Dismissal from the Armed Forces) can be obtained from NCDVA or a local VSO. See pages 4-11 for contact information.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Legal Aid of North Carolina is a state-wide, nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to low-income people in order to ensure equal access to justice and to remove barriers to economic opportunity.

www.legalaidnc.org

VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS

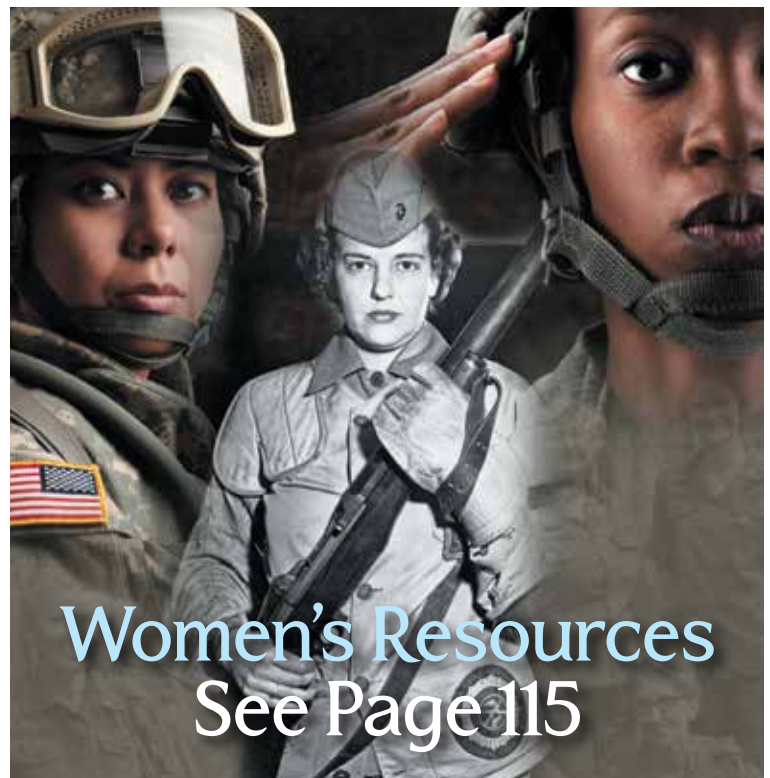
The court provides a means to divert veterans from the traditional criminal justice system and provide them the support they need to lead productive and law-abiding lives through referrals for treatment, education and vocational programs, and community resources, all while being judicially monitored.

Mark A. Teachey
Veterans Court Coordinator
District 11A
Harnett County Courthouse
301 West Cornelius Harnett Blvd., Suite 101
Lillington, NC 27546
910-814-4515 (Office)

Craig V. Shore
Veterans Court Coordinator
District 12
Cumberland County
117 Dick St
Fayetteville, NC 28301
910-475-3243

Ricky L. Haralson
Veterans Court Coordinator
District 28
Buncombe County
60 Court Plaza
Asheville, NC 28801
828-259-6601

Joan R. Kammer Horton with rifle, 1956; Joan R. Kammer Horton Papers (WV0155.6.004); Betty H. Carter Women Veterans Historical Project, Martha Hodges Special Collections and University Archives, University Libraries, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.





ARE YOU A NON-PROFIT OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT WORKS WITH VETERANS? **JOIN US.**

MISSION

Determined to expand and improve services for the state's 800,000 Veterans, Governor McCrory has built an unprecedented intra-governmental Working Group focused on Job Creation, Workforce Enrichment, Health and Wellness, Legal and Financial Services and Benefits for Veterans. This real-time referral and collaboration network cuts red tape.

JOIN US:

ncveteransworkinggroup.org



JOIN THE GROUP

"Do you currently work in Veterans Affairs, or in a service area that supports veterans? The Governor's Working Group on Veterans, Service Members and their Families is a unique and valuable resource for those that care for our heroes. Great articles and informative monthly calls allow best practices to be shared across our state. Please visit our website, ncveteransworkinggroup.org, for more information that can help you better help those who've served!"

– Secretary Cornell Wilson, Jr.
Major General (R), USMC
NC Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs



NON PROFITS HELPING VETS:

Looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Below is a partial list of area non-profits that are looking for a few good people! Seek out those programs in your communities, and make a difference today!

Alcohol and Drug Council of NC
(800) 688-4232

Alliance of Disability Advocates
(919) 833-1117

BIANC (Brain Injury Association of NC)
(800) 377-1464

Blue Star Families
(202) 630-2583

Canine Angels'
(917) 575-6235

Care Share Health Alliance
(919) 861-8353

Carolina Veterans Support Group
(919) 424-6346

Charlotte Bridge Home
(704) 332-8802

Community Blueprint (Fayetteville/Cumberland County)

Concerned Veterans for America
(703) 678 4664

Easter Seals UCP
(800) 662-7119

Family Endeavors
(910) 672-6166

Giving Women Wings
www.givingwings.org

Gold Star Mothers
(202) 265-0991

Governor's Working Group
www.ncveteransworkinggroup.org

Green Beret Foundation
www.greenberetfoundation.org

Hope for the Homefront
(719) 440-1000

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
(202) 544-7692

Joint Veterans Crisis Response Team
(919) 907-0577

Legal Aid of NC
(866) 219-LANC (5262)

Lucy Daniels Center
(919) 677-1400

Military and Veterans Resource Coalition (Wake County)
(919) 267-3690

National Alliance for Mental Illness - NAMI (NC chapter)
(800) 451-9682

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society
(800) 654-8364

NC Equal Access to Justice
(336) 688-5329

North Carolina Heroes
www.ncheroes.org

NC Justice Center
(919) 856-2570

NC VetsLegal
www.ncvetslegal.org

Old North State Medical Society
(919) 696.0206

Onslow County Partnership for Children
(888) 378-2470

Outside the Wire Group
www.otwgroup.org

Outward Bound for Veterans
(866) 467.7651

Oxford House
(800) 689-6411

Project Lazarus
(336) 667-8100

Purple Heart Homes
(704) 838-4044

The American Red Cross
(800) 733-2767

Semper Fi Fund
(703) 640-0181

Step Up for Soldiers
(910) 383.3220

Stop Soldier Suicide
www.stopsoldiersuicide.org

TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors)
(800) 959-TAPS

TROSA (Durham)
(919) 419.1059

USO
(919) 840-3000

US Veterans Corps
(919) 818-9609

Veterans Restoration Quarters (ABCCM)
(828) 259-5300

VLCNC Cares (Veterans Life Center)
(919) 803-5516

Wags 4 Tags
(919) 475-2076

MORE NONPROFITS YOU SHOULD KNOW, OR THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU!



www.mymvrc.org

A community collaborative of organizations supporting military service members, veterans and their families in Wake County and the Triangle area.

Email: contact@mymvrc.org
Military and Veterans Resource Coalition on Facebook



www.greenberetfoundation.org

The Green Beret Foundation provides unconventional resources to facilitate the special needs of our wounded, ill and injured and imparts unique support to the Special Forces community

in order to strengthen readiness and uphold Green Beret traditions and values. Learn more about who we are and what we do or support our cause by donating today.



1.800.FRA.1924
www.fra.org

Fleet Reserve Association is a non-profit organization representing the interests of U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel with regard to pay, health care, benefits, and other quality of life programs.



www.stepupforsoldiers.org

Step Up For Soldiers: An All-Volunteer Group Providing Renovations, Recreation, and Recognition for Recently Disabled Veterans.

Mission Statement: To provide disabled veterans who experienced loss of limb and mobility problems with the resources necessary to adjust in a post-war environment. As a result of the events and fundraisers, sponsored by Step Up For Soldiers, we strive to not only enhance their lives and those of their families but also help to restore their confidence and positive self-image.



Fayetteville (910) 672-6166 2125 Valleygate Dr. Ste. 101 Fayetteville, NC 28304	Charlotte (704) 780-4950 5700 Executive Center Dr. Ste. 105 Charlotte, NC 28212	Jacksonville (910) 459-4320 120 Henderson Dr. Ste. B Jacksonville, NC 28540
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www.semperfund.org

The Semper Fi Fund, and its program America's Fund, provide immediate financial assistance and lifetime support to post 9/11 wounded, critically ill and injured members, and their families of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, ensuring that they have the resources they need during their recovery and transition back to their communities. Since establishing the Semper Fi Fund in 2004, we have issued more than 76,500 grants, totaling more than \$94 million in assistance to over 12,000 of our heroes and their families.



www.ncheroes.org

The mission of the North Carolina Heroes' Fund is to improve the quality of life for the military men and women of North Carolina and their families who are experiencing financial hardships as a result of their service, often times from overseas deployment.



www.ncobs.org/veterans

Outward Bound for Veterans helps thousands of returning service members and recent veterans readjust to life at home through powerful wilderness courses that draw on the healing benefit of teamwork and challenge through use of the natural world.



CHARLOTTE BRIDGE HOME
2200 E. 7th Street, Charlotte NC 28205
704-332-8802 www.charlottebridgehome.org

Our Mission:
Charlotte Bridge Home helps Charlotte veterans successfully transition home after military service by identifying their education, employment and healthcare needs and connecting them to available community, state and federal resources.

MILITARY & VETERAN ID CARDS

If you are an Active Duty, Reserve or National Guard service member, dependent, or retiree, you can get a Military ID at any DEERS location within North Carolina. Veterans receiving VA benefits may be able to get an ID card (medical benefits card) at VA Medical Centers or Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC). If you are not receiving benefits, you can choose to place your veteran status on your North Carolina Drivers License.



MILITARY ID (DEERS) LOCATIONS

ASHEVILLE VA MEDICAL CENTER

Appointments Only

Monday – Friday 8:00-4:00

Asheville, NC

828-271-5000 ext. 14319/14331

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION- NEW RIVER

Appointments & Walk-ins

Monday – Friday 7:30-11:30;

12:30-4:30

Jacksonville, NC

910-449-6354

NC AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Appointments Only

Monday - Friday 8:00 – 3:00

Charlotte, NC

704-398-4782

NAVY – MARINE CORPS RECRUITING CENTER

Appointments Only

Thursday Only 9-11; 1-3

Charlotte, NC

704-598-0447

NC NATIONAL GUARD HQ, RALEIGH

Appointments & Walk-ins

Monday – Friday 8:00 - 4:00

Raleigh, NC

919-664-6250

ELIZABETH CITY US COAST GUARD STATION

Appointments: M/T/Th/F 8:00-3:00

Walk-ins: Wednesday 8:00 - 11:15

Elizabeth City, NC

252-335-6228

DEPT. HOMELAND SECURITY

Appointments: M/T/Th/F 8:00-3:00

Walk-ins: Wednesday Only 8:00-11:15

Elizabeth City, NC

252-335-6228

POPE AIR FORCE BASE

Walk-ins: Mon-Wed & Fri 8:00-4:00

Thurs 9:00-3:00

Spring Lake, NC

910-394-2276

FORT BRAGG, ID Card Facility

Appointments & Walk-ins:

Mon-Fri: 9-5 Thursdays 9-7:

Extended hours and weekends

available for groups with

Commander's Request and

appointment

Fayetteville, NC

910-396-9339

SUNNY POINT, MILITARY OPERATION TERMINAL

Appointments Only

Thursdays Only 8:30 – 3:00

Southport, NC

910-457-8000 ext. 230

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE

Walk-ins Monday – Friday

8:30 – 4:00

Goldsboro, NC

919-722-8702

US NAVAL RESERVE CENTER

Appointments Only

Thursday's Only

Wilmington, NC

910-762-9676

ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER

Appointments Only

Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 – 11:30;

1:00 – 3:30

Greensboro, NC

336-668-0053 Ext 26