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Local nonprofit Legal Services of Southern Piedmont and Starbucks to bring Military Mondays legal clinics to Mecklenburg, Union and Cabarrus Counties

Charlotte nonprofit Legal Services of Southern Piedmont (LSSP) is making legal assistance more readily available for local veterans as part of the **Starbucks Military Mondays** program. Aiming to serve communities of veterans who may not live near a legal services provider, LSSP will assist veterans, service members and their families in Mecklenburg, Union and Cabarrus Counties, starting on Monday, March 7, by hosting the first of the free monthly legal clinics at several area Starbucks locations from 1-3 p.m. The clinics will offer advice and referral information on a variety of civil legal issues impacting local veterans and military families, including disability compensation, survivors benefits, discharge upgrades, consumer law, tax issues and other non-criminal legal matters.

“It’s vital that we honor the service of veterans and the sacrifices they have made for our country. These clinics are a small but important way to give back,” Robert Davis, LSSP Attorney Project Coordinator, said. “We hope to reach veterans who are not aware that legal help and benefits are available by serving them close to home.”

The Starbucks Military Mondays program is part of a national effort to support transitioning service men and women as well as their families while also strengthen ties between civilians and the military community. Military Mondays provides a venue where advocates and veterans can meet at Starbucks to address a variety of transition barriers. The program first launched in 2015 in partnership with William and Mary Law School in a Williamsburg, Virginia, store, and the company plans for a total of 20 such clinics in Starbucks stores across the country, largely made possible by local partners (employees) from its Armed Forces Network.

The March 7 kick-off clinics and following monthly clinics will be held at the Carolinas Medical South Starbucks at 9015 Pineville-Matthews Road, Pineville, N.C.; the Kannapolis at Afton Ridge Starbucks at 6065 Bayfield Parkway, Concord, N.C.; and the Sun Valley Starbucks at 6701 Old Monroe Road, Indian Trail, N.C. After the kick-off event at all three locations on March 7, the clinics will recur each month at all three county Starbucks locations with the following schedule:

- **Union County:** *Sun Valley Starbucks at 6701 Old Monroe Road, Indian Trail, N.C.* – A kick-off event will be held March 7 from 1-3 p.m. with its first regular clinic on April 4, repeating every first Monday of the month from 1-3 p.m.
- **Mecklenburg County:** *Carolinas Medical South Starbucks at 9015 Pineville-Matthews Road, Pineville, N.C.* – A kick-off event will be held March 7 from 1-3 p.m. with its first regular clinic on March 14, repeating every second Monday of the month from 1-3 p.m.
- **Cabarrus County:** *Kannapolis at Afton Ridge Starbucks at 6065 Bayfield Parkway, Concord, N.C.* – A kick-off event will be held March 7 from 1-3 p.m. with its first regular clinic on March 21, repeating every third Monday of the month from 1-3 p.m.

Additional information about the clinics is available at www.lssp.org or by calling 704.808.4144. Walk-ins are welcome as time and schedule permits, and appointments are also available by calling 704.808.4144.

Legal Services of Southern Piedmont's mission is to ensure a full measure of justice for those in need, providing a wide range of civil legal assistance to eligible low-income persons in the Charlotte metropolitan area and West-Central N.C. www.lssp.org

*The **Starbucks Armed Forces Network (AFN)** was founded in 2007 to bring partners who served in the military together to bond over their shared experiences, to provide guidance for newly hired partners transitioning from military to civilian life and to create a veteran-friendly workforce. [Learn more about the program here.](#)*

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