



SAFEProject's **VETERANS** **RESOURCE GUIDE** JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA



For Veterans, Active Duty, and Military Families

About SAFE Project

SAFE Project understands both the sacrifices and rewards of military service. Adm. James A. “Sandy” Winnefeld and his wife Mary are the Co-Founders and Co-Chairs of SAFE Project. Adm. Winnefeld served for 37 years in the United States Navy, retiring in 2015 after serving as the ninth Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the United States’ number two ranking military officer. As a military spouse and mother, co-founder Mary Winnefeld has been actively involved in the health and welfare of military and veteran families, as well as the policies that affect their lives. Mrs. Winnefeld is the recipient of both the Department of Defense and Department of the Navy Meritorious Public Service Award.

The Winnefelds started SAFE Project, a national nonprofit committed to overcoming substance dependence in the United States. They founded the organization in 2017 following the loss of their 19-year-old son, Jonathan, to an accidental opioid overdose.

safeproject.us

About Wounded Warrior Project

Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) focuses on veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound while serving in the military on or after September 11, 2001.

Veterans and service members are a part of a community that understands your unique needs. Services and programs they offer are free because WWP believes there’s no dollar value to finding recovery and no limit to what you can achieve.

<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>

WELCOME TO JACKSONVILLE!



If you've served in the military or know someone who has, you'll understand why SAFE Veterans (a SAFE Project initiative) is close to our hearts. A veteran is twice as likely to die from an accidental overdose than any other member of society, and for veterans and their families, the transition to civilian life can be particularly difficult, often losing the sense of purpose, camaraderie, and identity central to their military experience. Military culture also values self-reliance, which can lead to the perception that "getting help" is a weakness.

The problem: Few prevention programs address this concern and prepare the service member or their family with tools to prevent substance dependence or mental health challenges.

To address this gap, SAFE Veterans developed and expanded several programs to connect veterans, active duty service members, and their families to the resources they need to address mental health challenges and substance dependence.

We hope you find this new Veteran Wellness program helpful on your recovery journey and it helps you build resilience when faced with life's challenges.

Thank you,

Bill Pinamont, MSW USN (Ret)
Senior Director, SAFE Veterans



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INTRODUCTION TO JACKSONVILLE!



The state of Florida hosts 21 different bases statewide with a concentration of bases in Jacksonville. The region has around 75,000 active duty, reserve, and civilian personnel accounting for the area's workforce. Florida is also home to the third-largest population of veterans after California and Texas. The state hosts more than 1.5 million veterans making up 12 percent of the state's population 18 and over. It is considered one of the most veteran-friendly states in the nation.

Jacksonville is specifically known for its accommodation of military members and the veteran population. According to a study completed by Veterans United Home Loans, Jacksonville is one of the top cities for veterans to reside. The study compared the 100 biggest cities in the U.S. focusing on four categories: economic wealth, employment, veteran quality of life, and availability of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits. Jacksonville received the best score in multiple categories.

A new health care site is planned for Jacksonville to replace two smaller clinics. This new facility will allow the VA to upgrade its primary care and mental health treatment and expand radiology, optometry, and audiology. The goal is to make care more accessible to the military members and veterans residing in the area.

- <https://floridavets.org/our-veterans/>
- <https://www.news4jax.com/news/2018/11/12/jacksonville-among-top-10-best-cities-for-veterans-study-finds/>
- <https://www.firstcoastnews.com/article/news/health/new-va-clinic-planned-in-jacksonville-to-replace-2-smaller-care-centers/77-3d15068e-9cee-4fdc-82b8-6cbe-0de99c62>



DEMOGRAPHICS/STATE OF MILITARY INVOLVEMENT

MILITARY LIFESTYLE: GARRISON, DEPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND TRANSITION

The following provides an in-depth delineation of the status of an active duty service member and identifies benefits, even in remote duty assignments. This information is needed when determining health benefits and the services available specifically if substance use becomes an issue.

An active duty service member is a person who is:

- currently serving in the active military
- eligible for services and treatments afforded by active duty on and off post
- <https://tricare.mil/FindDoctor/Active-Duty>

VETERAN LIFESTYLE: COMBAT, DISABLED, SEPARATED, AND RETIRED

The following provides an in-depth delineation between the status of veterans and also identifies benefits. This information is needed when determining health benefits and the services available specifically if substance use becomes an issue.

A “veteran” is a person who:

- served in the active military, naval, or air service and
- discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable
- https://www.benefits.va.gov/WARMS/docs/admin21/m21_1/mr/part3/subptii/M21-1MR111_ii_6.doc

MILITARY DEPENDENTS

The term “military families” often refers to the spouses, children, and adult dependents of active duty, National Guard, and Reserve Component service members. According to the most recent U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Demographics Report, there are ~2.6 million military family members and almost 39% of military personnel have minor children (under 20 or 22 and full-time student).

Breakdown of all military demographics from 2018:

<https://download.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Reports/2018-demographics-report.pdf>

DEMOGRAPHICS/STATE OF MILITARY INVOLVEMENT



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

The VA was formally established in 1930 and became the cabinet-level Department of Veterans Affairs in 1989. The agency is led by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, who, being a cabinet member, is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The VA website gives veterans access and a way to manage their benefits and healthcare. It also provides access to careers/employment, housing assistance, life insurance, education and training, health care, pension, records, and disability compensation claims. It has links to find a facility, talk to veteran crisis responders, and the ability to manage a personal account. <https://www.va.gov/>

VA Main Information line: 800-698-2411



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RESILIENCE PROGRAMS:

- i. **Veterans:** The following programs are geared toward creating resilience in veterans. They include rhythmic movement and drumming, storytelling, and using EMDR Therapy. Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) is a psychotherapy treatment that was originally designed to alleviate the distress associated with traumatic memories. <https://project-resiliency.org/programs/warrior-resiliency/>
- ii. **VA Resiliency and Reintegration:** Introduction into the transition back into the civilian workforce.
 - https://www.va.gov/vetsinworkplace/training/EAP/lesson02/02_001.html
 - Transition from Military to Civilian Life: <https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/jmvc/veterans/transition-from-military-to-civilian-life>
 - eBenefits is the gateway to Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>
- iii. **Active Duty:** The following programs are geared toward creating resiliency in active duty service members. They include military-led and civilian-led programs for resiliency development training and individual resiliency maintenance. Resiliency programs vary by branch and are driven by availability of facilitators and trained program personnel. Resiliency for active duty service members is managed by certified performance experts and select wellness contractors. All programs are aimed at assisting service members with processing and recovery from potentially distressing or traumatic events and memories.
 - <https://readyandresilient.army.mil/CSF2/about.html>
 - <https://readyandresilient.army.mil>
 - <https://project-resiliency.org/programs/warrior-resiliency/>
 - <https://focusproject.org/about>

SAFE PROJECT VETERANS WELLNESS:

SAFE Project is creating, through funding and support from Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) and Walmart, a Veteran Wellness Program.

- <https://www.safeproject.us/veterans-wellness/>



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WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT:

Wounded Warrior Project is a charity and veterans service organization that offers a variety of programs, services and events for wounded veterans of the military actions following September 11, 2001.

- <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/wwp/>
- 877.TEAM.WWP (832.6997) 4899 Belfort Road Suite 300 Jacksonville, FL 32256

MILITARY.COM:

Military.com connects service members, military families, and veterans to all the benefits of service: government benefits, scholarships, discounts, lifelong friends, mentors, great stories of military life or missions, and much more.

- <https://www.military.com>

MILITARY ONE SOURCE:

Active duty military resource website, offering 24/7 support for service members, spouses, their family and survivors on taxes, moving, benefits, MWR and more.

- CONUS: 800-342-9647
- OCONUS: 800-342-9647 or 703-253-7599
- <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

NATIONAL RESOURCE DIRECTORY:

The National Resource Directory is a searchable database of resources vetted for the use of service members, veterans, family members, and caregivers. It provides an online partnership for wounded, ill and injured service members, their families and those who support them.

- <https://nrd.gov/>

VETERANS HOUSING PROGRAMS:

- National VA Homeless Hotline:** 24 hour - 877-424-3838. Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless can call or visit their local VA Medical Center or Community Resource and Referral Center where VA staff are ready to help. Veterans and their families may also call 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) to access VA services.



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ii. Veterans Inc.: The Veterans Inc. Supportive Services for Veterans and Veteran Families Program helps individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk. If you meet the basic eligibility requirements, Veterans Inc. provides direct services and financial assistance to help search for housing, assist with initial rent costs, and pay for certain bills related to back rent or utilities

- <http://www.veteransinc.org/services/supportive-services-for-veteran-families/>

iii. Homes For Our Troops (HFOT): Builds specially adapted custom homes for severely injured post-9/11 Veterans so they may live in a safe and barrier-free environment.

- <https://www.hfotusa.org/>
- 866-7-TROOPS (866-787-6677)
- Homes For Our Troops, 6 Main St., Taunton, MA 02780
- <https://www.facebook.com/homesforourtroops>

iv. Habitat for Humanity: Veterans Build Program focuses on five areas: Building, Employment, Volunteer Engagement, Education, and Honor.

- <https://www.habitat.org/volunteer/near-you/veterans-build>

CENTER FOR A NEW AMERICAN SECURITY:

Provides a searchable tool that allows users to filter state-level veteran benefits by type of benefit, beneficiary, and state to identify benefits for which they may be eligible, providing a unique and invaluable reference.

- <https://www.cnas.org/publications/reports/state-veteran-benefit-finder>

NATIONAL VETERANS FOUNDATION:

The mission is to serve the crisis management, information, and referral needs of all U.S. veterans and their families through the management and operation of the nation's first vet-to-vet toll-free helpline. 888.777.4443

- <https://nvf.org/veteran-resources/>
- <https://nvf.org/>



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AFTER ACTION NETWORK (AAN):

Non-profit community engagement platform for veterans. The mission is to connect veterans with fun activities, classes, workshops, or other opportunities in your local community.

- <https://www.afteractionnetwork.org/>

CODE OF SUPPORT'S PATRIOTLINK PLATFORM:

Free online resource database that includes thousands of programs tailored to the military and Veteran community. Through PATRIOTlink, users can search vetted, direct, cost-free services specific to their needs. PATRIOTlink was recently redesigned to make it even easier to use. Now, users can complete searches by entering less information and they can view events and job opportunities in their area through a news feed feature.

- <https://www.patriotlink.org/>

FAMILY (DEPENDENT) SUPPORT

- Blue Star Families:** Strengthens currently serving military families and veteran military families by connecting them with benefits and services in their community.

- <https://bluestarfam.org>

- The Military Wife and Mom Blog:** Established in 2014 by a Marine spouse. Her site offers tools and tips to enhance the military spouse lifestyle. The following article on reliant military spouses focusing on “10 Things Strong Military Spouses Do Differently”.

- <https://themilitarywifeandmom.com/10-things-resilient-military-spouses-do-differently/>

- National Military Spouse Network:** The pre-eminent networking, mentoring, and professional development organization committed to the education, empowerment, and advancement of military spouses. NMSN creates a community of military spouse professionals, businesses, academics, and media to share expertise and craft innovative solutions on both balancing a viable career with the military lifestyle and laying the foundation for a successful career post-military life.

- <https://www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org/public/About-NMSN.cfm>



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- iv. Military One Source Military Spouse Transition Program (MySTeP):** Made for military spouses to support and encourage spouses throughout the service member's time in the military. MySTeP helps plan, prepare and be ready for life as the family transitions out of the military. The information, tools, and programs highlighted in MySTeP will connect military spouses with the right resources at the right time to help successfully navigate military life at every stage of the service member's career.
- <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/mystep>
- v. Military Spouse Technology Academy (MSTA):** Provides an intensive 22-week onsite training program designed to empower military spouses within-demand digital skills leading to well-paying and meaningful careers. Military spouses are an integral supporting force for members of our military. Through MSTA, Microsoft seeks to deepen its commitment to this community and to help military spouses build the skills necessary to succeed in the technology sector.
- <https://military.microsoft.com/programs/msta/>
- vi. Department of Labor Military Spouse Interstate License Recognition Options:** Military spouses serving in professions with occupational license requirements face special challenges. They experience gaps in employment and costly interruptions in their career trajectory due to frequent relocations. It is the policy of the U.S. Department of Labor to reduce employment barriers and enhance career opportunities for military spouses. Many states support military spouse license recognition options by allowing for expedited applications, temporary licenses, or complete license recognition. Use the Military Spouse Interstate License Recognition Options map to find out the rights of a military spouse.
- <https://www.veterans.gov/milspouses/>
- vii. Department of Defense Spouse Education and Career Opportunities (SECO) Program:** Provides education and career guidance to military spouses worldwide and offers comprehensive resources and tools for all stages of your career progression.
- <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/>



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viii. Department of Defense Military Spouse Employment Partnership: The Department of Defense Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) connects military spouses with hundreds of partner employers who have committed to recruit, hire, promote and retain military spouses.

- <https://msejobs.militaryonesource.mil/msep/>

ix. Department of Labor Military Spouse Resources: <https://www.careeronestop.org/MilitarySpouse/default.aspx>

x. US Government Military Spouse Preference Hiring Authority: Federal agencies can use the military spouse non competitive hiring process to fill positions on either a temporary or permanent basis.

- <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/military-spouses/>

xi. Reimbursement of Spouse Relicensing: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/education-employment/for-spouses/education-training-licensing/transferring-your-professional-license-what-s-involved>

xii. VA Military Spouse Recruitment: <https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/71032/va-actively-recruits-military-spouses-careers-serving-veterans/>

iv. LinkedIn Premium Upgrade: Military spouses with a Department of Defense Spouse Education and Career Opportunities (SECO) account can access a free upgrade to LinkedIn Premium to assist with job searches, networking, and more.

- https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/content/view/8256?utm_campaign=mos-enews-feb2020&utm_content=html&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdeliveryM

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

i. CASY: Brings military and veteran job seekers together with employers who are looking to hire.

- <http://www.casy.us/>

ii. Military Times Job Board: Aims to connect veterans with thousands of job opportunities with employers seeking to hire people with military experience.

- <https://jobboard.militarytimes.com/>



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iii. Hiring our Heroes: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring Our Heroes (HOH) initiative launched in March 2011 as a nationwide effort to connect veterans, service members, and military spouses with meaningful employment opportunities. Working with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's vast network of state and local chambers and strategic partners from the public, private, and non-profit sectors, the goal is to create a movement across America in hundreds of communities where veterans and military families return every day.

- <https://www.hiringourheroes.org/>

iv. Military Veterans in Journalism: Military Veterans in Journalism is a professional association that builds community for vets, supports their career growth, and advocates for diversifying newsrooms through hiring and promoting more vets.

- <https://www.mvj.network/>

v. Wells Fargo: Wells Fargo is committed to employing 20,000 veteran team members. They are working to turn military experience into a civilian career.

- <https://www.wellsfargo.com/military/veterans>

vi. Citi: Citi has built a strong record in leading the effort to support military personnel and their families and especially to hire veterans in key positions throughout the company.

- <https://www.citigroup.com/citi/citizen/community/citisalutes/working-jobs.html>

vii. Vets2Set: Acts as an open door for veterans, helping them jumpstart a career in the commercial production business.

- <https://www.vets2set.org/>

OPERATION HOMEFRONT:

This 15-year non-profit offers programs RELIEF (through critical financial assistance and transitional housing programs), RESILIENCY (through permanent housing and caregiver support services), and RECURRING FAMILY SUPPORT programs and services for military families.

- 1355 Central Parkway S, Ste. 100 San Antonio, TX 78232
- Phone: (210) 659-7756
- <https://www.operationhomefront.org/>



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SUPPORT GROUPS

- i. **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Helpline:** 1-800-662-HELP (4357) free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders.
- ii. **Brss Tacs:** In 2011, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) launched the Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS). The effort, led by the Center for Social Innovation (C4) and its partners, is dedicated to promoting the wide-scale adoption of recovery-oriented supports, services, and systems for people in recovery from substance use and/or mental health conditions.
 - <https://www.samhsa.gov/brss-tacs/recovery-support-tools/parents-families>
- iii. **VA Caregiver Support Program:** As a family caregiver, you play an important role in caring for the Veteran at home and in the community. VA has two programs for caregivers: The Program of General Caregiver Support Services (eligible Veterans all eras) and the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (eligible post-9/11 Veterans).
 - www.caregiver.va.gov
- iv. **National Alliance on Mental Wellness (NAMI) Veterans and Active Duty:** NAMI provides advocacy, education, support, and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives. The NAMI Veterans and Active Duty page focus on questions that military personnel often ask, concerning treatment resources, disclosure, and staying healthy during the transition to civilian life.
 - The NAMI Helpline can be reached Monday through Friday, 10 am–6 pm, ET. 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) or info@nami.org • <https://www.nami.org/>
- v. **Online Support Groups (Social Platforms):** Military Spouse Mental Health Support Group on Facebook is geared towards providing mental health support for a spouse suffering or one that needs help supporting others
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/341538876521018>



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ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SPECIFIC RESOURCES

- i. **Military Family Life Consultants (MFLC):** Licensed counselors and social workers who provide non-medical counseling services to military service members and their families. They can provide short term therapy and do not keep records. They have mandatory reporting obligations and are required to report situations where you could be a danger to yourself or to others, situations involving domestic violence or violence against another person, child abuse or neglect, and any present or future illegal activity. Link provided to find your local installation and the search for Military and Family Support Center:

- <https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/>

- ii. **Chaplain:** Chaplains are the military's religious leaders with many different roles, specifically, for providing confidential counseling. Although the conversations are absolutely confidential, they are not licensed clinical therapists and their experience with substance use matters may vary. Find your local installation chaplain by clicking the link below and searching "Chapels"

- <https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/>

- iii. **Base Specific Care (Army, Navy/Marines, Air Force/Space Force organizations for direct care and intervention):**

- Air Force Key Spouse Program:
<https://www.afpc.af.mil/Benefits-and-Entitlements/Key-Spouse-Program/>
- Navy Ombudsman Program:
<https://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/ddg104/pages/ombudsman.aspx>
- Army Soldier, Family, and Spouse Services:
<https://www.goarmy.com/benefits/soldier-and-family-services.html>
- Behavioral Health Agencies (related to areas surrounding duty stations):
<https://www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Mental>

MILITARY CRISIS LINE:

Crisis intervention for those in a high-risk situation that need immediate help. Call 800-273-8255, then press 1, or access online chat by texting 838255.

- <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>



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SOUND OFF: A WAY TO RECEIVE MENTAL HELP WITHOUT ANY TRACKING INFORMATION:

- Everything is anonymous.
- 800-227-4460, 4040
- Broadway, Suite 501 San Antonio, TX
- 78209 <https://sound-off.com/>

BUGLES ACROSS AMERICA:

Founded in 2000 by Tom Day when congress passed legislation stating that deceased veterans have a right to at least two uniformed military people to fold the flag and play Taps on a CD player. Bugles Across America takes this a step further. In recognition of the service these veterans have provided to their country, the agency felt that veterans each deserve a live rendition of Taps by a real bugler.

- Bugles Across America NFP, c/o Tom Day, Founder
- 1824 S. Cuyler Ave., Berwyn, Illinois 60402-2052
- Phone 708-484-9029
- Fax 708-484-9896
- <https://www.buglesacrossamerica.org/>

AFTER ACTION NETWORK:

Programs promoting self-development and learning for veterans and non-veterans alike.

- <https://afteractionnetwork.org>

UNITED WAY:

United Way coordinates existing services and provides additional resources to make it easier for veterans, active duty service members, and their families to get the help they need when they need it.

- Dial 2-1-1 or go to <https://unitedwaynefl.org/get-help/>



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NATIONAL VETERANS FOUNDATION LIFELINE FOR VETS:

Handles the crisis management, information, and referral needs of all U.S. veterans and their families through management and operation of the nation's first vet-to-vet toll-free helpline: 888-777-4443.

- <https://nvf.org/about-national-veterans-foundation>

10 CAN: HONOR, REVIVE, GROW:

The Christian Adventure Network partners with organizations to host hunting, fishing, and survival camps by fostering camaraderie through outdoor adventures, bridge the gap between warriors and the church, and build communities through service projects and public speaking engagements.

- <https://www.10canoutdoors.com/>
- Founder@10CANoutdoors.com
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/10CANinc/>

PROJECT SANCTUARY FAMILY SUPPORT:

This agency offers services led by licensed clinical staff for all military families, including veteran and active duty service members, their spouses, and children. Families are invited to engage with support staff to address emergency and long-term needs for financial assistance, counseling referrals, and connection to services offered by collaborating partners. Family Support Resource Weekends are a relaxed and mission-focused environment with direct, in-person access to organizations that serve veterans.

- <https://projectsanctuary.us/family-support>
- PO Box 1563 Granby, CO 80446
- info@projectsanctuary.us

PSYCHARMOR INSTITUTE:

PsychArmor is a national nonprofit that provides free online education and support to all Americans who work with, live with, or care for military service members, veterans, and their families. There are over 120 free online educational courses to help the civilian community connect with Veterans.

- 6215 Ferris Square Ste. 205, San Diego, CA 92121
- 1-858-755-3006



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- info@psycharmor.org
- <https://psycharmor.org>

TRANSGENDER AMERICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION. (TAVA):

TAVA provides support and discussions for transgender veterans navigating the VA medical system.

- <http://www.transveteran.org>
- (516) TAVA 911

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

i. VA Education Programs:

- https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/education_programs.asp
- GI Bill Hotline: 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551)
- Students Outside the U.S.: +1-918-781-5678

ii. VA Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP):

- <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/veap.asp>
- Education Call Center at 888-442-4551

iii. VA Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP):

- <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/reap.asp>

iv. Children of Fallen Patriots: Provides college scholarships and educational counseling to military children who have lost a parent in the line of duty.

- <https://www.fallenpatriots.org/>
- 44900 Prentice Drive Dulles, VA 20166
- Phone: 866-917-CFPF (2373)



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v. Fischer House Scholarship Program for Military: College scholarships for children of active, reserve, and retired service members.

- <https://fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarships/>
- Phone: (888) 294-8560 or (301) 294-8560
- Fax: (301) 294-8562
- info@fisherhouse.org
- Fisher House Foundation, Inc., 12300 Twinbrook Pkwy, Suite 410, Rockville, Maryland 20852

vi. Folds of Honor: FoF's unique post-secondary educational scholarships can be applied to schooling now or held by the foundation on behalf of young children until needed at the time of enrollment. Scholarships for spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service members are to be used to subsidize the costs of tuition, school books, fees, room and board, special tools and equipment necessary for coursework, school-approved tutoring, and any other expense that the school in which the student is enrolled may deem appropriate and unmet.

- www.foldsofhonor.org



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STATE RESOURCES

- i. **FDVA (Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs):** The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs is the best access for veterans living in the state. The website offers access to earned services, benefits, and support, through the help of a County Veteran Service Officer. There is also access to a 24-hour crisis line for those struggling with mental health and/or substance abuse.
 - National Crisis Line: 800-273 8255
 - Veterans in FL: 844-MyFLVet (693-5838) or 2-1-1
- ii. **Florida Veterans Foundation:** The Florida Veterans Foundation services as a statewide organization geared towards providing direct services to Florida veterans and their families. They work closely with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs while promoting advocacy and increasing awareness of veteran-related issues.
 - <https://helpflvets.org/>
 - The Capitol, Suite 2107 400 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001
 - Phone: (850) 488-4181
- iii. **Salute Vets:** Salute Vets site is run by the Office of the Public Defender in Orlando, FL. The program is geared towards helping those suffering from substance abuse and/or being prosecuted for criminal activity. Although the focus is on those living in Orlando, the website offers information about incarceration and government benefits. This may be beneficial for Florida veterans who may be incarcerated due to substance abuse.
 - <http://www.salutevets.com/resources-for-vets/substance-abuse/>
 - <http://www.salutevets.com/resources-for-vets/legal-resources/>
 - Office of the Public Defender, 435 North Orange Avenue Orlando, FL 32801
 - Phone: 407-836-4800
- iv. **Operation Barnabas:** This nonprofit located about 50 miles from Jacksonville was created by a Marine sniper. His goal of the nonprofit centers around meeting the needs of veterans and first responders struggling with PTSD. They offer a peer



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mentorship program, local community involvement, and Project Sanctuary (a family retreat to provide counseling, education, and therapeutic recreation).

- <http://operationbarnabasfl.com/>
- 5821 State Road 21 Keystone Heights, FL 32656 Phone: (850) 814-4320
- info@operationbarnabasfl.com
- Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/OperationBarnabasInc>

v. **Baker County:** Veterans Service Officers assists veterans and their dependents in preparing claims for benefits or privileges to which they may be entitled as administered by the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

- <https://www.facebook.com/Baker-County-Veterans-Services-458486007503766/>
- Phone: (904) 259-2516
- [vet@bakercountyfl.org](mailto:veter@bakercountyfl.org)

vi. **Clay County:** Veterans Service Officers assists veterans and their dependents with VA benefits for non-service-connected pension, service-connected compensations, medical treatment, burial allowances, grave markers, presidential memorial certificates, copies of military personnel and service medical records, and more. The Veterans Service Office assists Clay County Veterans with filing for educational benefits, obtaining VA Home Loan certificates of eligibility, and much more.

- <https://www.claycountygov.com/community/veterans-services>
- Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1366 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
- Physical Address: 477 Houston Street Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
- Phone: 904-269/284-6376

vii. **Nassau County:** The Nassau County Veterans' Service Officers provides free benefit claims counseling and information and referral assistance to veterans, their dependents, and survivors.

- www.nassauclerk.com/veterans-service/



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- Bob Sullivan, (904) 548-4670, bsullivan@nassauclerk.com
 - 76347 Veterans Way Yulee, Florida 32097
- viii. St. Johns County Veteran's Services:** Veterans Service Officers assist veterans and their dependents in applying for benefits to which they are entitled under Federal or State Law or Regulations by reason of Active Military Service in the Armed Forces of the United States. This includes, is not limited to, preparation of formal claims and appeals relating to Compensation, Education, Loan Guaranty for Homes, Special Adapted Housing, Pension, Medical Care, Insurance, Burial Benefits, and related matters.
- <http://www.sjcfl.us/VeteransServices/index.aspx>
 - 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 1400 St Augustine, FL 32084
 - Phone: (904) 209-6160
- ix. Veterans Florida:** Veterans Florida is a nonprofit created by the State of Florida to help military veterans transition to civilian life and to promote Florida's status as the nation's most veteran-friendly state. Veterans Florida provides powerful tools for veterans to take advantage of the benefits of living and working in the Sunshine State.
- <https://www.veteransflorida.org>
 - 930 Thomasville Road, Suite 100 Tallahassee, FL 32303
 - info@veteransflorida.org
- x. Mental Health Resource Center:** Founded in Jacksonville in May 1977, Mental Health Resource Center, Inc. (MHRC) is a Florida nonprofit that provides a wide range of behavioral health and social services to the community. Included in MHRC's service array are 24-hour emergency services; inpatient psychiatric services for children, adolescents, and adults; and numerous outpatient services, including medication management, case management, counseling, supported housing, psychosocial rehabilitation, two programs for the homeless, a therapeutic family program, state hospital liaison services, forensic services, in-jail services, and nine Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) programs for adults with severe and persistent mental illness located in Clearwater, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Kissimmee, Rockledge, Tampa, and Winter Haven.



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- If you would like to speak to someone about MHRC services, please call the MHRC North Comprehensive Services Center at (904) 695-9145.
- <http://www.mhrcflorida.com/>
- xi. The Fire Watch:** The Fire Watch is NE Florida's nonprofit geared towards ending veteran suicide. Currently, no city or state has systemically reduced veteran suicide rate.
 - <https://www.thefirewatch.org/>
 - 214 N. Hogan Street, Suite 800 Jacksonville, Florida 32202
 - Phone: 904-834-9420
 - info@thefirewatch.org
- xii. Regional Housing Options/Resources**
 - a. Florida Salute our Soldiers Military Loan Program:** The Salute our Soldiers Military Loan Program offers our military service personnel and veterans 30-year, fixed-rate first mortgage loans at a lower rate and with several down payment assistance options. This program is available in all 67 counties throughout the State of Florida to borrowers who are purchasing a primary residence, meet income and purchase price limits, can qualify for a first mortgage loan, and successfully complete a homebuyer education course.
 - <https://floridahousing.org/programs/homebuyer-loan-program-wizards/salute-our-soldiers-military-loan-program>
 - 227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 5000 Tallahassee, Florida 32301
 - Phone: (850) 488-4197
 - b. Emergency Services & Homeless Coalition of St. Johns County (ESHC):** Provides innovative programs to assist the most chronic homeless families with children in Florida's St. Johns County to get off the street and on the road to self-sufficiency.
 - <http://homelesscoalitionstjohns.com/>
 - 62 Chapin St. St. Augustine, Florida 32084



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- Phone: (904) 819-0059
- c. Homes for Our Brave/Changing Homelessness:** Changing homelessness to make life better for low-income veterans and their families living in Duval, Clay, and Nassau counties.
 - <http://changinghomelessness.org/homesforourbrave/>
 - 660 Park St. Jacksonville, FL 32204
 - Phone: (904) 354-1100
 - info@changinghomelessness.org
- d. d. Nassau County Housing Resources:**
 - <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/909/Housing-Resources-and-Information>
- e. e. Clay County Housing Resources:**
 - <https://www.claycountygov.com/departments/state-housing-initiative-program-ship>
- f. Baker County Housing Resources:**
 - <http://machsat.org/>
- g. St. Johns County Housing Resources:**
 - <http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/index.aspx>
- h. Air Angels Foundation of Florida Inc. (Duval, Clay, St. Johns Counties):** The goal is to provide heating & air conditioning to those who are active duty military, first responders and seriously ill or disables individuals in need.
 - <http://www.airangels.net/>
- i. Habitat for Humanity Florida:**
 - <https://www.habitatflorida.org/>
 - 1150 Cleveland Street, Suite 301 Clearwater, FL 33755



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- Phone: (727) 474-8445
- compliance@habitatflorida.org
- j. Mercy Support Services:** Mercy Support Services serves the people of Clay County, Florida who are circumstantially in need by providing services that guide them to self-sufficiency. Working together with local community agencies, governments, and compassionate-hearted people, Mercy serves as a centralized point of contact for those in crisis. A nonprofit organization, Mercy works collaboratively to provide “a hand up, not a handout” to families and individuals in need.
 - <https://mercysupportservices.org/about-us/mission-vision/>
 - Melissa Whitaker Phone: (904) 701-7650
 - info@mercysupportservices.org
 - P.O. Box 1526 Orange Park, FL 32067
- k. Volunteers of America Florida Ben Singleton Center:** The Ben Singleton Center GPD program provides transitional housing and supportive services to homeless Veterans to stabilize and prepare them for a life of independence. Program fees are based on income. Veterans are able to stay in the program for up to two years. Volunteers of America of Florida is a 501c3 nonprofit with results-driven programming which is measured through outcomes. 90% of all participants successfully transition to independent housing.
 - <http://voaflorida.org/bensingleton/>
 - 405 Central Ave, Suite 100 St. Petersburg, FL 33701
 - Phone: (727) 369-8500
 - Email: info@voa-fla.org
 - Jacksonville Main Office, 6015 Chester Circle, Ste 103B Jacksonville, FL 32217
 - Phone: (904) 239 5779
 - Email: jacksonvilleinfo@voa-fla.org



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xiii. Transportation

- a. TransPortal:** Virtual transportation resource center funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This project is a joint effort of the Northeast Florida Mobility Coalition. The coalition is made up of transportation providers, elected officials, policy makers, planning experts, funding agency representatives, and agencies that support transportation disadvantaged individuals including veterans and military families.

- <http://www.transportal.net>

xiv. Employment Opportunities

a. Northeast Florida Job Opportunities:

- <https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/jmvc/veterans/jacksonville-job-opportunities>

- b. CareerSource Northeast Florida:** CareerSource Northeast Florida Career Centers offer many resources for veterans, including specialized Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVERs), who visit businesses that do business with the government, and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) staff who work with veterans with significant barriers to employment.

- <https://careersourcenortheastflorida.com/veterans>

- c. The Nonprofit Center Job Bank:** The “go to” job site for people seeking positions in the nonprofit sector.

- <http://nonprofitctr.org/job-bank/>

d. Career Pathways for In-Demand Florida Jobs:

- <https://earnup.org/career-pathways-for-indemand-jobs>

- e. Employ Florida Veterans Program Portal:** This web portal is a gateway to information and resource links that will assist veterans, veterans' families, and employers in accomplishing their employment goals. You will find information about the Employ Florida website that will match job seekers with employers and other employment-related services.

- <https://veteran.employflorida.com/vosnet/Default.aspx>



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- f. Veterans Florida Agriculture Program:** This program is a 6-month training fellowship that provides veterans and servicemembers a comprehensive, hands-on experience and equips you with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to be competitive for leading careers in Florida's \$149 billion agriculture industry.

- <https://www.veteransflorida.org/agriculture/>

xv. Florida Support for the Military

- a. 2019 Florida Military Friendly Guide:** A summary of Sunshine State laws, programs and benefits for active duty, national guard, and reserve service members and families.

- <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf>

- b. Visit Florida Military Site:** If you're active military or a veteran, Florida salutes you. Check out these events, historical sites, monuments, museums, destinations, and resources of special interest to you and yours. You can also explore military discounts available for tours, auto rentals, flights, and at theme parks.

- www.visitflorida.com/military

xvi. Educational Resources

- a. Guide to Military Scholarships:**

- <https://thescholarshipssystem.com/blog-for-students-families/our-guide-to-military-scholarships-for-veterans-dependents-and-spouses/>
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TheScholarshipSystem/>

- b. Scholarships.com Veteran/Military Scholarships:**

- <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/veteran-scholarships/>

- c. US Veterans Magazine Veteran/Military Scholarships:** List of scholarships and links to applications.

- <https://www.usveteransmagazine.com/list-of-military-scholarships-for-service-members-spouses-and-dependents/>



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d. Florida National Guard Educational Dollars for Duty Program: Educational assistance to qualified Florida army and air national guard service members for authorized postsecondary education opportunities (vocational/technical, industry certification, and continuing education and academic degree programs).

- <https://edd.dma.myflorida.com/flng/>
- Email: ng.fl.flarng.list.ngfl-edd-office@mail.mil
- Phone: (904) 823-0339/0351

e. Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children: Resource for military to provide support with military moves.

- <http://www.fl DOE.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/military-families/>
- Felicia M. Trumpler, MA.Ed., School Counseling Consultant
- Student Support Services Project USF, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, Florida Department of Education
- Phone: (850) 245-7851

f. High School Diploma Veterans: Commissioner of Education may award a standard high school diploma to an honorably discharged veteran who has not completed high school graduation requirements.

- <http://www.fl DOE.org/academics/career-adult-edu/veterans-diplomas.shtml>
- Carol Hall, Division of Career and Adult Education, Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Room 714, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400
- Phone: (850) 245-0446

g. In-State Tuition Rate for Active Duty (including Spouses/dependent Children):

- <http://www.fl DOE.org/core/fileparse.php/7480/urlt/0082723-faqsresidency military.pdf>



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- Division of Florida Colleges 325 West Gaines Street, Room 1544 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400
- Phone: (850) 245-0400
- h. Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans:** Scholarships for children and spouses of deceased or disabled veterans (CSDDV) provides an award to dependent children or unremarried spouses of qualified Florida veterans. Application opens in February of each year and due by the first of April.
 - <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/factsheets/CSDDV.pdf>
 - Suite 1314325 West Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400
 - Phone: (888) 827-2004
 - Email: OSFA@fldoe.org
- i. Tuition Waiver for Recipients of Purple Heart or Superior Combat Decorations:** Waiver provides tuition and fee waivers for Florida military veterans who have received a purple heart OR combat decoration that is “superior in precedence.” To be eligible, you must prove you are a current resident for tuition purposes.
 - <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7480/urlt/0082722-faqspurpleheart.pdf>
- j. Troops to Teachers:** Service members and veterans interested in becoming a program participant should complete the “Program Interest” form. This form provides basic contact information so you can be notified directly if program funding becomes available.
 - <https://proudtoserveagain.com/>
 - Troops to Teachers 6490 Sauflay Field Road Pensacola, Florida 32509
 - Phone: (800) 231-6242
 - Email: ttt@navy.mil



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xvii. Florida Veteran Grants and Services

- a. US Grants:** The US government has set aside funding for \$31,000 in government grants specifically for veterans. These grants may be available to disabled veterans for education, small businesses, and housing. The website has a link for applying for specific grants in Florida.

 - <https://www.usgrants.org/florida/veteran-grants>
- b. Grant Watch:** This website shows 41 specific grants that Florida veterans can apply for. The grants range from home, home improvements, and business.

 - <https://florida.grantwatch.com/cat/38/veterans-grants.html>
 - Phone: (561) 249-4129
- c. City of Jacksonville Military Affairs and Veterans Department:** The Military Affairs and Veterans Department is well-suited to meet the needs of members of the armed forces veterans and their families. The Department works closely with area defense facilities and encourages the military missions they perform. The staff includes Veteran Service Officers who assist veterans and their families filing claims and assists Veterans and their families file claims and apply for social and educational assistance.

 - <https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/military-and-veterans-affairs>
 - City Hall, 117 West Duval Street, Suite 175 Jacksonville, FL 32202
 - Phone: (904) 255-5550
 - Fax: (904) 255-5547
- d. Jacksonville Area Legal Aid:** Jacksonville Area Legal Aid for veterans helps promote self-sufficiency, stability, and financial security through various comprehensive and accessible legal services. Call the office closest to you for an appointment.

 - <https://www.jaxlegalaid.org/veterans/>
 - Downtown Jacksonville Office, 126 W. Adams St., Jacksonville, FL 32202
 - Phone: (904) 356-8371



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- Toll-Free: (866) 356-8371
 - Fax: (904) 356-8285
 - Clay County Legal Aid, Located inside the Clay County Courthouse, 825 N. Orange Avenue, Rm 308, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
 - Phone: (904) 284-8410
 - Toll Free: (866) 284-8410
 - St. Johns County Legal Aid, 222 San Marco Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32084
 - Phone: (904) 827-9921
 - Toll Free: (877) 827-9921
 - Fax: (904) 827-9978
 - Florida Veterans Legal Helpline at 1-866-486-6161
- e. Veterans Council of Duval County (VCDC):** The Veterans Council of Duval County (formerly known as the Northeast Florida Veterans Council) is composed of representatives of the multitude of Veterans' organizations within Northeast Florida. The council meets the 3rd Tuesday of each at 7 pm in the 40 & 8 building located at the American Legion Post 137 at 5443 San Juan Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32210. ALL Veterans groups in Northeast Florida are welcome. The term year runs from October 1st to September 30th. Yearly dues are \$25.00. If interested in joining the VCDC, email Kathy Church, Secretary for an application at miapjax@yahoo.com
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/veteranscouncilofduvalcounty/>
- f. Medical Facilities and Community Resources**
1. *Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC):* 605 West Beaver Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202; Phone: (904) 798-2800VA
 2. *Jacksonville Outpatient Clinic:* 1536 North Jefferson Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32209; Phone: (904) 475-5800 or (877) 870-5048



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3. *VA University Boulevard VA Outpatient Clinic:* Memorial Health Plaza 3901 University Boulevard South, Jacksonville, Florida 32216; Phone: (904)732-6300
4. *VA Women's Health Community Based Outpatient Clinic:* 3901 University Boulevard South, Building 100, Room 108, Jacksonville, Florida 32216; Phone: (904) 732-9818
5. *VA Southpoint Outpatient Clinic:* 6900 Southpoint Drive North, Jacksonville, Florida 32216; Phone: (904) 470-6900
6. *f. VA St. Augustine Clinic:* 195 Southpark Boulevard, St. Augustine, Florida 32086; Phone: (904) 829-0814
7. *VA Jacksonville Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Office:* 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 120B, Jacksonville, Florida 32256; Phone: (904)731-0565
8. *VA Naval Air Station Jacksonville Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) Site:* 13 Yorktown Avenue, NAS Jacksonville, Florida 32212; Phone: (904) 542-3286
9. *VA VetSuccess on Campus at Florida State College at Jacksonville:* 940 North Main Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202; Phone: (904) 631-6227
10. *VA Malcom Randall Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center:* 1601 Southwest Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; Phone: (352) 376-1611
11. *Department of Defense Northeast Florida Medical Facilities*
 - *Naval Hospital Jacksonville:* 2080 Child Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32214; Phone: (904) 542-4677 or (800) 529-4677
 - *Branch Health Clinic NAS Jacksonville:* Jacksonville Building 964 (corner of Enterprise Ave., Ajax St. and Birmingham Ave.), Jacksonville, FL 32214; Phone: (904) 546-7094; <https://tricare.mil/mtf/Jacksonville/Health-Services/Naval-Branch-Health-Clinic->
 - *Branch Health Clinic Mayport Naval Station:* Mayport Building 2104, 2104 Massey Ave. Jacksonville, FL. 32228 Phone: (904) 270-3248; <https://tricare.mil/mtf/Jacksonville/Health-Services/Naval-Branch-Health-Clinic->



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- *Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville Medical*: Phone: (904) 714-7500; <https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/District-7/Units/Sector-Jacksonville/Medical>

g. Women Veterans/Female Spouses

1. *Northeast Florida Women Veterans*: Provide transitional services to women and their children into civilian life. It has a local resource center and transitional housing. Duval county hosts around 12,000 veterans (most statewide). Often female veterans face issues such as sexual abuse and discrimination. These factors can lead to substance and alcohol use. The agency's goal is to build a one-stop shop for female veterans with all the resources available to both them and their families to ensure an easy transition to civilian life.

- <https://www.forwomenvets.org/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/NortheastFloridaWomenVeterans>
- 103 Century 21 Drive, Suite 201 Jacksonville, FL 32216
- Phone: (904) 862-6039
- Email: info@forwomenvets.org

2. *Zahara Veterans Network, Inc*: The Zahara Veterans Network was founded by a former Marine officer, Hellena Pugh, because of her own personal struggle when she transitioned out of the military. She established the nonprofit specifically for women veterans. The goal involves the connection of women veterans by ensuring these women do not feel alone in facing the challenges during the transitional period. Women often get lost when talking about veterans. They suffer from traumas similar to their male counterparts. Because the time of transition tends to be an emotional roller coaster, the goal is to ensure that these female vets do not turn to substance use during this period. This nonprofit gives hope to female vets while continuing to create a bond of unity. Located 25 miles from Jacksonville, the agency provides every veteran with successful options post-military career.

- <https://www.zaharavets.org/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ZaharaVets/>



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- 1177-5 Park Avenue, Box #135 Orange Park, Florida 32073
 - Phone: (904) 469-6982
3. *Women's Center of Jacksonville*: The Women's Center of Jacksonville is a nonprofit Jacksonville-based organization offering education, support, and advocacy to survivors of all genders and ages.
- <https://womenscenterofjax.org/>
 - 5644 Colcord Ave. Jacksonville, FL 32211-7017
 - Phone: (904) 722-3000
4. *Hope 4 Veterans*: Provides military women with career readiness/employment, referral, and financial services. The agency empowers military women by bringing them together with projects and events to build confidence and help women with their struggles, including issues such as homelessness, being a single parent, death of a loved one, unemployment, and suicide concerns. The agency also provides financial and employment assistance (such as: Child Care Grants, Transportation Grants, and Basic Needs).
- <https://www.hope4veterans.org/>
 - Phone: (920) 471-2119
 - Hope4veteran@gmail.com
5. *Jacksonville Business Women's Business Center*: Programs designed for women entrepreneurs operating an established business in NE Florida in Duval, Baker, Clay, Nassau, Flagler, St. Johns or Putnam County.
- <https://jaxchamberfoundation.org/jacksonville-womens-business-center/>
 - 3 Independent Drive Jacksonville FL 32202
 - Phone: (904) 366-6633
6. *Military Sisterhood Initiative*: A peer support community of and for women of the military.
- <https://www.militarysisterhoodinitiative.org/>



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7. *VA Women Veterans Healthcare*: Learn more about the changing face of women veterans and what VA is doing to meet their health care needs.
 - www.womenshealth.va.gov
8. *Hubbard House*: Highly-trained advocates are available 24/7 to talk confidentially with anyone experiencing domestic violence, seeking resources or information, or questioning unhealthy aspects of their relationship.
 - <https://www.hubbardhouse.org/gethelp>
 - Phone: (904) 354-3114
 - TTY: (904) 354-3958
 - 24-HOUR TEXTLINE: (904) 210-3698
9. *Quigley House*: Quigley House offers advocacy and empowerment to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and provides community education to heighten awareness. Services include 24-Hour Crisis Hotline; 24-Hour Shelter; Individual, Group, and Child Counseling; Sexual Assault Crisis Center.
 - <https://quigleyhouse.org/services/>
 - 24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 904-284-0061
10. *“Got Your 6” Female Veteran Support Services*: Nonprofit organization designed to assist female veterans with the transition from military to civilian life.
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gotyour6fvss/>
 - Phone: (904) 655-3585
 - Email: gotyour6fvss@gmail.com
11. *Healing Women Healing Nations*: A 501(c)(3) organization located in Jacksonville that provides an all-inclusive approach to assisting female veterans and women successfully navigate their way through adversities by providing them with the necessary tools to become stabilized after trauma.



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- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hwhnfl46/>
- Phone: (904) 370-3549
- Email: hwhnfl@gmail.com

h. K9s for Warriors' National Headquarters: Located 23 miles from Jacksonville. This nonprofit is working to end suicide by pairing veterans with rescue and trained shelter dogs. These service dogs team up with veterans who have service-connected Post-Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury, and/or Military Sexual Trauma.

- <https://www.k9sforwarriors.org/locations>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/K9sforWarriors/>
- Phone: 904-686-1956
- Email: info@k9sforwarriors.org

i. Local Red Cross

1. *Reconnection Workshops:* Jacksonville Red Cross Chapter offers workshops to veterans to help them reintegrate into civilian life. The workshops are facilitated by trained professionals and topics include: Communicating Clearly, Exploring Stress and Trauma, Identifying Depression.

- [https://www.coj.net/getattachment/Departments/Military-and-Veterans-Affairs/JMVC/Veterans/Links/Reconnection-Workshop-General-Flyer-\(2\).pdf.aspx?lang=en-US](https://www.coj.net/getattachment/Departments/Military-and-Veterans-Affairs/JMVC/Veterans/Links/Reconnection-Workshop-General-Flyer-(2).pdf.aspx?lang=en-US)
- For information about the workshops, call the American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces Service Center.
- Phone: (904) 246-1395

2. *Red Cross North Florida Chapter:* The Northeast Florida Chapter provides Disaster Relief/Services (24/7) - information about receiving disaster relief assistance and dispatch; and Military & Service to Armed Forces (24/7) - inquiries about connecting military personnel to family members.

- <https://www.redcross.org/local/florida/north-florida/about-us/locations/northeast-florida.html>



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- 751 Riverside Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32204
 - Phone: (904) 358-8091
- j. **The Veterans Compass:** The Veterans Compass is a consolidated calendar of events for NE Florida veterans. It has links to local services to help veterans find help for a variety of issues. The calendar is a one-stop shop for veterans looking for supportive services in the Jacksonville area.
- <https://theveterancompass.org/>
 - 3801 Crown Point Road, #3081 Jacksonville, FL 32257
 - Phone: (904) 476-7861
- k. **The Mission Continues:** The Mission Continues is a nationally recognized nonprofit with the goal of connecting veterans with under-resourced communities. Veterans often have a tough time transitioning from the bond of service to civilian life. They miss their sense of purpose due to traumatic events that happened during their military career; this path tends to lead them to abusing substances. The Mission Continue mitigates that need with “deploying” veteran volunteers to work along with local nonprofits and community leaders to improve and impact local “at-risk” communities. The Jacksonville Service Platoon currently partners with Mayport Elementary School with the goal to enhance their coastal science education. They also are working with a local women’s shelter in creating a garden as a tool for increasing a safe and calm environment.
- <https://www.missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/Jacksonville/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/themissioncontinuesjacksonville>
- l. **Homeless/Transitional Housing**
1. *Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM):* BEAM is a 501(c)(3) community-based organization serving low-income residents living in Jacksonville’s beach communities and serve residents of the following zip codes; 32233, 32266, 32250, 32082, 32224, and 32227. They rely heavily on community support to assist individuals in times of need. To prevent homelessness, BEAM provides emergency assistance to cover overdue rent and utility payments. To help families struggling with food insecurity, they also operate two client-choice food pantries: Jacksonville Beach and Mayport.



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- <https://www.jaxbeam.org/>
 - 850 6th Avenue S., Ste 400. Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250
 - Phone: (904) 241-2326.
 - Email: info@jaxbeam.org
2. *Liberty Center III*: HUD subsidized, single-room occupancy (SRO) property for homeless women only, transitioning to permanent housing. The centers only accept single women with no children. Monthly rent and deposit are based on the applicant's income. HUD establishes rent and deposit amounts. Women with no income at all are also accepted.
- <https://www.libertycenters.org/liberty-center-iii>
 - Mary Washington-Holmes, 600 N Washington St Jacksonville, FL 32202
 - Phone: (904) 353-1698
 - Email: libertycenters@libertycenters.org
3. *Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP)*: The City of Jacksonville, Military Affairs and Veterans Department (MAVD) houses the HVRP which provides an array of services utilizing a case management approach that directly assists homeless veterans and offers critical access to a variety of local support services. The program is employment focused, and veterans receive the employment and training services they need to re-enter the labor force. Job placement, training, job development, career counseling, and resume preparation are among the services that are provided. Support services such as interview clothing and work tools are made available to participants, as well as referrals to temporary, transitional, and permanent housing, medical and substance abuse treatment, and transportation assistance.
- <https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/homeless-veteran-reintegration-program-hvrp>
 - 117 W Duval St, Suite 175 Jacksonville, FL 32202
 - Phone: (904) 255-5550.



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4. *Trinity Rescue Mission*: Provides emergency services including shelter, hot meals, showers, clean clothing, toiletry/hygiene items, and counseling. Trinity also offers a Women & Children's Center Freedom Farm (a real, working farm located in St. Johns County). In the peaceful and secure environment of Freedom Farm, men come face-to-face with the root causes of their addiction) and other services.
 - <https://trinityrescue.org/>
 - 622 West Union Street Jacksonville, FL 32202
 - Phone: (904) 355-1205
5. *City Rescue Mission, Inc. (CRM)*: A 501(c)(3) corporation that provides food, clothing, shelter, emergency services, and residential recovery programs to homeless men, women, and women with children. CRM exists to transform the lives of the homeless and needy, serving them through the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.
 - <https://www.crmjax.org/>
 - 426 S. McDuff Ave. Jacksonville, FL 32254
 - Phone: 904-387-HELP
6. *Clara White*: Working in partnership with the community to prevent and reduce homelessness through advocacy, housing, job training, and employment.
 - <http://theclarawhitemission.org/>
 - 613 West Ashley Street Jacksonville, FL 32202
 - Phone: (904) 354-4162
 - Fax: (904) 791-4360
7. *Salvation Army Center*: Shelter for the homeless, food for the hungry, and clothing for the poor provided with care and compassion is what The Salvation Army does best.
 - <https://salvationarmyflorida.org/jacksonville-ac/#programs>



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8. *Sulzbacher Center*: Empowers homeless and at-risk women, children, and men through health, housing, and income services thereby restoring hope and self-sufficiency. Sulzbacher provides a continuum of care approach, addressing all aspects of homelessness including housing, income, and health care. Over the more than two decades since the agency opened, the services have grown to include street outreach, primary health, behavioral health and dental care for all ages, permanent housing, job placement, and early learning.
 - Men's Services: Adult Health Center, 611 E. Adams Street Jacksonville, FL 32202; Phone: (904) 359-0457
 - Sulzbacher Village: Women's and Family Services, Pediatric Health Center, Administration & Community Engagement, 5455 Springfield Blvd Jacksonville, FL 32208; Phone: (904) 394-4950
 - Sulzbacher School-Based Health Center: Operated in Partnership with Wolfson's Children's Hospital - Ribault High School, 3701 Winton Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32208; Phone: (904) 924-1624
 - Sulzbacher Beaches: Adult Health Center: <https://sulzbacherjax.org/about/#>; 850 6th Avenue South, Ste. 500 Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250; Phone: (904) 224-3550
9. *Family Promise of Jacksonville*: Family Promise of Jacksonville is a nonprofit, interfaith hospitality network providing temporary assistance, hospitality, and case management for families with children experiencing homelessness. With an 85% success rate of homeless to home transition, Family Promise of Jacksonville is building better communities, one family at a time.
 - <http://familypromisejax.org/>
 - P.O. Box 40363 Jacksonville, FL 32203
 - Phone: (904) 354-1818
 - Email: info@familypromisejax.org.
10. *5 Stars Veterans Center*: The Five Stars Veterans Center services the more than 500 local recorded homeless in the Northeast Florida Region. They offer a 12-18 month on-site program with the goal of successfully reintegrating veterans into the local community. They provide safe housing, health and



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wellness services, family reunification, and educational and job support. The mental health program includes individual counseling, peer-to-peer counseling, and group therapy.

- <https://www.5starveteranscenter.org/>
- 40 Acme St. Jacksonville, FL. 32211
- Phone: (904) 723-5950
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/5StarVeteransCenter>

11. Jacksonville Housing Authority:

- <http://www.jaxha.org>
- 1300 N Broad Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202

m. The Stephen A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone: In 2020, Cohen Veterans Network opened a new mental health clinic in Jacksonville. Because of the pandemic, all services are being offered virtually. They serve all veterans regardless of discharge status with a focus on post 9/11 veterans and their families including active duty military. No patient is turned away because of financial concerns. The goal is to fill the gap in mental health services based on the local communities' large veteran population. The Jacksonville clinic focuses on children and family, counseling, military services, psychiatric care, and social services.

- <https://centerstone.org/locations/?state&service&type&q=Jacksonville%2C%20FL&r=200>
- 7011 A.C. Skinner Parkway Jacksonville, FL 32256
- Phone: (904) 431-3500

n. Rehabilitation Clinics (Inpatient/Outpatient Counseling Services)

1. *Jacksonville Vet Center:* Jacksonville Vet Center provides a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services for veterans, active duty servicemembers, guard and reservists, and families who have earned this no-cost benefit through their service in combat zones.
 - <http://www.vetcenter.va.govVA>



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- 3728 Phillips Highway, Suite 31 Jacksonville, FL 32207. Phone: (904) 399-8351; Fax: 904-399-8355.
- For assistance after hours, weekends, and holidays call: 1-877-WAR-VETS(1-877-927-8387)
- VA Facility Locator: www.va.gov/landing2_locations.htm

o. Support Groups

1. *American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)*: Provides support and resources for right after a suicide, connecting with other survivors, and honoring a loved one.
 - <https://afsp.org/find-support/ive-lost-someone/>
 - Phone: (800) 273-8255 or text TALK to 741741
2. *Trauma and PTSD Support Groups in Northeast Florida*: Link provides Trauma and PTSD support groups in NE FL.
 - <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/groups/trauma-and-ptsd/fl/jacksonville>
 - <https://mhajax.org/wp-content/uploads/SupportGroups.pdf>
3. *Survivors of Suicide*: Founded in 1995, Survivors of Suicide of Northeast Florida (SOS) is a nonprofit organization that provides support to families, friends, and those who have lost a loved one to suicide. The mission is to guide, educate and support survivors through the healing process.
 - Support Group Meetings: SOS meetings are for adults (18 years and older) who have lost a loved one to suicide. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in Jacksonville.
 - <http://www.neflsurvivors.com/home.aspx>
 - Call (904) 868-5156 for meeting location and additional information.
4. *The Vinson Foundation: Helping Families Coping with Suicide Loss*: Offering Support Groups monthly in the Orange Park, Jacksonville, and St. Augustine areas.
 - <https://thevinsonfoundation.org/>



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- 8613 Old Kings Road South Unit 403, Jacksonville, FL 32217
- Support Group Meetings: 904-509-2749
- gloriavinson@comcast.net

p. Educational Resources for Veterans/Active Duty/Spouses/Children

1. *Earned Up*: A collaborative of 25 plus regional partners working together to ensure that all NE FL citizens have the opportunity to obtain a certificate or degree. Specifically, NFMVCN decreases the barriers that prevent veterans from attaining their college degree, by providing information & solutions for military students seeking education and career help. This unique network leverages the incredible value that veterans' leadership, life experience, and maturity bring to the educational environment on our campuses.
 - <https://earnup.org/veterans>
 - 3 Independent Drive Jacksonville, Florida 32202
 - Phone: (798) 0060 ext. 2151
 - Email: admin@earnup.org
2. *Florida State College at Jacksonville*: The Military and Veterans Service Center (MVSC) provides assistance and resource referral services to active military, veterans, and their family members. To better serve you, the MVSC operates on a walk-in basis. Our VA VSOC counselors recommend appointments, but may also be available for walk-ins. Walk-in times posted on the website.
 - <https://www.fscj.edu/military-veterans>
 - Phone: (904) 357-8890
 - Toll Free: (800) 700-2795
 - Email: vets@fscj.edu
3. *Jacksonville University*: Veteran Educational Benefits: All Department of Veterans Affairs chapters and tuition assistance is approved at Jacksonville University. A summary of VA and selected military scholarship opportunities at Jacksonville University are posted on the following website.



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- <https://www.ju.edu/military/benefits-and-aid/benefits.php>
 - Mike Mitchell, Director of the Veteran and Military Resource Center
 - Phone: (904) 256-7638
 - Email: veterans@ju.edu
4. *University of North Florida (UNF): Military and Veterans Resource Center (MVRC):* The MVRC was established in 2009 to serve as the primary point of contact for active duty military, veterans, and their family members on campus. The center is committed to ensuring that military-affiliated students successfully make the transition from the military environment to campus life and are assisted in their progress toward completing their academic degree. The MVRC also serves as a resource to veteran employees, providing guidance and referrals to assist with coaching, mentoring, and integration into the campus community. At this time, due to COVID-19 safety precautions, the MVRC is assisting students by appointment only. Email: mvrvc@unf.edu to schedule an appointment.
- <https://www.unf.edu/military-veterans/>
 - 10 Years *Military Friendly*, Robert Buhen USN (Ret) Director, Military and Veterans Resource Center. 1 UNF Drive, Bldg. 2, Room 1100, Jacksonville, FL 32224
 - (904) 620-5131
 - (904) 620-5900 FAX
 - mvrvc@unf.edu
5. *Edward Waters College Veteran Affairs:* Located inside the Office of the Registrar, the Veterans Services Center's mission is to assist military members, veterans, and dependent students take advantage of the numerous education opportunities by connecting them to their VA Education Benefits and any support services necessary for their academic, professional, and personal success while here at Edward Waters.
- <https://www.ewc.edu/veterans-affairs/>
 - Alise Martin, Coordinator of Student Records and Registration
 - Phone: (904) 470-8194



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6. *Keiser University: Military Benefits Center:* Admissions team dedicated to serving military personnel. Keiser University is committed to helping service members, veterans, and their families obtain their college degree.
 - <https://www.keiseruniversity.edu/military/>
 - Phone: 888-KEISER-9
7. *St. Johns River State College:* The school offers information on VA Benefits on the following website.
 - <http://www.sjrstate.edu/veteransbenefits.html>
 - Financial Aid Office: (386) 312-4040
8. *Nova Southeastern University:* NSU is committed to assisting veterans in taking advantage of their educational benefits and providing them and their families with opportunities for educational and career growth.
 - <https://www.nova.edu/financialaid/veterans/index.html>
 - Phone: (800)541-6682, ext. 27236
 - Email: vabenefits@nova.edu
 - Fax: (954) 262-3966
9. *Florida Coastal School of Law (Coastal Law):* Coastal Law has been designated a 2016 Military Friendly School. Program highlights include, LSAT Prep (with an acceptance guarantee program), AAMPLE (an alternative acceptance program), traditional three-year J.D., two year accelerated J.D., part-time day and evening J.D., and a new, third year at home option. Coastal Law also offers the Yellow Ribbon Program, sponsors a veteran's mentoring program, and has an active student-run military law society that works to discuss the issues that affect the military today and to promote awareness of the relationship between military law, civilian law, and international law.
 - <https://www.fcsl.edu/prospective-students/military-students/>
 - Bridgette Waines, Director of Student Services and Registration.
 - Email: bwaines@fcsl.edu



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10. *Student Veterans of America (SVA)*: Student Veterans of America ensures that student veterans and military-connected students achieve their greatest potential. Held virtually this year, the agency is offering the largest annual convening of post-9/11 veterans in the world. The registration fee is waived for the first 1,000 students.

- <https://studentveterans.org/news/natcon-2021/>

Local Chapters to the Jacksonville area:

- University of North Florida, Meetings are held every other week at Veterans Resource Center, Bldg. 2, Room 1100. unf.sva@outlook.com <https://www.facebook.com/SVAUNF/>; Show your veteran indicator on your Osprey1Card to get a discount!; 10% Off at all Chartwells Locations; 10% Off apparel and gift items at the UNF Bookstore.
- Jacksonville State University: Military and Veteran Resource Center Chapter email: svajsu2017@gmail.com
- Jacksonville University (JU): Jacksonville University Student Veterans of America / Vet Phins Chapter email: sva@jacksonville.edu
- Keiser University-Jacksonville: Keiser University - Jacksonville Campus Chapter Chapter email: svajacksonville@student.keiseruniversity.edu

11. *Fleet Reserve Association 91 Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship*: The FRA Education Foundation makes scholarships available to eligible* full-time students who are U.S. citizens attending accredited colleges and universities in the United States.

- <https://www.fra91.org/ladies-auxiliary/>

q. Military Children Resources

1. *Naval Station Mayport School Liaison Officer*:

- https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/ns_mayport/ffr/child_and_youth_programs/school_liaison.html
- Regional EFM Liaison | Phone: (904) 542-9838
- Installation EFM Liaison | Phone: (904) 270-6600 x1713



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- Military Family Life Consultant | Phone: (904) 738-3657
 - NS Mayport Youth Activity Center | Phone: (904) 270-5680
 - Ombudsmen Phone: (904) 270-6600
2. *Military Child Education Coalition*: Ensures inclusive, quality educational opportunities for all military-connected children affected by mobility, transition, deployments, and family separation.
- <https://www.militarychild.org/>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MilitaryChild>
- r. **Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) Jacksonville**: The CRRC is located directly adjacent to the Clara White Mission in downtown Jacksonville, and it serves as a one-stop shop for veterans who are homeless and at risk of homelessness with one-stop access to community-based, multi agency services to promote permanent housing, health, and mental health care, career development and access to VA and non-VA benefits.
- <https://www.va.gov/homeless/crrc.aspVA>
- s. **Greater Jacksonville Area USO Pathfinder Program**: Supports service members and military spouses as they transition from the military to their future community. Pathfinder Scouts work with service members 12 months before leaving the military and up to 12 months after separation or retirement. Scouts also work with military spouses through any transition during their family's military career. Pathfinder scouts work one-on-one with individuals to identify their personal and professional goals, create an action plan, and get connected to the resources that are the best fit for them, regardless of where they plan to call home.
- <https://jax.uso.org/jax-pathfinder>
- t. **Operation New Uniform, Inc. (ONU)**: ONU trains veterans and their families for fulfilling careers and develop their skills as they grow within an organization. The training program comprehensive training program takes veterans through an in-depth process that starts with challenging old ways of thinking, having the right attitude, and providing the successful behaviors and refined techniques critical to an effective career search. The program escalates through practical application until the final lesson when each veteran stands before a human resource representative and senior executives ready to apply their skills.



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- <https://onuvets.org/>
- 8825 Perimeter Park Blvd., Suite 503 Jacksonville, FL 32216
- Phone: 904.328.1600
- Email: info@ONUvets.org
- u. **American Legion:** America's largest veterans service organization that works every day to uphold time-honored values.
- <https://www.legion.org/>
- All posts within 50 miles of Jacksonville:
 1. Jacksonville, FL Post 197 2179 BENEDICT RD JACKSONVILLE, FL 32209; Phone: 904-768-1206
 2. Kelly J. Mixon, FL Post 9 6242 OLD SOUTEL CT JACKSONVILLE, FL 32219; Phone: 904-516-7717
 3. Lake Shore, FL Post 137 5443 SAN JUAN AVE, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32210; Phone: 904-387-3373; <http://www.post137.com/>
 4. Jacksonville Memorial, FL Post 88 3662 SPRING PARK RD JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207; Phone: 904-396-3754
 5. Walter Jones, FL Post 244, 2309 JERNIGAN RD, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207; Phone: 904-859-6158
 6. Orange Park, FL Post 373 LIONS CLUB, 423 MCINTOSH AVE ORANGE PARK, FL 32073; Phone: 904-272-1619; <http://www.alpost373orangepark.com/>
 7. De Witt B. Tilden Memorial, FL Post 316 1127 ATLANTIC BLVD ATLANTIC BEACH, FL 32233; Phone: 904-249-0202; <https://alpost316fl.org/>
 8. Mandarin Fallen Heroes, FL Post 372 MANDARIN/ST JOHNS ELK LODGE, 4280 OLDFIELD CROSSING DR, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32223; Phone: 904-297-8344; <https://www.mandarinpost372.org/>
 9. Jim J. Gilleo, FL Post 283 9459 FT CAROLINE RD, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32225; Phone: 904-641-8111; <http://www.floridalegion283.org/>



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10. Middleburg, FL Post 250 2608 BLACK CREEK DR, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068; Phone: 904-282-3766
11. Ocean Beaches, FL Post 129 1151 4TH ST S, JACKSONVILLE BCH, FL 3225; Phone: 904-249-2266; <https://www.post129.org/>
12. Lonnie Blair, FL Post 83 150 S LOWDER ST, MACCLENNY, FL 32063; Phone: 904-259-6305
13. Palm Valley, FL Post 233 560 N WILDERNESS TRL, ONTE VEDRA BCH, FL 32082; Phone: 904-285-2484; <http://www.al233fl.org/>
14. Captain Cuyler Walter Hilliard, FL Post 401 37405 HENRY SMITH RD, HILLIARD, FL 32046; Phone: 904-845-7300
15. Theodore H. Hernandez, Inc., FL Post 54 626 S 3RD ST, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 3203; Phone: 904-261-7900
16. Robinson Jenkins De Sue, FL Post 314 810 CONNIE ST, STARKE, FL 32091; Phone: 904-964-4782
17. Jones-langford-White, FL Post 56 715 W EDWARDS RD, STARKE, FL 32091; Phone: 904-769-1221
18. Keystone-melrose, FL Post 202 7441 STATE ROAD 21, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 3265; Phone: 352-473-2503; <http://www.kmalpost202.com/index2.html>
19. Alton Green Memorial, FL Post 194 1029 W PEARL ST, SAINT AUGUSTINE, FL 32084; Phone: 904-829-8189; <https://www.falpost194.com/>
20. Woodworth-Webb, FL Post 293 145 S COUNTY ROAD 315, INTERLACHEN, FL 32148; Phone: 386-972-0800
21. Bert Hodge, FL Post 45 ADJUTANT MBRSP, 316 OSCEOLA ST, PALATKA, FL 32177; Phone: 386-328-6976; <https://www.post45palatka.com/>
22. Walker-browning, FL Post 102 104 E LATTIN ST, HASTINGS, FL 32145; Phone: 904-692-2063



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- v. Filipino American Veterans Society:** The Filipino American Veterans Society, Inc. is open to all military members active, reserve, retired, veterans, and their surviving spouse or child of the US Armed Forces.

1. <https://www.facebook.com/FAVS-Filipino-American-Veterans-Society-251320734802/>

- w. Fleet Reserve Association 91:** The Fleet Reserve is the oldest/largest association representing enlisted Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel. Association 91 is located in Jacksonville.

1. <https://www.fra91.org/>

2. 5391 Collins Road Jacksonville, FL 32244

3. Phone: 904-264-2833

- x. Military Officers Association Of America (MOAA) Northeast Florida:** MOAA is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization, widely acclaimed as the leading voice in congress on compensation and earned benefit concerns for all members of the military community.

1. <https://moaafl.org/Chapters/NEFLMOAA/>

2. P.O. Box 442022 Jacksonville, FL 32222-2022

- y. Association Of US Military Veterans:** The Association of US Military Veterans (AoUSMV), was founded in 2008 and has consistently grown over the years supporting veterans looking for work across America. In 2012, the agency began working with the City of Jacksonville Military Affairs Division and the Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition (JMVC) Jobs for Vets program assisting veterans looking for work.

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AoUSMV/>

- Phone: (904) 701-3397

- z. Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Pride Day Event:** CPO Pride Day web page. Date for FY21 CPO Pride Day is currently TBD.

1. <http://www.cpopridedayjax.com/index.html>

2. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CPOPrideDayJacksonville/>



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aa. Mow Journey: Mow Journey is an organization dedicated to serving the families of deployed military service members. They service lawns during deployment at no cost.

1. <https://mowjourney.com/>

ab. STEM Veterans USA: Nonprofit focused on networking veterans in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields with opportunity through internship, scholarship, research, and networking.

- <http://www.stemvetsusa.org/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stemvetsusa/>

ac. Veterans of Foreign Wars: Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary has 470,000 members in more than 3,700 auxiliaries nationwide who volunteer millions of hours and fundraise millions of dollars for charitable projects that benefit veterans, military service personnel, and their families.

1. Post 11406 Oceanway Post, 12709 Magnolia Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32218-2608, United States; Phone: (904) 530-0839;
 - Meeting Location & Time: 12709 Magnolia Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32218, United States; 7:00 pm 2nd Thursday
2. Post 4761 General Daniel “Chappie” James Post; 3576 Torre Grande Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32257; Phone: (904) 707-5316
 - Meeting Location & Time: 1601 Main St N, Jacksonville, FL 32206, United States; 6:00 pm 1st Thursday
3. Post 7909 Wesconnett Post, 6204 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32244-2814; Phone: (904) 778-7909;
 - Meeting Location & Time: 6204 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32244; 7:00 pm 2nd Tuesday
4. Post 1689 Charles E. Bennett Post, 3409 Saint Augustine Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32207-5561, United States; Phone: (904) 399-1689
 - Meeting Location & Time: 3409 Saint Augustine Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32207-5561, United States; 12:00 pm 2nd Sunday



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5. Post 3270 Greater Beaches Post, 915 8th Ave S, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250, United States; Phone: (904) 249-7366

- Meeting Location & Time: 915 8th Ave S, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250; 7:00 pm 2nd Wednesday

ad. Disabled American Veterans (DAV): DAV is a nonprofit charity that provides a lifetime of support for veterans and their families. Navigating the resources available to veterans can be confusing, but DAV believes no veteran should have to go it alone. The site provides links to tools and resources that can help ease the process of attaining earned benefits, coping with the lasting effects of service-connected injuries, and finding programs and services that meet the needs specific to each veterans' needs.

1. <https://www.dav.org/veterans/resources>
2. VA Regional Office: Bay Pines, FL 33744
3. Phone: (727) 319-7444

ae. Veteran Local Benefits

1. *Discounted/Free Hunting and Fishing License:*
 - Disabled Florida Resident Veterans are able to obtain a hunting and fishing license at no-cost. The license may be valid for 2 years or 5 years, depending on the qualifying documentation used when applying.
 - <https://myfwc.com/license/accessibility/hunt-fish/>
 - Office of Licensing and Permitting, P.O. Box 6150 Tallahassee FL 32314-6150
 - Military/Disabled Veteran Event License Exemption Permit: For those organizing an event is geared towards rehabilitation of disabled veterans, active duty or reserve members. The permit will exempt qualified event participants from hunting and fishing license requirements while participating in the event. Military/Disabled Veteran Event License Exemption Permits
 - Military Gold Sportsman's License: Available to Florida residents who are active duty or retired military members. It includes the Hunting, Saltwater Fishing and Freshwater Fishing licenses; and the Deer, Wildlife



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Management Area, Archery, Muzzle loading Gun, Crossbow, Turkey, Florida Waterfowl, Snook and Lobster permits.

- The license does not include tarpon tags, alligator trapping licenses, limited entry hunt permits, migratory bird permit, or the federal duck stamp.
 - <https://www.gooutdoorsflorida.com/>
2. *Free Driver's License for Disabled Veterans:* Under section 322.21, Florida Statutes, veterans with a 100 percent service-connected disability are eligible for a no-fee driver's license, with endorsements, or an identification card. The same veterans are also entitled to a no-fee veteran's designation on their driver's license or ID card. The "veteran" designation can be used to show proof of status for discounts at participating merchants.
 - Select County of Residence on how to obtain a license: <https://www.flhsmv.gov/locations/>
 3. *Florida Parks Discounts:* 25% discount on Annual Entrance Passes for active duty and honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve units of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard. Proof of identification, military status, and honorable discharge (for retired military and veterans) are required.
 - <https://www.floridastateparks.org/learn/florida-state-parks-annual-pass>
 4. *Commission as a Notary Public:* The usual fee shall not be required for the issuance of a commission as a Notary Public to a veteran who served during a period of wartime service, and who has been rated 50% or more for service-connected disability. Other fees may apply.
 - <https://law.justia.com/codes/florida/2019/title-x/chapter-117/part-i/section-117-01/>
 5. *Disabled Veterans Toll Permit Form:* Disabled veterans can use this form to receive a Disabled Toll Permit for toll roads in Florida.
 - <https://disabled-toll-permit.pdfFiller.com/>



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af. Jacksonville Churches with Veteran Specific Programs

1. *St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church*: The church has a monthly group that meets specifically for those who have served in any branch of the military. For more information please contact Athena Tickner at athena.tickner@gmail.com or Alyssa Kyritsis, at pastoral.assistant@stjohnthedivine.com.
 - <https://www.stjohnthedivinejax.org/ministries/veterans-ministry>
 - 12760 Beach Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32246
 - Phone: (904) 396-5383
2. *North Jax Baptist Church*: The church has a military-minded ministry called Adullam. The program is run by active duty and veterans. The goal is to provide support for single service members living away from family, supporting deployed members, providing counseling, and care packages. The website provides a contact form for more information.
 - <https://www.njbc.org/military/>
 - 8531 N. Main St. Jacksonville, FL 32218
3. *Military Independent Baptist Churches*: These churches are located on military bases throughout the world. The goal is to provide military men and women a website to find a new church whenever they move to their next duty station. The following churches are located in the Jacksonville area.
 - <https://www.militaryindependentbaptistchurches.com/NAVY-BASES>
 - Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida: www.thebereanbaptistchurch.com
 - Berean Baptist Church, Pastor Neal Phone: (904) 264-5333
 - Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida: www.victoryministry.com
 - Pastor Martin Masitto Phone: (904) 764-7781
4. *Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church*: This church offers a base Bible study for active duty members. They have many military members attend the church and offer support to local active duty members.
 - <https://www.victorychapeljax.com/ministries>



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