



SAFEProject's **VETERANS** **RESOURCE GUIDE**

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA



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, a national nonprofit committed to overcoming substance dependence in the United States.

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 founded the organization in 2017 following the loss of their 19-year-old son, Jonathan, to an accidental opioid overdose.

Learn more at [**https://www.safeproject.us**](https://www.safeproject.us)

About Walmart

In 2017, Walmart established the Walmart Opioid Stewardship Initiative to identify concrete, high-impact actions to help fight the opioid epidemic. The Initiative focuses on supporting solutions in three core areas: Stewardship, Education, and Advocacy.

To learn more about Walmart’s opioid stewardship efforts, visit:

[**https://corporate.walmart.com/opioids.**](https://corporate.walmart.com/opioids)

WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA!



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 need: Few prevention programs address this concern and prepare the service member or their family with tools to prevent substance use disorders or mental health conditions.

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 use disorders.

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 PHILADELPHIA!



The State of Pennsylvania hosts nearly 1 million veterans and their families. The state strives to provide quality care to all veterans. There are a wide range of federal, state, and county benefits available to qualified veterans and their families.

One of the nation's most iconic cities, Philadelphia, has been important for the U.S. military since the forming of the nation. The city is home to the Liberty Bell and hosted the site of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Philadelphia, the "City of Brotherly Love," continues to encompass a large portion of the veteran population in the state. Philadelphia veterans have access to a list of benefits and support earned by their service to the country. The benefits range from health services, housing assistance, and psychological help, along with employment/networking opportunities.





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.

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.

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 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



LOCAL RESOURCES

NATIONAL RESOURCES:

- 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/>
- Transition from Military to Civilian Life: <https://www.va.gov/vetsinworkplace/training/EAP/resources/resources.htm>
- eBenefits is the gateway to Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>

- ii. **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>
- <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. 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>
- v. **Operation Homefront:** This 15-year non-profit offers 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/>

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>



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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/>

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 resilient military spouses focuses on “10 Things Strong Military Spouses Do Differently”.

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



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iii. 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>

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 the 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/#licensefinder>



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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 career progression.

- <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/>

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.veterans.gov/milspouses/>

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.veterans.gov/milspouses/>

xii. VA Military Spouse Recruitment: <https://study-education.com/federal-jobs-for-veterans-spouses/>

xiii. 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://socialimpact.linkedin.com/programs/veterans>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

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



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- 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/>
- 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/>



NATIONAL RESOURCES

OPERATION HOMEFRONT:

This 15-year non-profit offers 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/>

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/>

iii. VA Caregiver Support Program: Family care givers, 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 focuses on questions that military personnel often ask, concerning treatment resources, disclosure and staying healthy during the transition to civilian life.



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- 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/Your-Journey/Veterans-Active-Duty>
- v. Online Support Groups (Social Platforms):** Military Spouse Mental Health Support Group on Facebook is geared towards providing mental health support for a spouse with mental health challenges or needs help supporting others.
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/341538876521018>

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 individuals could be a danger to themselves 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 the 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 may vary. Find a 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/Airman-and-Family/Key-Spouse-Program/>
 - Navy Ombudsman Program:
https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/ffr/family_readiness/fleet_and_family_support_program/work-and-family-life/ombudsman_program.html



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- Army Soldier, Family and Spouse Services:
<http://www.myarmyonesource.com/default.aspx>
- 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/>

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

- Everything is anonymous.
- (800) 227-4460
- 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/>



NATIONAL RESOURCES

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://www.unitedway.org/#>

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

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



NATIONAL RESOURCES

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
- (858) 755-3006
- 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

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF BLACK VETERANS NETWORK:

The National Federation of Black Veterans Network is a non-profit organization committed to offering an alternative avenue to honor and support veterans of color. Since the Revolutionary War, African Americans have served and risked their lives in defense for the United States of America. Many stories go untold and lives forgotten. It is the belief that acknowledgement, support, and recognition of veterans are productive ways to honor their service. The National Federation of Black Veterans Network was founded in 2008 and operates in Philadelphia, PA. The goal is to help veterans reintegrate and establish economic self-sufficiency. Another objective is to utilize veterans by reinvesting into the local neighborhoods using community service initiatives.

- <https://nabvets.weebly.com/>
- Phone: (215) 533-2983
- P.O. Box 29768, Elkins Park, PA 19027



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WOMEN VETS ROCK:

Women Veterans ROCK! is a coalition of Women Veteran Organizations & Women Advocacy Organizations Engaging and Empowering America's Military women.

- <https://womenvetsrock.org/>
- Email: Info@WomenVetsRock.org
- Phone: (215) 836-4262 7782
- Crittenden Street - Unit 27774, Philadelphia, PA 19118-0774

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

i. VA Education Programs:

- <https://www.va.gov/education/>
- GI Bill Hotline: 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551)
- Students Outside the U.S.: (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: (888) 294-8560 or (301) 294-8560
- Fax: (301) 294-8562



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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 (FoH): 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.

- <https://foldsofhonor.org/>

vii. Vietnam Veterans Car Donation Program: Car donation benefitting Vietnam Veterans. Vietnam Veterans of America is chartered by Congress and has been supporting our dedicated Veterans and their families for over 30 years. Site provides contact information for those wishing to donate their vehicle.

- (800) 435-7838
- <http://vietnamveteranscardonation.org/>



LOCAL RESOURCES

STATE OF PA VETERAN RESOURCES

- i. **Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA):** Pennsylvania's Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) has a dual mission: provide quality service to the commonwealth's veterans and their families through supervision of County Veteran Affairs offices (every County is required by Pennsylvania Law to have a Veteran Affairs office and each office usually is staffed by Veteran Service Officers) and oversee and support the members of the Pennsylvania National Guard (PNG).
 - <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/>
 - PDF Booklet of breakdown of all Veteran Resources in PA: <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Documents/Benefits-Booklet.pdf>
 - Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs, Bldg. 0-47, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003-5002
1. **Veterans Resource Online Directory:** Offers a list of resources of potentially helpful links for veterans. It ranges from career info, disability, education, employment, financial assistance, military and miscellaneous information all to promote veteran affairs in the state of PA.
 - <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Pages/Programs%20and%20Services/Veterans-Resource-Online-Directory.aspx>
2. **DMVA-Specific COVID-19 Updates:** The health and safety of Pennsylvania service members, veterans and their families is a top priority for the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA). DMVA has developed a list of resources related specifically to COVID-19 Updates.
 - <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>
3. **Pennsylvania Veterans Registry:** Online application that allows veterans, family members and caregivers to connect with the DMVA and request information related to state benefits, programs and services. It was created with the idea that the DMVA can achieve a higher level of communication with veterans and the partners that support them. Link provides direct access to the form.
 - <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Pages/Outreach-and-Reintegration/PennsylvaniaVeteransRegistry.aspx>



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4. Educational Benefits

Military Family Education Program: House Bill 1324, known as the Pennsylvania GI Bill, was signed in to law July 1, 2019. The bill authorized the Military Family Education Program (MFEP) which allows spouses and children of Pennsylvania National Guard members to attend college at no or reduced cost.

- <https://www.pa.ng.mil/education/Military-Family-Education-Program/>
- Phone: (717) 861-2434
- Bldg. 9-54, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003

Pennsylvania Veterans Educational Gratuities: Educational Gratuities program provides financial assistance to children of honorably discharged veterans who have service-connected disabilities and served during period of war or armed conflict or children of veterans who die or died in service during a period of war or armed conflict. Contact the County Veterans Affairs Director in the county you reside to apply for this program.

- <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Pages/Programs%20and%20Services/Educational-Gratuities-Program.aspx>

Pennsylvania National Guard Education Assistance Program: The Pennsylvania National Guard Education Assistance Program offers up to 10 semesters free college at a state school for National Guard members who execute a six-year contract.

- <https://www.pa.ng.mil/education/Education-Assistance-Program/>
- Phone: (717) 861-2434
- Bldg. 9-54, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003

Pennsylvania “Operation Recognition” Diplomas: “Operation Recognition” is a state law that authorizes school districts to grant a high school diploma to any honorably discharged veteran who served in the United States military during World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War.



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- *How to apply:* To be awarded through Operation Recognition, interested veterans should submit proof of their honorary discharge from the armed services and proof they were a student in either PA high schools during the times specified for either World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, to the Superintendent's Office. The Superintendent's Office will verify applicants' status as a student during the years specified for military services. Contact your local Superintendent's Office for more information.

Pennsylvania Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program: This program honors individuals who lost their lives protecting the citizens of Pennsylvania by helping their children fund their education. The Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program (PEGP) provides a waiver for tuition, fees and on-campus room and board costs charged by public postsecondary institutions. This waiver applies only to charges that remain after all other grants (federal, state and outside scholarships) have been applied to the student's account.

- <https://www.pheaa.org/>
- Phone: (800) 692-7392

Pennsylvania State Grant Program: The Pennsylvania state grant program has helped veterans finance post-secondary education. The program considers all veterans without regard to the financial status of their family. The number of money applicants can expect to receive is based on the individual financial situations as well as the type of school attended in Pennsylvania.

- <https://www.pheaa.org/grants/state-grant-program/>
- Phone: (800) 692-7392

Pennsylvania Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children: It is the purpose of this compact to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents by:

- Facilitating the timely enrollment of children of military families and ensuring that they are not placed at a disadvantage due to difficulty in the transfer of educational records from the previous school district or variations in entrance or age requirements.



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- Facilitating the student placement process through which children of military families are not disadvantaged by variations in attendance requirements, scheduling, sequencing, grading, course content or assessment
- Facilitating the qualification and eligibility for enrollment, educational programs and participation in extracurricular academic, athletic and social activities
- Facilitating the on-time graduation of children of military families
- Providing for the promulgation and enforcement of administrative rules implementing the provisions of this compact
- Providing for the uniform collection and sharing of information between and among member states, schools and military families under this compact
- Promoting coordination between this compact and other compacts affecting military children
- Promoting flexibility and cooperation between the educational system, parents and the student in order to achieve educational success for the student

For information about the Military Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children in Pennsylvania, please contact the PDE MIC3 Coordinator:

- Barbara Clemmer, State Compact Commissioner, (717) 425-5728. Email: baclemmer@pa.gov, <https://mic3.net/state/pennsylvania/>
- <https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Military%20Family%20Education%20Support/Pages/default.aspx>

5. Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs FB Group:
Option to sign up and register on the FB page. Also provides ways to contact the agency. Up to date resources and links for veterans and their families.

- https://www.facebook.com/padmva/?ref=page_internal



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6. PA Financial Assistance

PA Property Tax Exemption: A disabled veteran in Pennsylvania may receive a full property tax exemption on his/her primary residence if the veteran is 100 percent disabled (total and permanent) as a result of wartime service. To be eligible a veteran must prove financial need, which according to the state is income less than \$92,594. Veterans whose income exceeds that value may still be eligible.

- <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Pages/Programs%20and%20Services/Real-Estate-Tax-Exemption.aspx>

Veterans Emergency Assistance: Provides financial aid in an emergency and temporary basis (not to exceed three months in a 12-month period) to veterans, their widows, infant children or dependents who reside in Pennsylvania for the necessities of life (food, dairy, shelter, fuel and clothing). An honorably discharged veteran must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during established war service dates or during peacetime hostile fire or terrorist attack as determined by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Upon the recent death of a veteran, his widow or orphan children are eligible provided the veteran would have qualified prior to his/her death.

- <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Pages/Programs%20and%20Services/Veterans-Temporary-Assistance.aspx>

Blind Veterans Pension: Provides for a pension of \$150.00 per month for a person who served in the military or naval forces of the United States, or women's organization officially connected therewith, who gave the commonwealth as his/her place of residence when entering the military and while performing duties connected with the service, suffered an injury or incurred a disease which resulted in loss of vision. Provides for a pension of \$150.00 per month for any person separated under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces of the United States, who gave the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as his or her place of residence at time of entering the military or naval forces of the United States and who currently resides in Pennsylvania.

- <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Pages/Programs%20and%20Services/Blind-Veterans-Pension.aspx>



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Paralyzed Veterans Pension: A pension of \$150.00 per month for honorably discharged veterans who suffered a service connected injury or disease which resulted in the loss or loss of use of two or more extremities (arms/hands or legs/feet).

- <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Pages/Programs%20and%20Services/Amputee-and-Paralyzed-Pension.aspx>

Active Duty Personal Income Tax Information: Active duty military pay is not subject to PA personal income tax if earned by a PA resident serving full-time active duty or federal active duty for training outside the state. However, other income earned, received or realized is taxable.

- <https://www.revenue.pa.gov/FormsandPublications/FormsforIndividuals/PIT/Documents/rev-612.pdf>

The Pennsylvania Military Family Relief Assistance Program (MFRAP): The Pennsylvania Military Family Relief Assistance Program (MFRAP) provides financial assistance, in the form of grants, to eligible Pennsylvania service members and their eligible family members. Eligible members must have a direct and immediate financial need as a result of circumstances beyond their control. The amount of a grant is based on documented financial need up to a maximum of \$3,500.

- <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Pages/Programs%20and%20Services/Military-Family-Relief-Assistance-Program.aspx> Phone: (717) 861-8452

- Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Bldg. 0-47, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003-5002

7. State Veteran Homes: Located throughout the state, the homes accommodate veterans and their spouses care based on varying levels to meet personal health care needs.

- <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/paveteranshomes/Eligibility/Pages/default.aspx>
- Phone: (800) 547-2838



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DMVA Bureau of Veterans Homes:

- <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/paveteranshomes/Pages/default.aspx>
- Bldg 0-47, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003

The following are the sites for Veterans Homes:

- [Pennsylvania State Veterans Home at Erie](#)
- [Pennsylvania State Veterans Home at Hollidaysburg](#)
- [Pennsylvania State Veterans Home at Philadelphia](#)
- [Pennsylvania State Veterans Home at Pittsburgh](#)
- [Pennsylvania State Veterans Home at Scranton](#)
- [Pennsylvania State Veterans Home at Spring City](#)

8. Pennsylvania Veteran Employment Benefits

Veteran Employment Benefits: Honorably discharged veterans who served on active duty after August 2, 1990, spouses of disabled veterans and surviving spouses of disabled veterans can get 10 additional points on their test scores for state employment.

- <https://www.scsc.pa.gov/veterans/Pages/default.aspx>
- For additional information related to veterans' preference including documentation required to obtain veterans' preference and where to submit documentation, please refer to employment.pa.gov.
- Phone: (717) 783-6655

Pennsylvania State Employee Leave of Absence for Military Duty: State employees receive 15 days paid military leave per year. In addition, they are entitled to an unpaid leave of absence from their respective duties without loss of seniority or efficiency rating on all days in excess of 15 days per year during which they shall be engaged in training or other military duty under orders authorized by Federal or State law.

- https://www.oa.pa.gov/Policies/md/Documents/530_26.pdf



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Pennsylvania Employee Re-employment following Emergency or Military Duty: Upon completion of emergency or military duty, any member of the Pennsylvania National Guard or any other Reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces shall be restored by his/her employer to their previous employment position and status, or a position of similar seniority, status and pay which was held prior to the service member's deployment or mobilization. If the service member is not qualified to perform the duties of such position due to disability sustained during mobilization or deployment, but otherwise qualified to perform the duties of any other position in the employ of his/her former employer, then a position in which he/she is qualified to perform with like seniority and pay (or the closest approximation thereof consistent with the case) shall be offered.

- https://www.oa.pa.gov/Policies/md/Documents/530_26.pdf

Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act: Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) protects civilian job rights and benefits for veterans and members of reserve components. USERRA also makes major improvements in protecting service member rights and benefits by clarifying the law, improving enforcement mechanisms and adding Federal Government employees to those employees already eligible to receive the Department of Labor assistance in processing claims.

- <https://www.palawhelp.org/resource/your-rights-under-userra-the-uniformed-service>

ii. **U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) PA Locations:** Includes Veterans Health Administrations, Veterans Benefits Administration and National Cemetery Administrations. Links to all information found on page.

- <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?STATE=PA>

iii. **National Resource Directory:** Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Resource that serves as an advocate to PA military community, including installations, personnel and resources from all branches of service located in the commonwealth.

- <https://nrd.gov/resource/detail/21076572/Pennsylvania+Department+of+Military+%26+Veterans+Affairs>



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- iv. **PA Burials and Memorials:** Please note that preference regarding burial in a national cemetery and use of a headstone provided by VA should be documented and kept with veteran paperwork and medical records. Eligibility for interment in the State Veterans Cemetery follows National Cemetery Administration eligibility requirements.

- <https://www.cem.va.gov/resources.asp>

National Cemeteries include:

- Annville: Indiantown Gap National Cemetery
- Bridgeville: National Cemetery of the Alleghenies
- Carlisle: Ashland Cemetery Soldiers' Lot
- Newtown: Washington Crossing National Cemetery
- Philadelphia: Mount Moriah Cemetery Naval Plot
- Philadelphia: Mount Moriah Cemetery Soldiers' Lot
- Philadelphia: Philadelphia National Cemetery
- Pittsburgh: Allegheny Cemetery Soldiers' Lot
- York: Prospect Hill Cemetery Soldiers' Lot (PA)

v. **Recreation**

- a. **Hunting/Fishing/Trapping License for Disabled Veterans:** Wartime veterans with a 100% disability rating may be eligible for free hunting, fishing and trapping licenses. Veterans with a 60 – 90% disability rating can get a reduced-fee license.

- https://www.fishandboat.com/Fish/FishingLicense/Documents/fact_disabled_lic.pdf

- b. **Active Duty Hunting & Fishing:** Residents home on leave can get a free fishing license and reduced-fee hunting license. Non-residents stationed in Pennsylvania can get a fishing license for the resident rate.

- https://www.fishandboat.com/Fish/FishingLicense/Documents/fact_disabled_lic.pdf



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PHILADELPHIA/TRI-STATE RESOURCES

i. Department of Veteran Affairs

- a. Philadelphia VA Regional Office & Insurance Center (VAROIC):** The Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office & Insurance Center (VAROIC) in Philadelphia is one of 58 offices throughout the country dedicated to serving veterans and their dependents. They process claims for compensation, pension, death benefits, vocational rehabilitation & employment and life insurance. They also help veterans apply for education benefits and home loans. The VAROIC also hosts nationwide call centers for both Insurance and Pension Management and are one of eight national call centers for other Veterans benefits.

- <https://www.vba.va.gov/ro/philly/>
- Phone: (800) 827-1000
- 5000 Wissahickon Ave Philadelphia, PA 19144

- b. Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VAMC:** The Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center (CMCVAMC) provides health care to veterans living in America's sixth-largest metropolitan area, including the city of Philadelphia and six surrounding counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey. The CMCVAMC is part of the VA Healthcare Network - VISN4 and serves as an acute referral center for VA health care facilities in eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and Southern New Jersey.

- <https://www.Philadelphia.va.gov/>
- 3900 Woodland Avenue Philadelphia , PA 19104
- Phone: (215) 823-5800 | (800) 949-1001
- Telephone Care: (215) 823-4133 option 8, (800) 949-1001
- Available 24 hours / Seven days per week

c. Additional Local VA Clinics

1. *Burlington County VA Clinic:* 3000 Lincoln Drive, Suite E Marlton, NJ 08053-1500; Phone: (844) 441-5499



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2. *Camden VA Clinic*: 300 South Broadway Suite 103 Camden, NJ 08103-1210; Phone: (215) 823-5240
3. *Gloucester County VA Clinic*: 211 County House Road Sewell, NJ 08080-2525; Phone: (877) 823-5230
4. Victor J. Saracini Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic: 433 Caredean Drive Horsham, PA 19044-1396; Phone: (215) 823-6050
5. West Philadelphia VA Clinic: 6232 Market Street Suite 100 Philadelphia, PA 19139-2922; Phone: (215) 222-7540

d. Philadelphia Vet Center - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs:

- 801 Arch St Ste 502 Philadelphia, PA 19107
- Phone: (215) 627-0238

e. Veteran Canteen Services (VCS): Established in 1946, Veterans Canteen Service (VCS) was created to provide articles of merchandise and services at reasonable prices to veterans enrolled in the VA healthcare system, caregivers and visitors. Since its conception, VCS' mission continues, incorporating a strategic veteran-centric approach emphasizing the importance of service to veterans and supporting VA's overall mission. VCS provides retail, food, coffee and vending services across the country.

- <https://shopvcs.va.gov/>
- Phone: (215) 823-5107
- 3900 Woodland Ave Philadelphia, PA 19104

f. Veterans Service Organizations at the Philadelphia Regional Office

1. *Adjutant General of Veterans Affairs*: (215) 381-3040
2. *American Legion National*: (215) 381-3022
3. *American Legion State*: (215) 381-3032
4. *AMVETS*: (215) 381-3294
5. *Blinded Veterans Association*: (215) 381-3066



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6. *Disabled American Veterans*: (215) 381-3065
7. *Jewish War Veterans*: (215) 381-3140
8. *Marine Corps League*: (215) 381-3129
9. *Paralyzed Veterans of America*: (215) 381-3057
10. *United Spinal Association*: (215) 381-3037
11. *Veterans of Foreign Wars*: (215) 381-3123
12. *Vietnam Veterans of America*: (215) 381-3129

ii. Nonprofits

- a. Veterans Multi-Service Center:** Veterans Multi-Service Center (VMC) exists solely to “serve those who served” this great nation, the U.S. veteran. Mission: To provide services, programs, opportunity and advancement to veterans of the U.S. military and their families. Geographic areas served: Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Northern Delaware.

- <https://www.vmcenter.org/>
- FB: <https://www.facebook.com/VeteranCenter>
- Phone: (215) 925-8460
- 213-217 N. 4th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

- b. Armed Forces Veterans:** Armed Forces Veterans is a volunteer-led 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization providing aid and comfort to the men and women of the United States Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and their families.

- Free food to veterans and their families and distribution of related goods and services.
- Periodic general merchandise donation to Veterans and their families.
- Periodic donation of basic necessities such as canned food, toiletries etc.



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- Clothing for veterans whose service connected prosthetic devices or topical medications, tend to destroy clothing.
 - Eligibility for service connected with disabilities is based on disability, wartime service and certain income criteria.
 - Entitlement based on disability incurred in or aggravated by military service
 - Disabilities are rated according to severity, with compensation increasing as the percentage of disability rises.
 - Service-connection of certain disabilities is presumed under certain circumstances.
 - <https://www.armedforcesveterans.org/>
 - FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/afveterans>
 - Phone: (339) 645-4827 or (339) MILITARY
 - P.O.Box 16066,Philadelphia, PA 19114-0066.
- c. AMVETS:** Veteran service organization with Veteran Service Officers that assists veterans in resolving compensation claims.
- <https://www.amvetspa.com/Philadelphia>

Local Offices:

- AMVETS: 512 W Ruscomb St Philadelphia, PA 19120; Phone: (215) 324-4114
- AMVETS Post 100: 4009 O St. Philadelphia, PA 19124; Phone: (215) 288-2250
- AMVETS: 5000 Wissahickon Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19144; Phone: (267) 394-7131



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d. Philadelphia Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA):

The Military Officers Association of America is a professional association of United States military officers. It is a nonprofit organization that advocates for a strong national defense but is politically nonpartisan. The association supports government policies that benefit military members and their families.

- <https://chapterdues.moaa.org/Philadelphia>
- 1911 E Huntingdon St. Philadelphia, PA 19125-1109

e. Veterans of Foreign of Wars (VFW): The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is a nonprofit veterans service organization of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces.

Local Posts in Philadelphia

- Michael J Crescenz MOH Rising Sun VFW Post 2819: 6850 Martins Mill Rd. Philadelphia, PA 19111; Phone: (215) 728-5959; <http://risingsunvfwpost2819.org/>
- VFW: 828 S Front St, Philadelphia, PA 19147; Phone: (215) 468-9478
- VFW: 4638 Richmond St. Philadelphia, PA 19137; Phone: (215) 537-0187; <http://veterans-wars-Philadelphia.edan.io/>
- VFW: 5212 Race St. Philadelphia, PA 19139; Phone: (215) 474-8000
- VFW Post 3610: 3270 Frankford Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19134; Phone: (215) 291-9660
- VFW: 6850 Martins Mill Rd. Philadelphia, PA 19111; Phone: (215) 728-9376
- Parkway Memorial VFW Post: 757 N 24th St, Philadelphia, PA 19130; Phone: (215) 236-2823
- Captain Robert Treswell VFW: 2033 N 33rd St. Philadelphia, PA 19121; Phone: (215) 236-2505
- VFW: 320 River Rd. Gladwyne, PA 19035; Phone: (610) 649-4262
- VFW: 11007 Philmont Pl. Philadelphia, PA 19116; Phone: (215) 676-9288



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- f. The American Legion:** The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in the communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security and continued devotion to fellow service members and veterans.

- http://www.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=MYLEPOST+webtrn=wr_editlcr+ml=LANSA:XHTML+partition=TAL+language=ENG

The posts within 50 miles of Philadelphia:

- Mid-city-Variety, PA Post 166, 802 Tomlinson Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19116; Phone: (267) 252-5475
- Philadelphia Police, PA Post 937, 8601 Alicia St, Philadelphia, PA 19115; Phone: (215) 677-1147
- Pennypack, Inc., PA Post 800, Wayne Foerlich, 152 Hershel St, Feasterville, Trevoise, PA 19053; Phone: (267) 782-5986; <https://www.alpennypackpost800.org/>
- Bustleton Memorial, Inc., PA Post 810, 9151 Old Newtown Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19115; Phone: (215) 969-9437; <http://www.alpost810.org/>
- Philadelphia Firefighters, PA Post 686, 853 Glenn St, Philadelphia, PA 19115; Phone: (215) 219-1737
- Robert W. Ernest, PA Post 120, 8100 Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19152; Phone: (215) 673-3604
- William D. Oxley, Inc., PA Post 133, 4637 Decatur St, Philadelphia, PA 19136; Phone: (215) 332-2457; <https://www.theoxleypost.org/>
- Charles P. Mc menamy, Inc., PA Post 178, 8041-43 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19136; Phone: (215) 332-2992
- Corp. John Loudenslager, PA Post 366, 7976 Oxford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19111; Legion Riders Chapter, Phone: (215) 728-9412
- Tacony Memorial, Inc., PA Post 735, 7163 Hegerman St, Philadelphia, PA 19135; Phone: (215) 332-3450



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- Forsythe-oldham-Griffith, Inc., PA Post 497, 8035 Jenkintown Rd, Cheltenham, PA 19012; Phone: (215) 663-1450
- Liberty, PA Post 308, 2305 Computer Rd, Willow Grove, PA 19090, Legion Riders Chapter ; Phone: (215) 659-4882; <http://www.alpost308pa.org/>
- Glenside, PA Post 248, VFW POST 676 North Penn, 2519 Jenkintown Rd, Glenside, PA 19038; Phone: (215) 887-2576
- Crest-lawn Memorial, Inc., PA Post 832, 301 E Godfrey Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19120; Phone: (215) 728-9370
- Hauer-smith, PA Post 798, 743 E County Line Rd, Warminster, PA 18974, Legion Riders Chapter; Phone: (267) 282-5977
- Arthur V. Savage, Inc., PA Post 100, 7999 Elm Ave, Myndmoor, PA 19038; Phone: (215) 233-5694; <http://www.arthurvsavagepost100.org/>
- Penndel Memorial,inc., PA Post 436, 152 Monroe Ave, Ste 204, Penndel, PA 19047; Phone: (267) 566-5743
- Jesse W. Soby, PA Post 148, 115 W Richardson Ave, Langhorne, PA 19047; Phone: (215) 757-3056
- Robert W. Bracken, Inc., PA Post 382, 509 Wood St, Bristol, PA 19007; Phone: (215) 785-2424
- Juniata Park Memorial, PA Post 738, 1515-17 E Luzerne St, Philadelphia, PA 19124; Phone: (215) 288-7998
- Levittown Memorial, Inc., PA Post 960, 1537 Woodbourne Rd, Levittown, PA 19057; Phone: (215) 945-0958; <http://papost960.tripod.com/>
- Lloyd C. Wilson, Jr. memorial, PA Post 224, 2006 Orthodox St, Philadelphia, PA 19124; Phone: (215) 533-6305
- Boleslaw-grochowski, Inc., PA Post 396, 2171 Wakeling St, Philadelphia, PA 19124; Phone: (215) 533-1402
- Harrowgate, Inc., PA Post 78, 3504-06 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19134; Phone: (215) 533-7010



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- Morell Smith, PA Post 440, 41 Linden Ave, Newtown, PA 18940; Phone: (215) 968-9912; <http://www.newtownpost440.org/>
- Bridesburg, Inc., PA Post 821, 4404 Salmon St, Philadelphia, PA 19137; Phone: (215) 744-6764
- American Defenders, Inc., PA Post 968, 2111 W Tioga St, Philadelphia, PA 19140, Legion Riders Chapter; Phone: (215) 227-0103
- Henry L. Schmidt, PA Post 189, 3533 N 16th St, Philadelphia, PA 19140; Phone: (757) 359-9099
- William Bauer, PA Post 829, 2111 W Tioga St, Philadelphia, PA 19140; Phone: (609) -871-5618
- Paradise, PA Post 788, LEVI SMALL, PO BOX 30208, Elkins Park, PA 19027; Phone: (215) 292-3762
- Continental, PA Post 263, 5151 Wissahickon Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144; Phone: (267) 766-2917
- William Boulton Dixon, PA Post 10, 493 S Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington, PA 19034; Phone: (215) 646-9895; <http://americanlegionpost10.com/>
- Rocci Schuima, Sr., PA Post 119, PO BOX 178, Jamison, PA 18929; Phone: (215) 805-3587
- Falls Township, Inc., PA Post 834, 300 Yardley Ave, Fallsington, PA 19054; Phone: (215) 295-9858; <https://www.americanlegionpost834.com/>
- Colonel Charles Young, PA Post 682, 159 E Sharpnack St, Philadelphia, PA 19119; Phone: (215) 844-9894
- Elm Tree, PA Post 88, 1414 E Palmer St, Philadelphia, PA 19125; Phone: (215) 739-7912
- Latin-american, PA Post 840, 2732 N 5th St, Philadelphia, PA 19133; Phone: (215) 681-6135
- Knowles-doyle, Inc., PA Post 317, 215 S Main St, Yardley, PA 19067; Phone: (215) 493-4388; <http://www.yardleypost317.org/>



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- Daniel W. Dowling, PA Post 769, 351 W Maple St, Ambler, PA 19002; Phone: (215) 643-2494
- Henry H. Houston, 2nd, inc., PA Post 3, 6600 Ridge Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19128; Phone: (215) 483-5705
- Crispus Attucks, PA Post 151, 1716-18 N 24th St, Philadelphia, PA 19121; Phone: (215) 978-9481
- Stephen Girard, PA Post 320, 2101 S College Ave #605, Philadelphia, PA 19121; Phone: (215) 232-8882
- Vandiver-moylan, PA Post 355, 850 Conshohocken State Rd, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004; Phone: (610) 664-9122; <http://www.americanlegion355.org/>
- Richard White Memorial, Inc., PA Post 925, 2323 Aspen St, Philadelphia, PA 19130; Phone: (215) 464-7619
- Benjamin Franklin, PA Post 405, Union League, 140 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19102; Phone: (215) 990-0465
- Corporal Francis J., PA Post 850, 2323 Aspen St, Philadelphia, PA 19130; Phone: (215) 236-7845
- Merion, PA Post 545, Hazlehurst Rd, Merion Station, PA 19066; Phone: (610) 664-1267
- Harold D. Speakman, Inc., PA Post 356, PO BOX 136, Narberth, PA 19072; Phone: (610) 664-5504; <http://www.narberthlegionpost356.org/>
- Penn Central, PA Post 204, 3924 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19104; Phone: (215) 222-9626
- Capt. Walter M. Gearty, PA Post 315, 3205 Lancaster Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19104; Phone: (215) 765-8551
- Mc Leod-Mayall, PA Post 336, 300 School St, North Wales, PA 19454; Phone: (215) 348-4104
- George T. Cornish, PA Post 292, 4812 Fairmount Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19139; Phone: (215) 879-6243



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- Albert R. Atkinson, Jr., inc., PA Post 210, 315 North St, Doylestown, PA 18901; Phone: (215) 345-4170; <http://www.doylestownpost210.org/>
- Kilbride-dougherty-Campbell, PA Post 959, 1314 S 36th St 2nd Fl, Philadelphia, PA 19146; Phone: (215) 365-8944
- Lincoln, PA Post 89, 1940-42 Federal St, Philadelphia, PA 19146; Phone: (215) 336-3855
- George H. Imhof, PA Post 153, 2514 S 24th St, Philadelphia, PA 19145; Phone: (215) 802-7689
- Edgar H. Denson, PA Post 79, 41 New St, New Hope, PA 18938; Phone: (215) 862-2617
- Brignola-cerone-Warriner, Inc., PA Post 200, 1838 S Bancroft ST, Philadelphia, PA 19145; Phone: (215) 783-1939
- Henry Hill, PA Post 385, 3934 Gateway Dr Ste B3, Philadelphia, PA 19145, Phone: (267) 456-5423
- William E. Hare, Inc., PA Post 206, 43 W 2nd ST, Lansdale, PA 19446; Phone: (215) 362-5210
- Archer-epler Memorial, PA Post 979, 6736 Marshall Rd, Upper Darby, PA 19082; Phone: (610) 352-9921
- Leon Spencer Reid, PA Post 547, 233 Simpson Rd, Ardmore, PA 19003; Phone: (215) 642-9604
- Upper Darby, PA Post 214, 6914 Chestnut St, Upper Darby, PA 19082; Phone: (610) 352-0702
- William P. Roche, PA Post 21, 6400 Paschall Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19142, Legion Riders Chapter; Phone: (215) 729-9017
- George N. Althouse, PA Post 39, 500 E Marshall St, Norristown, PA 19401; Phone: (610) 272-4638
- Albert Clinton Wunderlich, PA Post 65, Lansdowne Borough Hall, 12 E Baltimore Ave, Lansdowne, PA 19050; Phone: (610) 399-4926



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- Hatfield, PA Post 933, 2100 Koffel Rd, Hatfield, PA 19440; Phone: (215) 368-7733
- Springfield, PA Post 227, PO BOX 210, Springfield, PA 19064; Phone: (610) 314-7804; <https://www.americanlegionpost227.org/>
- Manoa, PA Post 667, 1112 Steel Rd, Havertown, PA 19083; Phone: (610) 446-9986; <http://post667.com/>
- Richard L. Carmichael, PA Post 578, 155 Lexington Ave, East Lansdowne, PA 19050; Phone: (610) 623-7131
- Nunan-slook, PA Post 338, 2200 Grasslyn Ave, Havertown, PA 19083; <http://www.americanlegionpost338.org/>
- Captain Harris D. buckwalter,, PA Post 164, 2828 Egypt Rd Apt 205, Audubon, PA 19403; Phone: (484) 919-9401
- Frank C. Parker, Jr. & son, PA Post 901, 85 School Ln, Jeffersonville, PA 19403; Phone: (610) 564-3906; <http://www.alpost901.org/>
- Robert Holt, PA Post 358, 19 E Baltimore Ave, Clifton Heights, PA 19018; Phone: (484) 461-9957
- Warren Royer, Inc., PA Post 234, 353 N Main St, Souderton, PA 18964; Phone: (215) 723-9918
- Naval, PA Post 195, 109 Verona Rd, Broomall, PA 19008; Phone: (610) 356-4751
- Aldan Memorial, PA Post 1000, 106 Bonsall Ave, Clifton Heights, PA 19018; Phone: (610) 623-9566; <http://www.aldanlegion.org/index.html>
- Briarcliffe Memorial, PA Post 761, 29 N Bartram Ave, Glenolden, PA 19036; Phone: (610) 461-7224
- Marple Memorial, PA Post 805, 2340 W Chester Pike, Broomall, PA 19008; Phone: (484) 424-7804; <http://www.legionpost805.org/>
- Anthony Wayne, PA Post 418, 1001 Eagle RD, Wayne, PA 19087; Phone: (610) 989-9789



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- Bateman-gallagher, Inc., PA Post 668, 401 E Lancaster Ave, Wayne, PA 19087; Phone: (610) 688-9713; <https://post668.org/>
- Murray-stuart, PA Post 566, 35 S Glen Ave, Glenolden, PA 19036; Phone: (610) 461-4134; <http://www.mspost566.org/>
- John Wesley Cross, Inc., PA Post 507, 20 W Cleveland Ave #86, Norwood, PA 19074; Phone: (610) 586-0158; <http://www.norwoodlegionpost507.com/>
- Nase-kraft, Inc., PA Post 255, 75 N Main St, Sellersville, PA 18960; Phone: (215) 257-4755
- Frederick A. Scott, PA Post 777, 137 Walter St, Crum Lynne, PA 19022; Phone: (610) 833-2891; <http://www.fascottpost777.com/>
- Lima, PA Post 390, 411 N Middletown Rd # F119, Media, PA 19063; Phone: (610) 566-6594
- Dalton-wanzel, PA Post 646, 1705 Russell Rd, Paoli, PA 19301; Phone: (610) 644-1094
- Clayton T Smith-John M howard, PA Post 93, PO BOX 562, Media, PA 19063; Phone: (610) 892-0428
- Albert Merlino Memorial, Inc., PA Post 94, 2 Cambridge Rd, Brookhaven, PA 19015; Phone: (610) 874-6045
- Charles Horsey, PA Post 300, 1101 W 7Th St, Chester, PA 19013; Phone: (610) 872-2751
- Roy S. Leidy, PA Post 203, Church Rd & 2nd St, Schwenksville, PA 19473; Phone: (610) 287-9513
- Green Ridge Memorial, Inc., PA Post 926, 3220 Concord Rd, Aston, PA 19014; Phone: (610) 494-9711
- Samuel A. Whitaker, PA Post 482, 600 Mellon St, Phoenixville, PA 19460; Phone: (215) 933-3890
- Wallace Willard Keller, PA Post 242, 610 E Broad St, Quakertown, PA 18951; Phone: (215) 538-0747



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- Killen-miles, PA Post 87, Bernard Montecchio Jr, 4785 Park Ln, Aston, PA 19014; Phone: (610) 494-1315
- Brandywine, PA Post 811, Bethel TWP Municipal Building, 1082 Bethel Rd, Garnet Valley, PA 19060; Phone: (610) 485-3097
- Thomas W. O Connor, PA Post 602, 27 N Main St, Spring City, PA 19475; Phone: (610) 648-6773
- Upper ChiChester Memorial, PA Post 951, 2638 Ogden Ave, Boothwyn, PA 19061; Phone: (610) 494-7976
- Bernhard F. Schlegel, Inc., PA Post 134, 305 E Gay St, West Chester, PA 19381; Phone: (610) 696-2816
- Riegelsville, PA Post 950, 238 Ash Ln, Riegelsville, PA 18077; Phone: (610) 749-2712; <http://www.americanlegionpost950.com/>
- Perkiomen, PA Post 184, 744 Gravel Pike, E Greenville, PA 18041; Phone: (215) 679-5816
- Edward H. Ackerman, PA Post 397, 935 Main St, Hellertown, PA 18055; Phone: (484) 851-3625
- Charles B. Yerger, PA Post 471, PO BOX 6, Boyertown, PA 19512; Phone: (610) 367-2322
- Charles F. Moran, PA Post 475, PO BOX 558, Downingtown, PA 19335; Phone: (484) 985-5709
- Harry F. W. Johnson, PA Post 379, 622 5th Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18018; Phone: (610) 866-3835; <https://alpost379.webs.com/>
- Freemansburg, PA Post 31, 600 Monroe St, Freemansburg, PA 18017; Phone: (610) 868-6551
- William W. Fahey, PA Post 491, 208 E State St, Kennett Square, PA 19348; Phone: (610) 444-3004
- Lester W. Pfeffer, PA Post 611, 429 S 16th St, Easton, PA 18042; Phone: (215) 252-7821



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- Howard L. Peter, PA Post 576, 1615 Sumner Ave, Allentown, PA 18102; Phone: (610) 432-6504
- Rice-ebner, Inc., PA Post 588, 423 Davis St, Easton, PA 18042; Phone: (215) 252-8853
- Brown & Lynch, Inc., PA Post 9, 2260 Corriere Dr, Easton, PA 18045; Phone: (610) 559-8838; <http://www.brownandlynchpost9.org/>
- Catasauqua, Inc., PA Post 215, 330 N 2nd St, Catasauqua, PA 18032; Phone: (610) 264-1606
- Fullerton Post 367 Of, PA Post 367, 609 Fullerton Ave, Whitehall, PA 18052; Phone: (610) 264-4342
- Ray A. Master, Inc., PA Post 217, 133 Centre Ave, Topton, PA 19562; Phone: (610) 682-6090; <http://www.toptonlegion217.org/>
- Jones-quigg, PA Post 739, 3739 American Legion Dr, Hokendauqua, PA 18052; Phone: (610) 264-7330
- Birdsboro Memorial, PA Post 626, 445 E Main St, Birdsboro, PA 19508; Phone: (610) 582-3134
- Harold V. Knecht, Inc., PA Post 415, 158 S Main St, Nazareth, PA 18064; Phone: (610) 759-9900
- Wawassan, Inc., PA Post 422, 4820 Horseshoe Pike, Honey Brook, PA 19344; Phone: (610) 273-7101
- Colonel Jacob Morgan, PA Post 537, 4499 N Twin Valley Rd, Morgantown, PA 19543; Phone: (610) 286-5920
- Fred A. Snyder, PA Post 353, 1469 Dewey Ave, North Ampton, PA 18067; Phone: (610) 261-2040
- Dautrich-mangiolardo-Moyer, PA Post 934, 614 Loraine Rd, Reiffton, PA 19606; Phone: (610) 582-4430
- Stanley W. Reinhard, Jr., PA Post 426, 134 S 2nd St, Coplay, PA 18037; Phone: (610) 262-7556
- Eckley E. Patch, Inc., PA Post 470, 278 Race St, Bath, PA 18014; Phone: (610) 837-8337



LOCAL RESOURCES

- g. Healthy Minds Philadelphia:** Concise list of resources available for Philadelphia Veterans and/or their families.

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

- h. Team Foster, No Hero Left Behind:** Team Foster is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit dedicated to supporting and rehabilitating injured combat veterans. Team Foster raises money to partner service dogs with tri-state area veterans suffering from combat-related disabilities including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). They ensure these dogs are obtained, cared for and provided a special training team—all at no cost to veterans.

- <https://www.teamfoster.org/>
- PO Box 2145, Philadelphia, PA 19103

- i. Greater Philadelphia Veterans Network (PBN):** Dedicated to helping veterans with professional career services, success groups and referrals within the community. Also gives employers access to hiring veteran while also collaborating with the community.

- <https://gpvn.org/>

- j. Disabled American Veterans (DAV) local chapter in Philadelphia:** DAV empowers veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. It is dedicated to a single purpose: Fulfilling the promises to the men and women who served. DAV does this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them, fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life. DAV, a nonprofit organization with 1.2 million members, was founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932.

- <https://www.dav.org/veterans/>
- Phone: (215) 240-8238
- 5000 Wissahickon Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19144

- k. Catholic War Veterans:** The Catholic War Veterans of the USA and Auxiliary advocate for and support all veterans, their families and the communities through fellowship, charitable activities and veteran services.



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- <https://wp2.cwv.org/>
- Catholic War Veterans: 9859 Bustleton Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19115; Phone: (215) 941-8938
- Norristown Catholic War Veterans: 1005 Tremont Ave, Norristown, PA 19401; Phone: (610) 272-9849

I. Elks Veteran Services: Elks pledge “So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.” The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further, by promising services to the nation’s veterans and military members, with a special focus on service to those in need. Today, Elks’ volunteers provide direct service to veterans in more than 330 facilities each month. Through grants to Elks Lodges, the agency connects with veterans and military members in local communities, providing them with services where they live. Elks help veterans rehabilitate and thrive through adaptive sports programs and therapy kits. The Welcome Home initiative reaches out to vulnerable veterans experiencing homelessness.

- Lodge Locator: <https://www.elks.org/lodges/>

Elk Lodges local to the tri-state area:

- [Edgewater Park, NJ No. 2550](#)
- [Bristol, PA No. 970](#)
- [Marlton, NJ No. 2514](#)
- [Deptford, NJ No. 2708](#)
- [Bridgeport, PA No. 714](#)
- [Mount Holly, NJ No. 848](#)
- [North Penn, PA No. 1979](#)
- [Fairless Hills, PA No. 2023](#)
- [Trenton, NJ No. 105](#)
- [Bordentown, NJ No. 2085](#)



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m. Voices of Valor: Veterans work with songwriters to create a song based on individual experiences. The program's goals are designed to honor each veteran experience while using music to ease from military to civilian life. The program is free of charge to all veterans. Funding provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The Blanche & Irving Laurie Foundation, PNC Bank, the Jewish Women's Foundation of New Jersey and Johnson and Johnson.

- <https://www.voicesofvalor.org/>
- Phone; (908) 322-6300
- 336 Park Avenue, Suite 2R, Scotch Plains, New Jersey

iii. Female Veteran Organizations

a. National Alliance of Women Veterans (NAWV) Inc.: The mission is to increase awareness of women veteran issues by strategically identifying avenues for promoting programs and strengthening platforms through healing, empowerment and educating women who have served in the nation's armed forces.

- <https://nawvphilly.webs.com/>
- Phone: (215) 834-4228

b. Women's Veterans Center (WVC): The WVC is a specialized program designed to ease a military women's transition to civilian life. Located in a welcoming facility across the street from VMC (Veterans Military Center) HQ, all VMC services are offered at the WVC.

- <https://www.vmcenter.org/women-veterans-center/>
- [Facebook.com/WomenVeteransCenter](https://www.facebook.com/WomenVeteransCenter)
- Phone: (215) 923-2600 x 180
- 259 N. Lawrence Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106



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- c. Haven Women (Helping Achieve Veteran Empowerment Now):** Haven Women, formerly the Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House, has served the local veteran community with compassion and respect since 1994. The mission recently has changed to serve female veterans who are homeless or in transition; as they have fewer options for shelter than their male counterparts and are a rapidly growing segment of the homeless veterans population.

- <https://havenwomen.org/>
- info@HAVENWomen.org
- Phone: (267) 292-2052
- 4108 Baltimore Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19104

- d. Department of Veteran Affairs Center for Women Veterans:** The mission of the Center for Women Veterans is to ensure that women veterans have access to VA benefits and services on par with male veterans, VA programs are responsive to gender-specific needs of women veterans, outreach is performed to improve women veterans' awareness of services, benefits and eligibility criteria. The director acts as the primary advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on all matters related to policies, legislation, programs, issues and initiatives affecting women veterans.

- <http://www.va.gov/womenvet/>
- Phone (855) 829-6636
- Phone (800) 273-8255 Press 1 Veterans Crisis Line.

- e. Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VAMC:** Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center offers a variety of health services to address the unique needs of Women Veterans. The Women Veterans Health Center focuses on wellness education, preventive health treatment, disease management and the emotional well-being of women veterans. The goal is to offer women veterans quality healthcare in a concerned, compassionate and comprehensive manner throughout their life span.

- <https://www.Philadelphia.va.gov/services/women/index.asp>
- Julie Allen, LCSW, Women Veterans Program Manager, Philadelphia VA Medical Center; Phone: (215) 823-5800 Ext. 5915; Julie.Allen@va.gov



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iv. Housing

- a. The Veterans Group:** Founded in 2007 with a mission to empower homeless veterans to achieve success in civilian society, the agency operates two properties in Philadelphia that provide food, shelter and support services for up to 41 men in need of assistance.

- <https://theveteransgroup.org/>
- Phone: (215) 222-4379
- 3209-11 Baring St. Philadelphia, PA 19104 USA

- b. Home for the Brave:** Located in Camden, NJ, this agency offers a 30-bed, low demand transitional program for single male veterans. Veterans may reside for up to two years at Home for the Brave while working on recovery, employment and independent living skills.

- <https://www.voadv.org/home-for-the-brave>
- Phone: (856) 203-7381
- 1234 Chase St., Camden, NJ 08104

- c. Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF):** UESF is committed to a holistic, preventive and cost-efficient approach to assisting vulnerable families impacted by the housing crisis. They provide a one-stop shop that offers immediate resources and empowers families to address the root causes of their utility and housing crisis.

- <https://uesfacts.org/our-programs/veterans-program/>
- Phone: (215) 972-5170

Veterans Program: Those who serve our country often return to challenges that can threaten housing stability. UESF works with Veterans and Veteran families who are experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of losing their homes.

Using a housing-first case management model, UESF provides services including housing acquisition and landlord negotiation, VA benefit assistance, mainstream benefits, legal assistance referrals, self-sufficiency education and temporary financial assistance when needed.

- 1608 Walnut Street, Suite 600, Philadelphia, PA 19103



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- d. Project Home:** Located at 1515 Fairmount Ave., Project Home partners with other local veteran organizations to host a program called The Philadelphia Alliance for Supportive Services for Veteran Families. The program supports low-income veterans who are homeless or near being homeless. In addition to helping finding housing, veterans can receive housing and benefits legal assistance, credit repair assistance and temporary financial support.

- <https://projecthome.org/>
- Phone: (215) 923-2600

v. Faith Affiliated Agencies

- a. CC Philly Military Veterans Fellowship:** This ministry is composed of veterans, led by veterans and dedicated to serving veterans in order to meet both spiritual and tangible needs. Male and female veterans of all branches are welcome and encouraged to join the group, which meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 19:00 hours, in Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia's Church Office Conference Room.

- <https://www.ccphilly.org/military-vets-support/>
- Phone: (215) 322-1805

- b. Catholic Philly:** Catholic News page focusing on the events surrounding Philadelphia including veteran events.

- <https://catholicphilly.com/>

- c. Philadelphia Protestant Home:** All-in-one senior living residence for individuals living in Philadelphia. The agency offers life enrichment programs with one geared specifically toward veterans.

- <https://pphfamily.org/lifestyle/life-enrichment/>
- Phone: (215) 679-8000



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vi. Veteran Supported Colleges/Universities

a. Community College of Philadelphia: The Veterans Resource Center serves students who are active duty, retired, reservist or national guard veterans, spouses of veterans and dependent children of service-disabled veterans. A veterans resource coordinator answers questions about programs and services offered to veterans, including the offered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

- <https://www.ccp.edu/student-support/veterans-resource-center>
- Stephen J. Bachovin, Coordinator for Veteran Programming, 1700 Spring Garden St, Philadelphia PA 19130-3991, Veterans Resource Center, Room BG-43
- Phone: (215) 516-3697 or 215-751-8462
- Sbachovin@ccp.edu or vets@ccp.edu

b. Penn LBS: The University of Pennsylvania has welcomed members of the military since the founding. From decorated alumni to the esteemed NROTC program, Penn embraces those who serve the country. As a veteran in The College of Liberal and Professional Studies, individuals can expect the highest quality Ivy League education. Penn proudly honors the Yellow Ribbon Program and is a Leadership Scholar Program affiliate institution.

- <https://www.lps.upenn.edu/students/veterans-active-military>
- Kathy Urban: (215) 573-7536; kathyu@sas.upenn.edu

c. Drexel: Drexel offers educational benefits to honor veteran sacrifices made during a military career and is rated a “Top Ten” Military Friendly University. The faculty and staff work with veterans and families to meet educational goals. Certain veteran benefits are also available for dependents of veterans and military personnel.

- Contact: Rebecca Weidensaul, PhD, Email: weidenrl@drexel.edu
- <https://drexel.edu/undergrad/resources/veterans/>
- 3208 Chestnut St. Creese Student Center, Lower Level, Room 37



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- d. Temple University:** Temple University offers services and benefits for veterans. They offer support with admissions and financial aid processes, as well as academic and other support services.

- <https://www.temple.edu/veterans/benefits/>
- Phone: (215) 204-8387
- Temple University Military and Veteran Students, 601 Conwell Hall, 1801 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19122 USA
- Phone: (215) 204-VETS (8387)
- Email: mvsc@temple.edu
- Admission: Debra Powell-Wright; (215) 204-8387; mvsc@temple.edu

- e. Haverford College:** Haverford College accepts payment through most veteran benefit programs. Like all government fund sources, receipt of funds through the VA will subtract from potential Haverford Grant on a dollar-per-dollar basis. Haverford does not participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

To receive U.S. Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits, eligible Haverford students must submit a copy of the VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE), either the official letter or, if available, the Vets.gov “Post-9/11 GI Bill® Statement of Benefits,” to the Haverford School Certifying Official. Faxed or scanned copies are acceptable if legible.

- <https://www.haverford.edu/financial-aid/aid-other-sources>
- Phone: (610) 896-1350
- Email: finaid@haverford.edu

- f. La Salle University:** Guide on University page outlining veteran/military family benefits.

- <https://www.lasalle.edu/military/veterans-resources/>
- Phone: (215) 951-1000
- 1900 West Olney Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19141



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g. Peirce College: Contact the following for information about attending Peirce College.

- <https://www.peirce.edu/search?indexCatalogue=main&searchQuery=Veterans&wordsMode=AllWords>
- Phone: (215) 670-9214
- Email: veterans@peirce.edu

h. Swarthmore College: Swarthmore encourages applications from veterans, military service members and dependents. The college fosters a culture of civic engagement and public service and the community welcomes and benefits from the perspectives of active and retired service members and other military-affiliated students.

- <https://www.swarthmore.edu/admissions-aid/veterans>
- Veteran Admissions Coordinator Eishna Ranganathan: erangan1@swarthmore.edu

i. Bryn Mawr: Bryn Mawr College, continuing its tradition of developing strong women leaders, participates in the Department of Veteran's Affairs Yellow Ribbon Program.

- 101 North Merion Ave. Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010
- Phone: (610) 526-5152
- Email: admissions@brynmawr.edu

j. Villanova University: Villanova University is a proud partner of VetLink, part of Service to School (S2S), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides free application counseling, peer-to-peer guidance and networking support to all U.S. military service members and veterans at no cost to the applicant. The mission of S2S is to help every transitioning service member and veteran gain admission to the best college or graduate school possible.

- <https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/enroll/veterans-military.html>
- Michael Brown, Army Veteran, Director, Office of Veterans and Military Service Members, Vasey Hall, B22; Phone: (610) 519-4448; Email: michael.d.brown@villanova.edu



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- M. Todd Robinson, Navy Veteran, Veteran and Military Enrollment Services Coordinator, Vasey Hall, B22; Phone: (610) 519-4034; Email: michael.t.robinson@villanova.edu
- k. Arcadia University:** Arcadia is committed to making a private, post-secondary education affordable for all active military and veterans.
- <https://www.arcadia.edu/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships/veterans-programs>
 - Darien Ryan, Transfer Admissions Counselor; Phone: (215) 572-2836; Email: ryanda@arcadia.edu
 - Bill Elnick, Registrar, Certifying VA Official for Arcadia University; Phone: (215) 572-2100; Email; elnickb@arcadia.edu
- l. Saint Joseph's University:** Saint Joseph's University understands and supports veterans service to the country. As a veteran-friendly university, they have been designated as a 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School and the online Master's in Education programs have been recognized in U.S. News' online education rankings as among the nation's best for veterans in 2021.
- <https://www.sju.edu/veterans-and-military>
 - Office of Veterans Services is located in Mandeville Hall, Room 206D
 - Hank Gillen: Phone: (610) 660-3263; Email: hgillen@sju.edu
- m. Chestnut Hill College:** The college provides veteran's benefits, post 9/11 GI Bill and participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program
- Marie Scheetz, VA Certifying Official / Assistant to the Registrar, Chestnut Hill College; Phone: (215) 248-7064 960; Germantown Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19118; Email: ScheetzM@chc.edu
- n. University of the Arts:** Financial support from Chapter 33 Post-9/11, Chapter 35 Dependents' Educational Assistance and Montgomery GI Bills can be used to help pay for veteran's tuition if deemed eligible. Apply online for VA Benefits.
- <https://www.uarts.edu/>



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- o. Cheyney University of Pennsylvania:** Cheyney University is an approved educational institution for education and training under the Veterans Educational Assistance Act (GI Bill®) and the Dependent's Act. Information regarding eligibility, entitlement and types of training authorized may be obtained from the Veterans Administration Regional Office by calling the toll-free number (888) 442-4551 (this is a 24 hour automated line where you can confirm when the last check was sent, the date it was processed, the date the benefits were certified, the time left on entitlement and the last date you can use entitlement) or by accessing the website at www.gibill.va.gov.
- <https://cheyney.edu/registrar/veterans-education-benefits/>
 - 1837 University Circle, Cheyney, PA 19319-0200
 - Phone: (610) 399-2275
- p. Curtis Institute of Music:** Contact your local Veterans Administration Office for information on grant and loan programs for veterans.
- <https://www.curtis.edu/admissions/financial-assistance/financial-aid-accordion/us-government-financial-aid/>
- q. Hussian College:**
- <https://www.hussiancollege.edu/>
 - 1500 Spring Garden Street, Suite 101 Philadelphia, PA 19130
 - Phone: (215) 574-9600
- r. Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts:** PAFA honors the following education benefits for active-duty service members, reservists, veterans of the armed forces, spouses and their dependents. To apply for education benefits with the VA, veterans, service members, reservists and spouses/dependents of a veteran may use the Veterans On-Line Application (VONAPP) website.
- Please retain a copy for your files: <https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/vonapp.asp>
 - Phone: (215) 972-7625
 - Email: admissions@pafa.edu



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s. Walnut Hill College: Walnut Hill College accepts veteran benefits in addition to state and federal financial aid programs.

- <https://www.walnuthillcollege.edu/>
- 4207 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104
- Phone: (215) 222.4200

t. Community College of Philadelphia: Noted as a military friendly school 21/22, the school offers veteran, spouse and dependent benefits.

- <https://www.ccp.edu/getting-started/veterans>
- Phone: (215)751-8010



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