



Veterans Advisory Board

VETERANS RESOURCE GUIDE

Crisis Hotlines		
Veterans Crisis Line – 24 Hour	1(800) 273-8255, Press 1	www.mentalhealth.va.gov The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans and Service members in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring VA responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. If Veterans do not have access to a phone or the internet, only then are they to visit their closest VA medical center without calling in advance.
Veteran Homeless Programs	1(877) 424-3838	www.va.gov/homeless/ Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness are strongly encouraged to contact the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans.
National Resource Directory (NRD) National Call Center for Homeless Veterans 1(877) 424-3838	Military Crisis Line 1(800) 273-8255 Wounded Warrior Resource Center 1(800) 342-9647	www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov/ The NRD has information about thousands of national and local programs, services and organizations, many in your community, that support recovery, rehabilitation and community reintegration.
Homeless Women Veterans	1(855) 829-6636	www.va.gov/homeless/for_women_veterans.asp VA strives to address the individualized needs of women throughout its specialized programs for homeless Veterans.
Broward County Veteran Services	(954) 357-6622	https://www.broward.org/veterans/Pages/default.aspx Veteran Services help veterans and their family members understand and determine eligibility for veteran’s benefits, in order to improve their quality of life.
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	988	https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/ 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This dialing code will be available to everyone across the United States starting on July 16, 2022.

Benefits and Healthcare

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	(800) 827-1000	www.va.gov/ <p>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs assist you with finding out what benefits you may be eligible for during service and which time-sensitive benefits to consider when separating or retiring.</p>
Florida Veterans' Benefits Guide 2022	1(844) 693-5838	https://floridavets.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/FDVA-Benefits-Guide.pdf?v=2022 <p>This annual guide helps connect Florida's veterans and their families with earned federal and state benefits, services and support. It also contains useful phone numbers and website addresses for additional information.</p>
eBenefits	1(800) 827-1000	www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage <p>eBenefits is a collaboration between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD). You can safely access your personal information and perform self-service tasks.</p>
My HealtheVet	1(877) 327-0022	www.myhealth.va.gov/ <p>My HealtheVet offers you tips and tools to help you partner with your health care team, so together you may work to manage your health. The support tools on this page are designed to enrich your experience with My HealtheVet and help you make informed decisions.</p>
TRICARE For Life	1(866) 773-0404	www.Tricare4U.com <p>TRICARE For Life is Medicare-wraparound coverage for TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries who have Medicare Part A and B.</p>
Women Veterans Health Care	1(855) 829-6636	www.womenshealth.va.gov/ <p>Women Veterans Health Care assist with helping you find available resources and services in your area and answer questions about eligibility.</p>
Clinical Contact Center	1(877)741-3400	https://www.visn8.va.gov/ccp.asp <p>Clinical Contact Center delivers virtual urgent care services when and where you need it. Services include general administrative support, nurse advice and triage, virtual visits with a doctor or nurse practitioner via telephone, VA Video Connect, or VA Health Chat.</p>

Cemetery/Burial Information

National Cemetery Administration	(800) 698-2411	www.cem.va.gov/ <p>The National Cemetery Administration provides burial space for Veterans and their eligible family members, and maintains national cemeteries as national shrines, sacred to the honor and memory of those interred or memorialized there.</p>
South Florida National Cemetery	(561) 649-6489	www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/southflorida.asp <p>The 338-acre South Florida National Cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces who have met a minimum active duty service requirement and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.</p>
Arlington National Cemetery	1(877) 907-8585	www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Funerals/Scheduling-a-Funeral <p>Arlington National Cemetery honors those who have served our nation and provides a sense of beauty and peace for guests.</p>

Education, Training, Job & Business Assistance

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Careers and employment	(800) 827-1000	www.vets.gov/employment/ <p>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Careers and Employment offers assistance to help build careers and find the opportunities that are right for Veterans.</p>
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Education and Training	(888) 442-4551	www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/ <p>Helps Veterans, service members, and their qualified family members with needs like paying college tuition, finding the right school or training program, and getting career counseling.</p>
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – GI Bill Comparison tool	(800) 698-2411	www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool <p>The GI Bill Comparison tool Learn helps Veterans to learn about and compare GI Bill benefits at approved schools, employers, and VET TEC providers.</p>
Florida Small Business Development Center Network (SBDC)	(850) 898-3479	https://floridasbdc.org/get-training/ <p>The Florida SBDC Network provides educational training that covers current and practical information on business topics ranging from the basics to advanced business management skills.</p>

Locate Military Records

National Archives (NARA)	1(866) 272-6272	www.archives.gov The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the nation's record keeper. Those valuable records are preserved and are available to you.
Veteran Service Organizations		
United Way of Broward County – Mission United	(950) 462-4850	www.missionunitedbroward.org MISSION UNITED can connect you to local services and resources to get you the support you deserve. They help with everything from finding a job to securing affordable housing to accessing free legal services, and more.
Veterans of Foreign War	(352) 622-5126	www.vfw.org/ The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces.
Disabled American Veterans Organization (DAV)	(561) 422-8203	www.dav.org/ DAV is a nonprofit charity that provides a lifetime of support for veterans of all generations and their families, helping more than 1 million veterans in positive, life-changing ways each year.
LCpl Janos V Lutz Live to Tell Foundation, Inc	(954) 445-1590	https://www.lutzlivetotell.org/ The LCpl Janos V Lutz Live to Tell, Foundation, Inc. is a multifaceted 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in South Florida which exists to support Military and First Responders.
American Legion	(800) 433-3318	www.legion.org/ To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness. The American Legion's vision statement is "The American Legion: Veterans Strengthening America.
Honor Flight South Florida	(855) 359-1838	www.honorflightsouthflorida.org/ Honor Flight South Florida is a 100% all-volunteer organization, dedicated solely to honoring all veterans in Broward, Dade, and Monroe counties.
Military One Source	(800) 342-9647	www.militaryonesource.mil/ Military OneSource is a 24/7 connection to information, answers and support to help Veterans overcome challenges and thrive. Services: tax services, spouse employment help, webinars and online training, relocation and deployment tools, and much more.

Other Departments and Agencies

<p>Broward County Property Appraiser (BCPA)</p>	<p>(954) 357-6830 www.bcpa.net</p>	<p>https://bcpa.net/homestead.asp</p> <p>Veterans may be able to save money on their Property Taxes by getting Veterans tax exemptions on their home. Visit https://bcpa.net/homestead.asp to find out what exemptions are available.</p> <p>Owner Alert can help you monitor your property. www.bcpa.net/homepage.asp This free service is designed to help you protect your property from scams or fraud by notifying you if a document is received by BCPA changing the ownership of your property.</p>
<p>Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services</p>	<p>https://www.fdacs.gov/Consumer-Resources/Veterans (800) 435-7352</p>	<p>https://www.fdacs.gov/Consumer-Resources/Veterans/Operation-Outdoor-Freedom</p> <p>Operation Outdoor Freedom provides recreational and rehabilitative opportunities to wounded veterans on state forests, agricultural lands and private lands throughout Florida at no cost. Since 2009, Operation Outdoor Freedom has hosted more than 500 events and served approximately 4,100 wounded veterans.</p>
<p>Florida Highway Safety - Titles & Registrations for Military Members</p>	<p>(850) 617-2000</p>	<p>https://www.flhsmv.gov/military/titles-registrations-military-members/</p> <p>Titles and Registrations for Military Members are used by military members to title and register a motor vehicle or vessel.</p>
<p>Department of Military Affairs (DMA)</p>	<p>(904) 823-0364</p>	<p>http://dma.myflorida.com/</p> <p>The Florida Department of Military Affairs (DMA) provides management oversight and administrative support to the Florida National Guard. Directly responsive to the Governor of Florida, the Department operates within the policy guidance and fiscal framework of both federal and state authorities.</p>
<p>Aging and Disability Resource Center of Broward County</p>	<p>(954) 745-9567</p>	<p>https://www.adrcbroward.org/</p> <p>The Area Agency on Aging of Broward County plans, develops, coordinates, and evaluates programs; funds services; and is the prime advocate for residents of Broward County, Florida, 60 years of age or older.</p>
<p>Meals on Wheels South Florida</p>	<p>(954) 731-8770</p>	<p>https://www.mowsoflo.org/</p> <p>Meals on Wheels is a nationwide network of community-based, non-profit programs dedicated to providing seniors nutritious meals, a quick safety check and much-needed human connection to homebound seniors.</p>

Recreational Activities

Florida State Park	(850) 245-2157	https://www.floridastateparks.org/ Florida State Park offers the following discounted and free entry programs for active duty and veterans/retired military: 25% discount off of the purchase of an Individual or Family Annual Entrance Pass, A free-for-life Entrance Pass , 50% discount off of day-use entrance fees, and 50% discount off of campsite rental fees in state parks.
Broward County - Parks	(954) 357-6622	https://www.broward.org/Parks/ThingsToDo Experience nature in a kayak or canoe, stumble upon a birding habitat, enjoy the thrill of an Everglades airboat ride, or explore South Florida's biodiversity at a nature center at a Broward County Park.
Vet Baseball	(754) 205-7211	https://vetbaseball.org/ Vet Baseball facilitates a free baseball experience for qualified veterans and Gold Star Families. They arrange for door to door transportation, tickets, snacks, and recognition from the team and fellow fans.

Transportation

Tri-Rail	1(800) 874-7245	https://www.tri-rail.com/pages/view/discount-policy Veterans with Disabilities can receive a pass to ride Tri-Rail free by presenting their Service Connected Veteran's Identification Card (VA card) issued by the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Alternate eligibility forms provided by the VA may be accepted.
Broward County – Riders Guide	(954) 357-6622	https://www.broward.org/BCT/Riders Broward County Transit has a variety programs specifically designed for individuals who cannot transport or obtain transportation for themselves.

Financial Resources

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau	(855) 411-2372	www.consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers CFPB's Office of Servicemember Affairs (OSA) works to help military families overcome unique financial challenges by providing educational resources, monitoring complaints, and working with other agencies to solve problems faced by servicemembers.
Florida Veteran Foundation	(850) 488-4181	https://helpfvets.org/emergency-financial-assistance/ The Florida Veterans Foundation serves as the statewide lead organization for Florida veterans and their families by providing direct services and partnering with state and local governments, veteran service organizations, and educational institutions to improve their physical, financial, mental, emotional, and social well-being.