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New Jersey Veterans Handbook

Dear Veteran,



I am honored to represent you in the United States Senate and I will never stop working to ensure you receive the recognition and benefits you deserve. Caring for our nation's veterans and their families is one of our nation's most sacred responsibilities, one that must be upheld not just on Veterans Day, but every day of the year.

Since I was elected to the Senate, I have met with a great many New Jersey veterans like you. I have learned that navigating the process of transitioning from military to civilian life is often challenging and overly bureaucratic. In addition, receiving specialized healthcare is often too difficult, and accessing information on employment, housing or education benefits can be overly complicated.

I developed this guidebook to help consolidate the information New Jersey veterans and their families need to enable you to care for your families, fulfill your greatest aspirations, and live your healthiest lives. My office is always open to you and I encourage you use this guidebook as one of the many resources available to assist you.

In President Harry S. Truman's first address to Congress in 1945, he stated -

Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices. Because of these sacrifices, the dawn of justice and freedom throughout the world slowly casts its gleam across the horizon.

As your United States Senator, I am committed to fighting for the programs and benefits upon which our service members depend. While we can never repay the immeasurable debt that we owe to our veterans, we must always endeavor to honor your service and sacrifice.

Cory A. Booker
United States Senator

*“We who dare to call ourselves Americans,
and to pledge allegiance to the flag...
cannot do so unless we give honor to those people
who have made the most ultimate of sacrifices
for our freedoms and for our liberty.”*

– Senator Cory A. Booker –

Contact Me:

Newark Office	Washington D.C. Office	Camden Office
One Gateway Center 23rd Floor Newark, NJ 07102 Phone: (973) 639-8700 Fax: (973) 639-8723 casework@booker.senate.gov	359 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 Phone: (202) 224-3224 Fax: (202) 224-8378	One Port Center 2 Riverside Drive Suite 505 Camden, NJ 08101 Phone: (856) 338-8922 Fax: (856) 338-8936 southjersey@booker.senate.gov

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HELP WITH THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

As your United States Senator, I am committed to making sure that the federal government and the Veterans Administration work for you. If you or a veteran you know are in need of assistance with the VA, please contact any of my offices in New Jersey (listed below).

The Office of Senator Cory Booker is also pleased to host several Congressional Claims Clinics around the state in partnership with the regional Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). Veterans who wish to meet with a representative from the VBA and/or the Office of Senator Cory Booker about a personal case or issue are welcome to sign up for an appointment by calling our Newark or Camden office.

Dates for upcoming Claims Clinics will be provided over the phone and announced on a rolling basis through our website and social media platforms.

Newark Office	Camden Office
<p data-bbox="370 1171 683 1297">One Gateway Center 23rd Floor Newark, NJ 07102</p> <p data-bbox="354 1304 699 1339">Phone: (973) 639-8700</p> <p data-bbox="302 1346 748 1381">casework@booker.senate.gov</p>	<p data-bbox="951 1157 1214 1272">One Port Center 2 Riverside Drive Suite 505</p> <p data-bbox="938 1283 1224 1318">Camden, NJ 08101</p> <p data-bbox="911 1325 1252 1360">Phone: (856) 338-8922</p> <p data-bbox="846 1367 1317 1402">southjersey@booker.senate.gov</p>

IMMEDIATE SUPPORT

Veterans Crisis Line, 1(800) 273-8255 (Press 1) and/or text (838255):

The Veterans Crisis Line is a free phone, online chat, and text-messaging service available to all service members, and Veterans.

NJ VET 2 VET, 1(866) 838-7654:

This is a hotline coordinated by Rutgers University Behavioral Health. It is a 24/7 peer counseling service.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1(800) 273-8255:

When you call, you will be connected to trained personnel at a crisis center near you.

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans, 1(877) 424-3838:

The hotline helps homeless veterans find the services and support they need.

NEW JERSEY VETERANS AT A GLANCE

Subject	Estimate
Number of Veterans	437,652
Period of Service	
Gulf War (9/2001-Present)	8%
Gulf War (8/1990-8/2001)	8%
Vietnam Era	33%
Korean War	13%
World War II	12%
Peacetime	26%
Gender	
Male	94.8%
Female	5.2% ¹

¹ U.S. Census Bureau, "Veteran Statistics: New Jersey."
<https://www2.census.gov/library/visualizations/2015/comm/vets/nj-vets.pdf> (accessed October 3, 2017).

MEDICAL SERVICES

In case of emergency, please **CALL 911** or report to your nearest medical facility.

Medical Facilities

VA Medical Center	
East Orange Campus (973) 676-1000 385 Tremont Ave East Orange, NJ 07018	Lyons Campus (908) 647-1080 151 Knollcroft Rd Lyons, NJ 07939
Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center (215) 838-5800 3900 Woodland Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19104	Wilmington VA Medical Center (302) 994-2511 1601 Kirkwood Highway Wilmington, DE 19805

Outpatient Clinics

Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC)		
Atlantic County CBOC 1(800) 461-8262 X 2800 1909 New Rd. Northfield, NJ 08225	Bergen County Hackensack CBOC (201) 342-4536 385 Prospect Ave. Hackensack, NJ 07601	Burlington County CBOC 1(844)441-5499 3000 Lincoln Dr. East Marlton, NJ 08053
Camden Outpatient Clinic 1 (877) 232-5240 300 Broadway, Suite 103. Camden, NJ 08104	Cape May County CBOC 1(800) 461-8262 X 2850 1 Munro Ave. Cape May, NJ 08204	Cumberland County CBOC 1(800) 461-8262 X 6500 1051 West Sherman Ave. Bldg. 3 Unit B, Vineland, NJ 08360
Gloucester County Veterans Health Clinic (877) 823-5230 211 County House Rd. Sewell, NJ 08080-2525	Hudson County Jersey City CBOC (201) 435-3055 115 Christopher Columbus Dr. Jersey City, NJ 07302	Mercer County Hamilton CBOC (609) 570-6600 3635 Quakerbridge Rd. Hamilton, NJ 08619
Morris County Morristown CBOC (973) 536-9791 340 West Hanover Ave. Morristown, NJ 0796	Monmouth County Tinton Falls CBOC (732) 842-4751 340 West Hanover Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960	Ocean County James J. Howard (732) 206-8900 970 Rt. 70 Brick, NJ 08724
Paterson CBOC (973) 247-1666 11 Getty Ave., Bldg. #275, St. Joseph's Hospital Paterson, NJ 07503	Piscataway CBOC (732) 981-8193 14 Wills Way, Bldg. 5 Piscataway, NJ 08854	Sussex County CBOC (973) 756-1504 222 High Street Newton, NJ 07860
Union County Elizabeth CBOC (908) 994-1020 654 East Jersey St., Suite 2A Elizabeth, NJ 07206		

New Jersey Veteran Memorial Homes	
Veterans Memorial Home - Vineland (856) 405-4200 (Main Number) (856) 405-4217 (Social Services) (856) 405-4213 (Volunteer Coordinator) 524 North West Blvd Vineland, NJ 08360	Veterans Memorial Home – Menlo Park (732) 452-4100 (Main Number) (732) 452-4272 (Social Services) (732) 452-4133 (Volunteer Coordinator) 132 Evergreen Rd., P.O. Box 3013 Edison, NJ 08818
Veterans Memorial Home - Paramus (201) 634-8200 (Main Number) (201) 634-8435 (Social Services) (201) 634-8504 (Volunteer Coordinator) 1 Veterans Drive Paramus, NJ 07652	

**List of Services available can be found at: <http://go.usa.gov/xkJrh>
Click on the link provided for each medical center, outpatient clinic, and community based outpatient clinic listed under the “Veterans Health Administration” heading. After opening each link, click on “Health Care Services” in the left-hand column, then click on “A to Z List of Services” to see services that are offered at that facility or at other VA medical facilities in New Jersey*

Vet Centers: Vet Centers provide counseling and outreach services as well as referral services to combat veterans along with their families.

Bloomfield Veteran Center	2 Broad St. Suite 703 Bloomfield, NJ 07003	(973) 748-0980
Lakewood Veteran Center	1255 Route 70, Unit 22N, Lakewood, NJ 08701	(908) 607-6364
Secaucus Veteran Center	110A Meadowlands Pkwy. Suite 102, Secaucus, NJ 07094	(201) 223-7787 or 1(877) 927-8387
Trenton Veteran Center	934 Pkwy Ave. Suite 201, Ewing, NJ 08618	(609) 882-5744
Ventnor Veteran Center	6601 Ventnor Ave. Suite 105, Ventnor, NJ 08406	(609) 487-8387
Millville Veteran Center	415 N. High St. Millville, NJ 08332	(856) 293-7321

VA HEALTH BENEFITS

Contact the VA Health Resource Center for information on eligibility for VA health care, enrolling in the VA, health benefits, as well as copayments and billing.

VA Health Resource Center	1-877-222-VETS (8387)	Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM (EST)
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Veteran Benefits Administration Regional Benefit Office (RBO)		
Newark	20 Washington Pl. Newark, NJ 07102	1(800) 827-1000
Wilmington	1601 Kirkwood Highway Wilmington, DE 19805	(215) 842-2000
Philadelphia	5000 Wissahickon Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19144	(215) 842-2000

Applying for benefits and/or appealing the decision can be a complex, time-consuming, and an often scary endeavor. Do not be afraid to reach out for help. State-run Veteran Service Offices and National Veteran Service Organizations have trained personnel who can help you on this journey.

New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Veteran Service Offices		
Bergen/Passaic VSO	124 State St., Suite #109 Hackensack, NJ 07601	(201) 996-8050/8051
Morris VSO	479 W Clinton St. Dover, NJ 07801	(973) 366-0245/8347
Atlantic/Cape May VSO	1008 Absecon Blvd. Atlantic City, NJ 08401	(609) 441-3060
Burlington VSO	555 High St., Suite #6A Mt Holly, NJ 0860	(609) 518-2273/2274
Camden/Gloucester VSO	658 N Evergreen Ave. Woodbury, NJ 08096	(856) 853-4184/4185/4186
Essex/Union VSO	20 Washington Pl., Rm #431 Newark, NJ 07102	(973) 297-3230
Mercer VSO	151 Eggerts Crossing Rd., Rm #136 Lawrenceville, NJ 08648	(609) 671-6697/6696
Ocean VSO	970 Route 70 Brick, NJ 08724	(732) 840-3033/3034

Newark Liaison Office	20 Washington Pl. Newark, NJ 07102	(973) 297-3336
Salem/Cumberland VSO	524 Northwest Blvd. Vineland, NJ 08360	(865) 405-4388 /4390/4389
Sussex VSO	12 Munsonhurst Rd. Franklin, NJ 07416	(973) 827-4020
Hudson VSO	678 Montgomery St., 2nd Floor Jersey City, NJ	(201) 536-3401
Warren/Hunterdon VSO	200 Sanatorium Rd., Glen Gardner, NJ 08826	(908) 537-0831
Middlesex/Somerset VSO	1060 Hamilton St. Somerset, NJ 08873	(732) 937-6347/6348
Monmouth VSO	630 Bangs Ave., Suite #320 Asbury Park, NJ 07712	(732) 775-7009/7005

**Intake Sites
(Pre-Discharge Claims Assistance)**

Intake Site at Earle Naval Weapons	NWS Earle Fleet and Family Support Center 201 Hwy. 34, Bldg. C59 Colt's Neck, NJ 07722
Intake Site at Fort Dix	HQ, US Army Garrison, HRM, Bldg. 5418 Fort Dix, NJ 08640
Intake Site at Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station	Fleet & Family Support Center Lakehurst, NJ 08733
Intake Site at McGuire Air Force Base	Family Support Center McGuire AFB, NJ 08641

CAREGIVERS

“You rarely ask for help, but you deserve our support.” –Tom Hanks

Department of Veteran Affairs Caregiver Support Line: 1(855)260-3274

When veterans return home from their military service, they arrive with scars and wounds, both seen and unseen. We thank them for their service and call them heroes, but we sometimes forget the ones who will continue to be by their side, the military caregivers. These caregivers are often their mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, friends and colleagues. They give their blood, sweat, and tears, and devote substantial amounts of time and money to care for their loved ones. These sacrifices should not go unnoticed.

The Department of Veteran Affairs Caregiver support line, **(1-855-260-3274)** offers immediate assistance and information about their various caregiver programs. The line is staffed by licensed professionals who can provide you with information about caregiver programs assist you in accessing those programs, locate the nearest Caregiver Support Coordinator, and more.

Caregiver Support Coordinators

These individuals are licensed professionals who will provide the caregiver with information about the services and the support which are available to them. For more information please go to: <http://go.usa.gov/xkJYx>

Jennifer Adams-Barsch, MSW, LCSW Caregiver Support Coordinator	(973) 676-1000 X 3085
Peterson Pierre-Paul, MSW, LCSW Caregiver Support Deputy Coordinator	(973) 676-1000 X 2602
Amy Scarano, LCSW Caregiver Support Coordinator	(215) 823-5800 X 4871
Casey McCollum Caregiver Support Coordinator	(215) 823-5800 X 3680
Nichole Stokes Caregiver Support Coordinator	(302) 994-2511 X 4589

Caregiver Support Group:

VA NJ Caring for the Caregiver Support Group meets every 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month between the hours of 12:30pm - 1:30pm.

Lyons VA Transitional Unit
115 Knollcroft Rd., Bldg. 4, Rm. 5
Lyons, NJ 07939

VA Hamilton Community Based Clinic
3635 Quaker Bridge Rd., Suite 30
Hamilton, NJ 08619

If you cannot attend in person, you can do so by phone. Dial 1-800-767-1750 and enter code 69205#

Caregiver Services Available

Adult Day Health Care Centers: Adult Day Health Care provides veterans with the services they need while giving them the opportunity to participate in activities and socialize.

Home-Based Primary Care: Under this program, veterans are provided with routine health care services in their home when it is difficult to transport a veteran due to their medical issues.

Skilled Home Care: This program is designed so that a medical professional can provide services to homebound veterans. This program is similar to the previously mentioned Home-Based Primary Care; however, in this instance, the VA purchases care for a Veteran from a licensed non-VA medical professional.

Homemaker and Home Health Aide Program: This program is for veterans who need skilled services, case management and help with activities of daily living. A homemaker or home health aide can be used as a part of an alternative to nursing home care, and as a way to get Respite Care at home for veterans and their family caregiver.

Home Telehealth: Because it can be difficult to take a veteran to the VA for assistance, the home telehealth program allows for veterans and caregiver to have access to a care coordinator.

Respite Care: Caregivers are eligible for 30 days of respite care a year.

Home Hospice Care: An interdisciplinary team from a local community hospice agency will be available 24/7 to provide services to you and a veteran in your home during this difficult time.

Caregiver Service's Available to Caregivers of Post 9/11 Veterans: The *Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010* allows for caregivers of seriously wounded Post 9/11 veterans to receive additional services.

Eligibility for Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010

- Veterans eligible for this program are those who sustained a serious injury – including traumatic brain injury, psychological trauma or other mental disorder – incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, on or after September 11, 2001.
- Veterans eligible for this program must also be in need of personal care services because of an inability to perform one or more activities of daily living and/or need supervision or protection based on symptoms or residuals of neurological impairment or injury.
- To be eligible for the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers, Veterans must first be enrolled for VA health services, if not enrolled previously.²

² U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, “Services for Family Caregivers of Post-9/11 Veterans.” http://www.caregiver.va.gov/support/support_benefits.asp (accessed October 3, 2016).

Service Available under Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act

- Monthly stipend
- Travel expenses (including lodging and per diem while accompanying Veterans undergoing care)
- Access to health care insurance (if the Caregiver is not already entitled to care or services under a health care plan)
- Mental health services and counseling
- Comprehensive VA Caregiver training provided by Easter Seals
- Respite care (not less than 30 days per year)³

Check if you're eligible and fill out an application by visiting:

http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/Caregiver_Eligibility_Check.asp

Building Better Caregivers: This is a free six week interactive online workshop provided to family caregivers. This workshop teaches caregivers skills that include stress management, eating healthy, and dealing with difficult situations and emotions. Furthermore, this workshop provides a platform for caregivers to exchange ideas with other caregivers. For more information, please go to <http://www.va.gov/health/NewsFeatures/2013/August/Are-You-a-Caregiver-for-a-Veteran.asp>

Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL): The FY 2010 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the creation of SCAADL. SCAADL provides injured service members with monthly compensation to financially assist caregivers who provide non-medical care, assistance, and support. Compensation goes to the service member, and not the caregiver. Up to 90 days of compensation post separation are provided. The payments are based upon the level of care, and the rates of home health aides in the area where the member resides.

Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living Eligibility

- Have a catastrophic injury or illness incurred in the line of duty which compromises their ability to carry out activities of daily living such that he/she requires personal or mechanical assistance to leave the home or bed and/or requires constant supervision to avoid physical harm to self or other.
- Be certified by a licensed physician to be in need of assistance from another person to perform the personal functions of everyday living.
- In the absence of this provision, requires some form of residential institutional care.⁴

³ Ibid.

⁴ U.S. Department of Defense, "Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL)," <http://militarypay.defense.gov/Calculators/SCAADL-Calculator/asp> (accessed October 11, 2016).

Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living Calculator

<http://militarypay.defense.gov/Calculators/SCAADL-Calculator/>

DD 2498: Special Compensation For Assistance With Activities Of Daily Living (SCAADL) Eligibility

<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/forms/eforms/dd2948.pdf>

DOD Caregiver Resource Guide: <http://go.usa.gov/xkJYr>

Elizabeth Dole Foundation Hidden Heroes

Resources: Hidden Heroes offers a vetted directory of resources that help military caregivers find organizations that will help them with their various issues. This list covers everything from finances to child care, and everything in between.

Vetted Resource List

<https://www.hiddenheroes.org/resources>

Caregiver Community: Hidden Heroes offers a secure Facebook group and a caregiver a Q&A. This community allows caregivers to connect with their peers so they can share their experiences and seek advice.

Community Sign Up

<https://hiddenheroes.org/wp-login.php?action=register>

Training: Hidden Heroes offers access to online training courses designed to help caregivers. These courses are free as well as nationally recognized and provided by PsychArmor Institute School for Military and Veteran Caregivers & Families. The offered courses cover a variety of subjects including mental health and intimacy.

Caregiver Training

<http://psycharmor.org/caregivers/>

Easter Seals

Military Caregiving Webinars: Easter Seals offers free bi-monthly webinars which provides information on depression, childcare, intimacy, hearing loss, caregiver self-care, and home safety.

Military Caregiving Webinar Series Sign Up

<http://www.easterseals.com/explore-resources/for-caregivers/military-caregiving-webinar.html>

Prior Military Caregiving Webinars

<http://www.easterseals.com/explore-resources/for-caregivers/edf-military-caregiving.html>

Military Caregiver Training: Easter Seals offers an in person and online training, and self-study work books for Post 9/11 military caregivers. This training is through a contract with the VA and in collaboration with Atlas Research, Family Caregiver Alliance, National Alliance for Caregiving, and the National Alliance for Hispanic Health.

Center-based Adult Day Services or in-home services: Provides services for caregivers of older veterans who have physical and/or cognitive concerns.

Respite Care: Easter Seals offers an assortment of respite care options, to include care for those with special needs. Additionally, they have teamed up with the University of Maryland's Legacy Corps, which provides service members and veterans in-home respite care for themselves and their families at locations around the United States.

Easter Seals Contact

1(800) 221-6827

233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60606

<http://www.easterseals.com/>

Community OneSource Call Center: Easter Seals has a toll free number along with an email where caregivers can learn about local resources and programs. Furthermore, the staff personnel who manage these points of contact can connect caregivers with both the private and public programs/organizations that best fit their needs.

Community OneSource Call Center

(866) 423-4981

militarycaregiver@easterseals.com

EMPLOYMENT

*“Recruiting military veterans is not just the right thing to do;
it’s also the smart thing for our business.”*

- Steve Cahillane, President and CEO of Coca-Cola Refreshments

Federal Employment: There are a variety of programs and benefits for the employment of veterans in the federal government.

Veterans Preference Points: Veterans and disabled veterans receive preference points when applying for some federal jobs. To be eligible, veterans and in CERTAIN cases a spouse or parent, must meet the requirements as listed in 5 U.S. Code § 2108.

5 Point Veteran:	10 Point Veteran:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served on active duty in the armed forces during a war, in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized, or during the period beginning April 28, 1952, and ending July 1, 1955. • Served on active duty as defined by section 101(21) of title 38 at any time in the armed forces for a period of more than 180 consecutive days any part of which occurred after January 31, 1955, and before October 15, 1976, not including service under section 12103(d) of title 10 pursuant to an enlistment in the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard or as a Reserve for service in the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, or Coast Guard Reserve. • Served on active duty as defined by section 101(21) of title 38 in the armed forces during the period beginning on August 2, 1990, and ending on January 2, 1992; or served on active duty as defined by section 101(21) of title 38 at any time in the armed forces for a period of more than 180 consecutive days any part of which occurred during the period beginning on September 11, 2001, and ending on the date prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law as the last date of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and, except as provided under section 2108a, who has been discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions.⁵ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A veteran who served any time and who (1) has a present service- connected disability or (2) is receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension from the military or the Department of Veterans Affairs. Individuals who received a Purple Heart qualify as disabled veterans. • An unmarried spouse of certain deceased veterans, a spouse of a veteran unable to work because of a service-connected disability. • A mother of a veteran who died in service or who is permanently and totally disabled.⁶

⁵ 5 U.S. Code § 2108.

⁶ Ibid.

Hiring Authorities for Veterans: Multiple hiring authorities exist that may help veterans in finding employment and employers in hiring veterans.

Authority	Requirements
<p>Veterans' Recruitment Appointment (VRA): The VRA is an authority which allows agencies to appoint veterans w/o competition.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a campaign badge for service during a war, campaign, or expedition. • Are a disabled veteran • Have an Armed Forces Service Medal for participation in an operation • Separated in the last three years and under honorable conditions (Honorable or General discharge)
<p>Veterans Employment Opportunity Act (VEOA): This appointment authority can only be used to fill permanent, competitive positions. This allows veterans to apply for openings only available to "status" candidates (current competitive service employees) .</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discharged under honorable conditions (Honorable or General discharge) and preference eligible or a veteran who completed 3 or more years of active service
<p>30 Percent or More Disabled Veteran: This authority allows veterans who have a 30 % or more service-connected disability rating to be non-competitively appointed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retired from active military service with a 30% or more disability rating or the veteran has a 30 % or more compensable service-connected disability rating from the VA
<p>Disabled Veterans Enrolled in a VA Training Program: Veterans in the Vocational Rehab program may train or have work experience at an agency per terms of an agreement between the agency and the VA. The purpose of the training is to prepare the veteran for an eventual appointment within the agency. Upon completion, the veteran will receive a certificate of training. "The Certificate of Training allows any agency to appoint the veteran noncompetitively under a status quo appointment which may be converted to career or career-conditional at any time."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled veterans eligible for training under the VA vocational rehabilitation program
<p>Schedule A Appointing Authority: Schedule A authority is for those with disabilities. While not explicitly for veterans use, it may be used to appoint eligible veterans who have a severe physical, psychological, or intellectual disability.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show proof of your disability⁷

⁷ "Special Hiring Authorities for Veterans," *Feds Hire Vets*, accessed September 1, 2016, <http://www.fedshirevets.gov/job/shav/>.

Gold Card: The Gold Card Initiative provides unemployed Post 9/11 veterans with both intensive and follow-up services to assist them in the job market. This initiative is the result of a joint effort by the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS). For more on this initiative, please go to <https://www.dol.gov/vets/goldcard.html>

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOCs): VBOCs provide entrepreneurial training, comprehensive business assessment, and mentoring to active duty personnel, veterans, Guard and Reservists, and service-disabled veterans, as well as military spouses interested in starting a small business.

Arsenal Business and Technology Partnership	Covers New York, New Jersey	44 Dalliba Avenue, Watervliet, NY 12189	Website: http://www.arsenalpartnership.com Telephone: (518) 326-5522 Email: aamoroso@arsenalpartnership.com
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Department of Labor (DOL)

Specialists at the DOL American Job Centers (also known as One-Stop Career Centers) can assist veterans in finding employment opportunities. At these job centers veterans receive priority.

One-Stop Career Centers:

Atlantic County One-Stop Career Center (609) 813-3900 2 South Main St., Suite 1 Pleasantville, NJ 08232	Bergen County One-Stop Career Center (201) 329-9600 Ext. 5640 60 State St. Hackensack, NJ 07601
Burlington County American Job Center (609) 518-3900 795 Woodlane Rd., 2 nd Floor P.O. Box 6100 Westampton, NJ 08060	Camden County One-Stop Career Center (856) 614-3150 2600 Mt. Ephraim Ave., Suite 102 Camden, NJ 08104
Cape May County One-Stop Career Center (609) 729-0997 3810 New Jersey Ave. Wildwood, NJ 08260	Cumberland County One-Stop Career Center (856) 696-6600 3322 College Drive P.O. Box 1500 Vineland, NJ 08360
Essex County One-Stop Career Center (973) 395-3255 50 South Clinton St., 2 nd Floor East Orange, NJ 07018	Essex County One-Stop Career Center-Newark (973) 648-4489 990 Broad St. Newark, NJ 07102

<p>Gloucester County One-Stop Career Center (856) 251-6810 215 Crown Point Rd., Suite 200 Thorofare, NJ 08086</p>	<p>Hudson County One-Stop Career Center (201)795-8800 438 Summit Ave., 1st Fl. Jersey City, NJ 07306</p>
<p>Hudson County One-Stop Career Center-Union City (201) 369-5205 Ext. 3745 530 48th St., 7th Fl. Union City, NJ 07087</p>	<p>Hunterdon One-Stop Career Center (908) 782-2371 6 Gauntt Place, Bldg. # 2 Lower Level Flemington, NJ 08822</p>
<p>Mercer County One-Stop Career Center (609) 292-0620 26 Yard Ave., Station Plaza, 4 1st Fl. P.O. Box 954 Trenton, NJ 08625</p>	<p>Middlesex County One-Stop Career Center- New Brunswick (732) 937-6200 550 Jersey Ave. New Brunswick, NJ 08901</p>
<p>Morris County One-Stop Career Center- Morristown (862) 397-5600 30 Schuyler Pl., 2nd Fl. Morristown, NJ 07960</p>	<p>Middlesex County One-Stop Career Center- Perth Amboy (732) 293-5016 161 New Brunswick Ave., Suite 300 Perth Amboy, NJ 08861</p>
<p>Morris County One-Stop Career Center-Randolph (862) 397-5600 13 Emery Ave. Randolph, NJ 07860</p>	<p>Monmouth County One-Stop Career Center-Eatontown (732) 683-8850 Ext. 6011 145 Wyckoff Rd, Suite 201 Eatontown, NJ 07724</p>
<p>Ocean County One-Stop Career Center-Hooper Avenue (732) 341-4959 1027 Hooper Ave., Bldg. 6 Toms River, NJ 08753</p>	<p>Monmouth County One-Stop Career Center-Neptune (732) 775-1566 60 Taylor Ave. North Neptune, NJ 07753</p>
<p>Ocean County One-Stop Career Center- Rt. 9 (732) 240-5995 1959 Route 9 Toms River, NJ 08755</p>	<p>Passaic County One-Stop Career Center- Passaic (973) 916-2648 25 Howe Ave. Passaic, NJ 07055</p>
<p>Passaic County One-Stop Career Center-Patterson (973) 742-9226 200 Memorial Dr. 1st Fl. Paterson, NJ 07505</p>	<p>Salem County One-Stop Career Center (856) 935-7007 174 East Broadway Salem, NJ 08079</p>
<p>Somerset Passaic County One-Stop Career Center (908) 704-3000 75 Veterans Memorial Dr. East Somerville, NJ 08876</p>	<p>Sussex Passaic County One-Stop Career Center (973) 383-2775 7 Hampton House Rd. Sussex County Mall, Route 206 Newton, NJ 07860</p>

Union County One-Stop Career Center- Elizabeth (908) 965-3923 921 Elizabeth Ave. Elizabeth NJ, 07201	Union County One-Stop Career Center- Plainfield (908) 412-7980 200 West 2 nd St. Plainfield, NJ 07060
Warren County One-Stop Career Center (908) 859-0400 75 South Main St. Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	

State Employment:

The State of New Jersey offers benefits to assist veterans in finding employment.

Veterans Preference: When applying for state civil service jobs, veterans receive an absolute veterans' preference. This preference means that qualified veterans who receive a passing score on their exam will be moved to the top of the open competitive employment lists. Disabled veterans are given preference which supersedes both veterans and non-veterans on these lists.

To receive preference hiring a veteran must have served on active duty during the following dates for at least 90 days:

WWII	16 September 1940 to 31 December 1946
Korean War	23 June 1950 to 31 January 1955
Vietnam Era	31 December 1960 to 7 May 1975

To receive preference hiring a veteran must have served on active duty during the following dates (14 days of which must be in a combat theater):

Lebanon	1 July 1958 to 1 November 1958
Lebanon Peacekeeping	26 September 1982 to 1 December 1987
Grenada	23 October 1983 to 21 November 1983
Panama	20 December 1989 to 31 January 1990
Desert Shield/Storm	20 December 1989 to 31 January 1990
Somalia	5 December 1992 to 31 March 1994
Bosnia & Herzegovina	20 November 1995 to 20 December 1998
Haiti	19 September 1994 to 31 March 1995
OEF	11 September 2001 to current
OIF/New Dawn	19 March 2003 to current

Disabled Veteran: To qualify, disabled veterans' must not only meet the above requirements but also be in receipt of a letter from the VA showing a 10% or more disability rating.

Spouses: In certain circumstances, a spouse may be entitled to the same preference of a veteran and disabled veteran.

Preference	Spouse Requirement
Veteran Preference	A spouse of a veteran who died outside of service is entitled to the same preferences of the veteran, until they remarry.
Disabled Veteran Preference	The surviving spouse of a disabled veteran is entitled to the same preferences of the disabled veteran until they remarry.
Disabled Veteran Preference	A spouse of a disabled veteran is entitled to the same preference of the disabled veteran, as long as they are not working in a civil service position. The veteran entitled to the points must also waive all preference for the duration of their spouse's employment.
Disabled Veteran Preference	The spouse of a veteran who died in service is entitled to the disabled veteran preference, up until they remarry.

Parents: The parent of a veteran who died in service is also entitled to receive disabled veteran preference. However, if the deceased veteran also had a spouse, only one can claim the disabled veteran preference.

**Veteran preferences established before 1 April 1980 are no longer valid.
Veterans must reestablish preference with the state.*

Other Employment Programs:

GI Go Fund: a Newark, New Jersey based veterans' organization hosts job fairs for veterans, provide direct employment assistance and counseling to veterans looking for work, and hosts a job posting and training board exclusively for veterans. Contract **(866) 389-GIGO (4446)**.

Troops to Teacher: Troops to Teachers is a DOD program which assists eligible military personnel transition to a new career as a public school teacher. Contact **1(800) 231-6242** or go to <http://www.proudtoserveagain.com> for more information.

Troops to Energy Jobs: This is a program designed to assist veterans in transition into careers in the energy industry. Go to <http://www.troopstoenergyjobs.com> for more information.

Helmets to Hardhats: Helmets to Hardhats is a program which connects Guard, Reserve, Retired, and transitioning military personnel to opportunities in the construction industry. These opportunities included both training and career opportunities.

Go to <http://www.helmetstohardhats.org/> for more information.

HOMELESS VETERANS

“But as Americans, the idea that anyone who has worn our country’s uniform spends their nights sleeping on the ground should horrify us.”

– Michelle Obama

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans: 1(877) 424-3838

The Department of Housing and Urban Development annual Point-in-Time (PITC) Count estimates of homeless veterans found that on a given night in January 2016, there were 39,471 homeless veterans. Of that number, 26,404 were sheltered, and 13,067 were not. The same PITC found that there were 556 homeless veterans in the state of New Jersey. Of those 556 veterans, 485 of them were sheltered, while 71 were not.

Federal Programs

Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program

Scott Sussman	New Jersey HCS/East Orange VA Medical Center/ 11-DOM 151 Valley & Knollcroft Rd. Lyons, NJ 07018	(908) 647-0180 ext. 4217
Donna Branca	New Jersey HCS/East Orange/Lyons VA Medical Center/ 11-DOM 151 Valley & Knollcroft Rd. Lyons, NJ 07018	(973) 676-1000 ext. 1738

Or contact the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-424-3838. The hotline assists homeless and at-risk veterans in finding the services they need and deserve.

The Homeless Veterans Dental Program: This program facilitates improvements for homeless veterans to access oral health services. To be eligible, the veteran must be enrolled in VA health care and have been receiving care for 60 days as verified by the facility. Veterans Homeless Coordinator, in settings which include among others, a domiciliary and a community based residential treatment program which serves homeless veterans that fall under the HCHV

program. Please review, VHA Handbook 1130.01, the Veterans Health Administration Dental Program, for more details.⁸

Donna Branca	New Jersey HCS/East Orange/Lyons VA Medical Center/ 11-DOM 151 Valley & Knollcroft Rd. Lyons, NJ 07018	(973) 676-1000 ext. 1738
Or contact the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-424-3838. The hotline assists homeless and at-risk veterans in finding the services they need and deserve.		

Community Resource and Referral Centers (CRRC): CRRCs are a multiagency collaborative effort. They connect homeless veterans with health and mental health care resources, job development programs, housing options, and other VA and non-VA benefits.

Philadelphia CRRC 213 N 4 th St., 2 nd Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19106	(215) 823-5800 ext.7465
Brooklyn, New York City – Chapel Street Clinic/ CRCC 40 Flatbush Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11201	(718) 439-4300
Or contact the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-424-3838. The hotline assists homeless and at-risk veterans in finding the services they need and deserve.	

*** These are the closest facilities to New Jersey**

Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans (DCHV): DCHV is part of the VA's Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs (MH RRTPs). DCHV offers a residential level of care for homeless veterans.

Jamie Ploppert, National Director, MH RRTP	(757) 722-9961 x 1123
Jennifer Burde, Deputy Director, MH RRTP	(540) 982-2463 x 3739
Camilla Doctor, Program Specialist, MH RRTP	(757) 722-9961 x 3624
Or contact the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-424-3838. The hotline assists homeless and at-risk Veterans in finding the services they need and deserve.	

⁸ U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. *Veterans Health Administration Dental Program*. VHA Handbook 1130.01.

Homeless Veterans Community Employment Services (HVCES): This program was established by the VA because finding stable employment is vital to prevent and end homelessness in the veteran community.

Homeless Veterans Community Employment Services	Dr. Carma Heitzmann, Director, HVCES	Carma.Heitzmann@va.gov
New Jersey HCS (East Orange)	Kimberly Johnson, Community Employment Coordinator	Kimberly.Johnson30@va.gov
New Jersey HCS 561A4 (Lyons)	Lamont Jones, Community Employment Coordinator	Lamont.Jones2@va.gov
Or contact the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-424-3838. The hotline assists homeless and at-risk Veterans in finding the services they need and deserve.		

Homeless Shelter Program (HSP): The HSP falls under the VA's loan guarantee service. It sells properties at a discounted rate to organizations, nonprofits, and local governments for the purpose of sheltering veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Visit <http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/index.asp> for more information.

State Programs

Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Veterans: The Veterans Haven program is a New Jersey state operated program. Eligible veterans, who have been medically evaluated by the VA, must agree to be part of a long-term program. The program focuses on social, psychological, and vocational rehabilitation of the veterans.

Veteran's Haven North	200 Sanatorium Rd., Suite 101 Glen Gardner, NJ 08826	(908) 537-1999 (877) 648-0091
Veteran's Haven South	Veteran's Haven South 301 Spring Garden Rd. Winslow, NJ 08095	(609) 561-0269 (609) 567-5806 (888) 849-7188
Home of the Brave	Volunteers of America Delaware Valley 271 Atlantic Ave. Camden, NJ	(856) 966-0909

EDUCATION

Federal Programs

Montgomery GI Bill —Active Duty (MGIB-AD): Service members who pay \$100 per month for 12 months or a lump sum payment of \$1,200 are entitled to receive a monthly education benefit once they have completed a minimum service obligation. Additionally, individuals may contribute \$600 to the Buy-Up program in order to increase their monthly benefit. New inductees are still eligible and may elect to receive MGIB-AD benefits rather than Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. However, beneficiary numbers for this GI Bill have been exceeded by those in the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Post 9/11 GI Bill: The Post 9/11 GI Bill is an education program for those service members who served on active duty after 10 September 2001. Those eligible will receive up to 36 months of coverage over a period of no more than 15 years from the last period of active duty. The Post 9/11 GI Bill will cover all in-state tuition for public schools along with a basic allowance for housing (BAH) equal to no more than that of an E-5 with dependents. The BAH you receive is based upon the zip code the school falls in. The monthly housing allowance for attendance at foreign institutions is up to the national average of the E-5 with dependents BAH, reduced according to the length of time served on active duty and the individual's enrollment rate. For those veterans pursuing education strictly online, the BAH is up to \$805.50 for the 2016 academic year (August 1, 2016 - July 31, 2017). Go to www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/index.asp for more information.

Yellow Ribbon Program: Since the Post 9/11 GI Bill may not cover the entire out of state and private schools tuition, the Yellow Ribbon Program was created to fill that gap for eligible veterans and transferees at the 100% benefit level. Institutions who participate voluntarily enter into an agreement with the VA, in which the VA will match each dollar of unmet charges that the participating school agrees to contribute. For more go to www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon.asp.

Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship: This scholarship provides Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits to the surviving children and spouses of servicemen and women who died in the line of duty while on active duty after 10 September 2001. The scholarship provides those eligible with 100 percent of the benefits for up to 36 months. Go to www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/fry_scholarship.asp for more information.

Veteran Educational Assistance Program (VEAP): VEAP is a voluntary program that is available if the service member elected to contribute to this educational benefit from his/her military pay during the initial tour on or after January 1, 1977, and before July 1, 1985. The government will match the contributions on a 2-for-1 basis and may include an additional DOD

contribution. VEAP can be used for degree, certificate, correspondence, apprenticeship/on-the-job training programs, and vocational flight training programs.

Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP): REAP will provide educational assistance to service members in Reserve components if they are called or ordered to active duty in response to war or national emergency declared by the President or Congress. In general, no educational benefits can be paid after November 25, 2015, although individuals who received REAP benefits for the enrollment period immediately preceding November 25, 2015 may receive benefits through November 25, 2019, or until exhausting their entitlement.

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA): DEA allows for spouses and children of service members to receive the education or training that they would have had or maintain the standard of living that they would have had, if the service member did not become disabled or delayed or died as a result of military service.

**If an individual is eligible for both the Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship and DEA benefits due to the death of the same parent, then that individual must elect the program from which to receive a benefit.*

Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR): MGIB-SR is a program available to individuals serving in the Selected Reserve, including the National Guard, who enlist for a six year service obligation. Educational benefits are also available to selected reservists who enlist, re-enlist, or extend an enlistment after June 30, 1985 and reserve officers who agree to serve an additional six years above any existing obligation. Most of those who are eligible to MGIB-SR receive a monthly allowance similar to the MGIB-AD. Furthermore, additional payments are available and the monthly allowance may be increased under certain circumstances.

VA Training and Education
1(888) GI-BILL or 1(888) 442-4551
001-918-781-5678 (Overseas)
http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/index.asp

Veterans Upward Bound Program: Created by Congress and administered by the Department of Education, the Veterans Upward Bound Program seeks to assist veterans in developing the necessary academic and nonacademic skills needed for acceptance, reentry, and success in postsecondary education.

Kenneth Foushee	Veterans Upward Bound Program U.S. Department of Education, OPE Higher Education Programs Federal TRIO Programs 400 Maryland Ave. SW Washington, DC 20202	(202) 453-7417 kenneth.foushee@ed.gov
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SkillBridge Initiative: The SkillBridge initiative is a Department of Defense program that allows Service members who meet certain qualifications to participate in civilian job and

employment training, which may include both apprenticeships and internships. This training can occur up to six months prior to their separation. Furthermore, “the training must offer a high probability of employment and be provided to the Service member at little or no cost.” For more information, please go to <http://www.dodskillbridge.com/#participation>.

Solar Ready Vets: This is a Department of Energy program which connects veterans to the solar energy industry. It seeks to prepare veterans for careers as solar photovoltaic system installers, sales representatives, system inspectors, and other solar-related occupations. The program selects approximately 20 service members for each class and last between four to six weeks. Near the end of the course the service members will take the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Entry Level Exam, which will provide them with the most widely recognized entry-level PV installation credential. Additionally, upon graduation, service members interview with both national and regional solar companies. This program is enabled by SkillBridge initiative, which is a the Department of Defense program that permits transitioning military personnel to seek civilian job training, apprenticeships, and internships six months prior to their separation. The bases which participate in the program selection were based upon a number of things including the number of transitioning service members and the surrounding solar industry. Of the 10 participating installations, New Jersey is home to one, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. For more information please go to <http://energy.gov/eere/sunshot/solar-ready-vets>.

State Programs:

Veterans Benefits Bureau

(609) 530-6949

Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Tuition Benefits: This educational benefit offers free undergraduate college tuition to any child who was born before, during, or after the period his or her parent was officially declared a Prisoner of War (POW) or was declared missing in action (MIA) after Jan. 1, 1960. This educational benefit is also extended to adopted children who meet the above criteria. The POW/MIA must have been a New Jersey resident at the time he or she entered the service or whose official residence is in New Jersey.

War Orphans Tuition Assistance: \$500 per year for four years of college or equivalent training may be claimed by children of service members who died while in the military or due to service-connected disabilities, or who are listed as MIA. The veteran must have been a resident of New Jersey, and the child must be a resident as well.

Veterans Tuition Credit Program: This program is available to veterans who are eligible for federally funded education programs and who served on active duty from 31 December 1960 to 7 May 1975 as well as were residents of New Jersey when they were inducted into the Armed Forces or service or for a period not less than one year prior to making application. If eligible

the Veterans Tuition Credit Program award is \$400 annually or \$200 per semester for full-time attendance and \$100 per semester for part-time.

Operation Recognition: This is a state program which awards a state of New Jersey endorsed high school diploma to any veteran who left high school to serve in the armed forces during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. All branches are eligible for Operation Recognition including the Coast Guard and the Merchant Marines.

To qualify a veteran must have joined the armed forced during the following dates:

September 16, 1940 - December 31, 1946
June 23, 1950 - January 31, 1955
December 31, 1960 - May 7, 1975

Required paperwork includes:

DD-214 or discharge papers
The name and address of the high school the veteran attended
The name, address and phone number of the applicant

The request should be sent to:

Operation Recognition
 New Jersey Department of Military & Veterans Affairs
 Eggert Crossing Road
 P.O. Box 340
 Trenton, NJ 08625-0340

Kathy	(609) 530-6854/6876
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Other Programs:

Sansone Woodbridge Military Assistance Program: This program provides previously incarcerated veterans, at-risk veterans, and their immediate family members help in obtaining employment as well as access their earned benefits by connecting them with the appropriate agencies. The program also aids in the reintegration process by providing training opportunities, including vocational training in various career fields of the auto industry and employment skills mentoring.

Richard Liebler Sansone Veterans Administrator	(732) 587-1100 x1628	rliebler@sansoneauto.com
Ronald Davie Coordinator, Sansone- Woodbridge Veteran & Spouse Employment Assistance Center	(732) 634-4500 x2037	ron.davie@twp.woodbridge.nj.us

Tillman Military Scholars program: Created by the Pat Tillman Foundation, the Tillman Scholars Program supports active duty members, veterans, and military spouses. It covers educational expenses, to include tuition and fees, books and living expenses. Go to <http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org> or email scholarships@pattillmanfoundation.org for more information.

Additional programs that provide scholarships, grants, or other education assistance include the Army Emergency Relief, the Air Force Aid Society, The Navy Maine Corps Relief Society, The Coast Guard Foundation, and the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance.

Army Emergency Relief

<https://www.aerhq.org/Apply-for-Scholarship>

Air Force Aid Society

<http://www.afas.org/>

Navy Maine Corps Relief Society

<http://www.nmcers.org/pages/education-loans-and-scholarships>

Coast Guard Foundation

<http://www.coastguardfoundation.org/how/scholarships>

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance

<http://www.cgmahq.org/>

New Jersey Bankers Association – Gold Star Family Scholarships

http://www.njbankers.com/CM/Community_Outreach/NJBankers_Charitable_Foundation_Inc/CM/CommunityOutreach/NJBankersEducationFoundationInc/Charitable_Foundation.aspx?hkey=b6bd95b2-b549-4ca6-a09c-7049346ec886

INCARCERATED VETERANS AND RE-ENTRY

Compensation and Pension Benefits of Incarcerated Veterans: Federal law requires that the compensation and pension benefits for veterans who are incarcerated for more than 60 days are to be reduced if a veteran disability rating is 20 percent service-connected or more then the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) reduces the payment to the 10 percent rate. Additionally, if the veteran is at the 10 percent service-connected rating than the VBA reduces the payment by one half. The VBA will discontinue pension benefits for veterans who are convicted of a felony or misdemeanor.

It is imperative that veterans notify the VA upon incarceration as to avoid overpayment and indebtedness to the U.S. Government. Once the veteran is released, the VBA can restore the veteran's compensation and pension benefits.

Health Care for Re-entry Veterans (HCRV) Program: The Program provides outreach and re-entry planning to eligible veterans who are within six months of release. The program educates veterans about available services and benefits, as well as provides transition planning and case management. Contact a counselor in the DOC Office of Transitional Services to set up an appointment with a VA HCRV Specialist, or if possible contact the HCRV Specialist directly.

Valerie Johnson	New York / New Jersey VA Healthcare Network Health Care for Re-entry Veterans Program Specialist c/o VA Hudson Valley Health Care System P.O. Box 100, Albany Post Road Montrose, NY 10548	(914) 737-4400 x 3739
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Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Program: The VJO program seeks to connect eligible justice-involved veterans with VHA services. Additionally, VJO specialists conduct outreach and assessments for these veterans. VJO specialists also provide case management for these veterans in courts and jails as well as liaise with justice system partners.

Sean Clark, J.D., National Coordinator	Veterans Justice Outreach	(859)233-4511 x3188
John Walter Coordinator	Veterans Justice Outreach 1909 New Rd. Northfield, NJ 08225	(302)379-2085 John.walter@va.gov
Mark Correale, VJO Specialist	Lyons, Lyons Campus of the VA New Jersey Health Care System	(908) 647-0180 x5126 mark.correale1@va.gov

***Note: The VA cannot provide legal services**

New Jersey Judiciary Veteran’s Assistance Project (VAP): VAP is a collaborative effort between the Judiciary, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA), and the New Jersey Division of Mental Health Services (DMHS). It is a voluntary referral program for veterans when they come into contact with the court system and are in need of veteran services. Services include: mental health counseling, addiction services, legal services, and housing.

Court Matters	
Assistant Criminal Division Manager Superior Court of New Jersey	(609) 909-8249
Municipal Division Manager Atlantic/Cape Cod Vicinage	(609) 909-8226
Assistant Chief Probation Officer Atlantic County Probation Department	(609) 345-6700 ext. 3569
Benefits and Services	
New Jersey Department of Military and Veteran Affairs	1(866) 838-1645
New Jersey Department of Military and Veteran Affairs	(609) 441-3060
Atlantic County Department of Veterans Services	(609) 487-6932
Mental Health Services	
Jewish Family Service	(609) 822-1108

MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION (MVC)

License Plates: Military and veteran personnel may purchase military reserve plates for passenger or commercial vehicles.

Go to <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Vehicle/MilitaryPersonnel.htm> for more information.

License Plates	Price
Congressional Medal of Honor	No Charge
Navy Cross	\$15
Silver Star	No Charge
Prisoners of War	No Charge
Combat Infantryman Badge	\$15
Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine, Navy, and Reserve units	\$25
The National Guard	\$15
Gold Star Family	No Charge
Disabled American Veterans	\$15
Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$30

Driver's License: Starting on July 1, 2016 a veteran may request a permanent veteran designation on their driver's license. Go to www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/vet.html for more information.

No Fee Automobile Registration: Veterans are entitled to a no fee automobile registration if they are 100 percent disabled, eligible for automobile financial assistance from the VA **and** have sustained the loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet, loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands, or permanent impairment of vision of both eyes to a prescribed degree. Additionally, Medal of Honor recipients are also eligible for a no-fee registration.

Motor Vehicle Commission

1(888) 486-3339

Free Beach Tags: Veterans with a proper military ID are entitled, at the discretion of each New Jersey town, to obtain a free beach tag. Please contact your municipality to inquire about its policies on free beach tags.

NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Hunting and Fishing Licenses: Veterans who are New Jersey residents and were discharged with a service-connected disability are entitled to free hunting and fishing licenses, permits, and stamps.

Joann Ashley	(609) 984-6213 Joann.Ashley@dep.nj.gov
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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Property Tax Exemption: The State of New Jersey allows for an exemption from property tax for certain veterans on their principle residence. This exception is authorized for certain veterans who are totally and permanently disabled war veterans along with their surviving spouse. The surviving spouse of service men and women who died during wartime active duty service may also be exempt.

Claim Form	http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/other_forms/lpt/vss.pdf
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Deduction for Veterans: A deduction of up to \$250 from taxes which are due on the real or personal property is available annually to certain war veterans or their surviving spouse.

Claim Form	http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/other_forms/lpt/vss.pdf
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NATIONAL VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

NJ Department of Military and Veteran Affairs: 1(888) 8NJ-VETS (1-888-865-8387)

Department of New Jersey Catholic War Veterans: (201) 843-9177

Department of NJ Marine Corps League: Harry Prince, Commandant (856) 582-6668

Veterans Crisis Line: 1(800) 273-8255 (Press 1)

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans: 1 (877) 424-3838

Disabled American Veterans: (609) 396-2885 (NJ State Office)

AMVETS: (609) 526-4356 (NJ State Office)

Paralyzed Veterans of America: 1(800) 424-8200

Veterans of Foreign Wars: (609) 393-1929 (NJ State Office)

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America: (212) 982-9699

The American Legion: (973) 297-3377

Vietnam Veterans of America: 1(800) 882-1316

Military Order of the Purple Heart: (703) 642-5360

Wounded Warrior Project: (202) 558-4302

Jewish War Veterans: (202) 265-6280

**For a full list of VSOs, please go to the Directory of Veterans Service Organizations produced by the Department of Veteran Affairs: http://www.va.gov/vso/VSO-Directory_2013-2014.pdf*

OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS

NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs:

Benefit Hotline: 1(888) 8NJ-VETS

Counseling Hotline: 1(866) VETS-NJ4

United Service Organization (USO) Center Newark Liberty International Airport:

(201) 583-5985

New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation: (732) 335-0033

GI Go Fund: 1(866) 389-GIGO (4446)

North Hudson Community Action Corporation: (201) 366-8443

Solider On: 1(866) 406-8449

Community Hope: (973) 463-9600

Catholic Charites Veteran Services: (855) 767 8387



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