

NORTHEAST FLORIDA MILITARY/VETERAN RESOURCE GUIDE

CONNECTING MILITARY MEMBERS AND FAMILIES TO RESOURCES AND BENEFITS

In collaboration with United Way of Northeast Florida, City of Jacksonville Military Affairs and Veterans Department, K9s for Warriors, Wounded Warrior Project, and other organizations, The Fire Watch (www.thefirewatch.org) is developing the Northeast Florida Military/Veteran Resource Guide web site. The Resource Guide web site will be available in April 2020 but given the many challenges our military members and their families are currently facing we want to provide this information to our community now. This document provides a listing of resources oriented to active duty members, veterans and military families. If you are aware of other resources or have questions please contact us at nefmilitaryresources@gmail.com

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Relocation

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Whether you are active duty, National Guard and Reserve, veteran or military family member there are resources available to assist you. The links below access regional (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns counties) and national resources.

Regional Resources

United Way. United Way coordinates existing services and provide additional resources to make it easier for veterans, active duty service members and their families to get the help they need when they need it. Dial 2-1-1 or go to <https://unitedwaynefl.org/get-help/>

City of Jacksonville Military Affairs and Veterans Department. The Military Affairs and Veterans Department is well-suited to meet the needs of members of the armed forces veterans and their families. The Department works closely with area defense facilities and encourages the military missions they perform. The staff assists Veterans and their families file claims and apply for social and educational assistance.

<https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/military-and-veterans-affairs.aspx>

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

<https://www.facebook.com/Baker-County-Veterans-Services-458486007503766/>

Clay County Veteran Services. Assists Veterans and their dependents with VA benefits for non-service-connected pension, service-connected compensations, medical treatment, burial allowances, grave markers, presidential memorial certificates, copies of military personnel and service medical records, and more. The Veterans Service Office assists Clay County Veterans with filing for educational benefits, obtaining VA Home Loan certificates of eligibility, and much more. <https://www.claycountygov.com/departments/veterans-services#ad-image-0>

Nassau County Veterans Service. The Nassau County Veterans' Service Office provides free benefit claims counseling and information and referral assistance to veterans, their dependents, and survivors. <https://www.nassauclerk.com/veterans-service/>

St. Johns County Veteran's Services. The Veterans Services Office assists veterans and their dependents in applying for benefits to which they are entitled under Federal or State Law or Regulations by reason of Active Military Service in the Armed Forces of the United States. This includes, but

is not limited to, preparation of formal claims and appeals relating to Compensation, Education, Loan Guaranty for Homes, Special Adapted Housing, Pension, Medical Care, Insurance, Burial Benefits and related matters. <http://www.sjcfl.us/VeteransServices/index.aspx>

Veterans Florida. Veterans Florida is a non-profit created by the State of Florida to help military veterans' transition to civilian life and to promote Florida's status as the nation's most veteran-friendly state. Veterans Florida provides powerful tools for veterans to take advantage of the benefits of living and working in the Sunshine State. <https://www.veteransflorida.org/>

National Resources

Wounded Warrior Project. Every warrior has a next mission. We know that the transition to civilian life is a journey. And for every warrior, family member, and caregiver, that journey looks different. We are here for their first step, and each step that follows. Because we believe that every warrior should have a positive future to look forward to. There's always another goal to achieve, another mission to discover. We are their partner in that mission. <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

eBenefits is the gateway to Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense benefits. <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>

Military.com. Military.com connects servicemembers, 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 is your 24/7 connection to information, answers and support to help you reach your goals, overcome challenges and thrive. As a member of our military family, you are eligible to use this Department of Defense-funded program anytime, anywhere. Turn to Military OneSource for tax services, spouse employment help, webinars and online training, relocation and deployment tools, and much more. <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. <https://nrd.gov/>

DAV. Navigating the resources available to veterans can be confusing, but DAV believes no veteran should have to go it alone. You can find links to tools and resources that can help the ease the process of attaining earned benefits, coping with the lasting effects of service-connected injuries and finding programs and services that meet your specific needs. <https://www.dav.org/veterans/resources/>

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>

Auntbertha. The Social Care Network that enables you to search for free or reduced cost services like medical care, food, job training and more.

<https://www.auntbertha.com/>

National Veterans Foundation. Our mission is to serve 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 for all veterans and their families. We provide outreach services for veterans and families in need with food, clothing, transportation, employment, and other essential resources. <https://nvf.org/veteran-resources/>

<https://nvf.org/>

After Action Network (AAN) is a non-profit community engagement platform for veterans. Our mission is to connect you the veteran with fun activities, classes, workshops or other opportunities in your local community. <https://www.afteractionnetwork.org/>

Code of Support's PATRIOTlink® platform is a 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.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/71957/free-resources-code-support-partiotlink/>

Request Military Records

National Archives Military Service Records Request and Research. <https://www.archives.gov/veterans>

Emergency Assistance

Veteran Crisis Line. The Veterans Crisis Line is a free, confidential resource that's available to anyone, even if you're not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care. The Crisis Line phone number is 1-800-273-8255, press 1. Veterans also have the ability to text to 838255, or talk online with a [confidential veterans chat](#).

United Way. United Way coordinates existing services and provide additional resources to make it easier for veterans, active duty service members and their families to get the help they need when they need it. Dial 2-1-1 or go to <https://unitedwaynefl.org/get-help/>

Red Cross North Florida Chapter. The Northeast Florida Chapter provides Disaster Relief/Services (24/7) - information about receiving disaster relief assistance and dispatch; and Military & Service to Armed Forces (24/7) - inquiries about connecting military personnel to family members. <https://www.redcross.org/local/florida/north-florida/about-us/locations/northeast-florida.html>

National Veterans Foundation Lifeline for Vets. To serve 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 for all veterans and their families. <https://nvf.org/about-national-veterans-foundation/>

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Northeast Florida Veterans Administration Facilities

Jacksonville Vet Center. We provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services for veterans, active duty servicemembers, Guard and Reservists, and families who have earned this no-cost benefit through their service in combat zones. 3728 Phillips Highway, Suite 31; Jacksonville, FL 32207. Phone: 904-399-8351; Fax: 904-399-8355. For assistance after hours, weekends, and holidays call: 1-877-WAR-VETS (1-877-927-8387) <http://www.vetcenter.va.gov>

VA Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC). 605 West Beaver Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. (904) 798-2800

VA Jacksonville Outpatient Clinic. 1536 North Jefferson Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32209. (904) 475-5800 or (877) 870-5048

VA University Boulevard VA Outpatient Clinic. Memorial Health Plaza, 3901 University Boulevard South, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. (904) 732-6300

VA Women's Health Community Based Outpatient Clinic. 3901 University Boulevard South, Building 100, Room 108, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. (904) 732-9818

VA Southpoint Outpatient Clinic. 6900 Southpoint Drive North, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. (904) 470-6900

VA St. Augustine Clinic. 195 Southpark Boulevard, St. Augustine, Florida 32086. (904) 829-0814

VA Jacksonville Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Office. 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 120B, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. (904) 731-0565

VA Naval Air Station Jacksonville Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) Site. 13 Yorktown Avenue, NAS Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Florida 32212. (904) 542-3286

VA VetSuccess on Campus at Florida State College at Jacksonville. 940 North Main Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202. (904) 631-6227

VA Malcom Randall Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. 1601 Southwest Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608. (352) 376-1611

VA Facility Locator. www.va.gov/landing2_locations.htm

Family Support. Regional, National

Regional

Fleet and Family Support Center. FFSC programs are aimed at making life in the Navy more meaningful and productive. Single people and married persons, from E-1s through Admirals, are all receiving FFSC services right now. The FFSC offers workshops on personal finance management, ombudsman programs, new parent support, family employment assistance and much more!

<https://www.navywmwrjacksonville.com/programs/026db640-0949-49a4-ba5e-cb2c02eadd8e>

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/>

Northeast Florida Family Support Programs. <https://www.auntbertha.com/search/text?term=FAMILY+SUPPORT&postal=32217&language=en>

National

Operation Homefront. Operation Homefront is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to build strong, stable, and secure military families so they can thrive — not simply struggle to get by — in the communities they have worked so hard to protect. For over fifteen years, we have provided programs that offer: RELIEF (through Critical Financial Assistance and transitional housing programs), RESILIENCY (through permanent housing and caregiver support services) and RECURRING FAMILY SUPPORT programs and services throughout the year that help military families overcome the short-term bumps in the road so they don't become long-term chronic problems.

<https://www.operationhomefront.org/aboutus>

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.

https://psycharmor.org/?s=FAMILY&asl_active=1&p_asid=1&p_asl_data=cXRyYW5zbGF0ZV9sYW5nPTAmc2V0X2V4YWN0b25seT1jaGVja2VkInNldF9pbmRpdGxlPU5vbmUmY3VzdG9tc2V0JTVCJTVEPXMmd2QtY291cnNlcw==

Project Sanctuary Family Support 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 our support staff to address their emergency and long-term needs for financial assistance, counseling referrals, and connection to services offered by collaborating partners. Family Support Resource Weekends offer a relaxed and mission-focused environment with direct, in-person access to organizations that serve veterans.

<https://projectsanctuary.us/family-support/>

10 Can. Our mission is designed for warriors - by warriors. Military and first responder families stand on the line between good and evil, often enduring traumatic stress. Our mission is to revive heroes, raise warriors, and restore families through outdoor recreation, education, and rehabilitation. We have discovered a cure for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), the formula for suicide prevention, and a pathway to happiness. We're the Christian Adventure Network that partners with organizations to host hunting, fishing, and survival camps. We foster 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/>

Teens in Flight. Teens-In-Flight provides flight training and aviation maintenance scholarships to those teens who have lost a parent or sibling in the Global War on Terrorism or, is the teen or sibling of a parent who was wounded in action and is disabled. <http://www.teens-in-flight.com/>

Financial Assistance

Debt Management Credit Counseling Corporation. We are a nonprofit credit counseling organization committed to educating consumers on financial issues and providing personal assistance to consumers who have become overextended with debt. The organization employs certified credit counselors to provide its program services, including financial education, counseling and debt consolidation plans. <https://www.dmcccorp.org/>

Catholic Charities' Emergency Financial Assistance Program (EA) is a recognized and proven way to prevent homelessness in Jacksonville. Our program serves those in our community who are struggling to pay utility bills, rent/mortgage payments or need food assistance. By aiding them with these basic needs, we ensure they can stay safely in their homes. <https://www.ccbjax.org/>

Operation Homefront. OH provides emergency financial assistance to service members and their families. The program funds: shelter, rent, mortgage, temporary lodging, utilities, vehicles, car payments, car insurance, registration, airfare, childcare during illness or surgery, funeral and/or cremation expenses for military children non covered by SGLI, personal property taxes and emergency dental expenses. <http://www.operationhomefront.org/>

Coalition to Salute America's Heroes. Since 2004, the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes has provided disabled American veterans from Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and New Dawn with millions of dollars' worth of Emergency Financial Aid and support services. Emergency Financial Aid often covers expenses such as utility bills; car payments and repair costs; mortgage and rent payments; groceries, baby formula, and household supplies; school supplies and clothing; medical bills www.saluteheroes.org

Salute Inc. We know deployment to active duty, injury and/or the transition back to civilian life can cause military personnel, veterans and their families a great deal of emotional and financial stress. SALUTE, INC. helps affected families by providing financial aid for rent/mortgage payments, auto expenses, phone, utility bills, and other everyday living expenses. <http://www.saluteinc.org/>

Semper Fi Fund. We provide direct financial assistance and vital programming for combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured service members and their families during hospitalization and recovery. www.semperfund.org

USA Cares. USA Cares' mission is to provide post-9/11 military veterans, service members and their families with emergency financial assistance and post-service skills training that will create a foundation for long-term stability. Our services improve the quality of life for veterans and their families and reduce potential factors that contribute to veteran suicide. www.usacares.org

Modest Needs Organization. To provide short-term financial assistance to individuals and families in temporary crisis who, because they are working and live just above the poverty level, are ineligible for most types of conventional social assistance but who (like many of us) are living one or two lost paychecks away from the kind of financial catastrophe that eventually leads to homelessness www.ModestNeeds.org

Operation First Response The mission of Operation First Response, Inc (OFR) is to serve all branches of our nation's Disabled Veterans and their families with personal and financial needs. Financial aid varies as each case is based on individual needs ranging from rent, utilities, vehicle payments, groceries, clothing, and travel expenses. www.operationfirstresponse.org

American Legion. The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program has awarded cash grants to minor children of current active duty or American Legion members. These grants help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses, thereby keeping the child or children in a more stable environment. <https://www.legion.org/financialassistance/about>

VFW. Unmet Needs is there to help America's military families who have run into unexpected financial difficulties as a result of deployment or other military-related activity or injury. The program provides financial aid grants of up to \$1,500 to assist with basic life needs in the form of a grant - not a loan - so no repayment is required. To further ease the burden, we pay the creditor directly. <http://www.vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants>

Project Vet Relief supports our service members and their families with immediate financial assistance. We grant funds during a financial crisis. By providing this temporary relief, we can deter the possibility of homelessness, malnutrition, loss of basic utilities, termination of employment, or deteriorating health and get them back on their feet. <https://www.projectvetrelief.org/>

Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society. The mission of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational, and other assistance to members of the Naval Service of the United States, eligible family members, and survivors when in need; and to receive and manage funds to administer these programs. <https://www.nmcrs.org/>

Army Emergency Relief. AER provides interest-free loans, grants and scholarships for Soldiers, Retired Soldiers and Families. <https://www.aerhq.org/>

City of Jacksonville Foreclosure Intervention Program. The Foreclosure Intervention Program helps City of Jacksonville residents stay in their home and stop the foreclosure process by providing mortgage counseling services; direct mortgage assistance; loan modification and refinance counseling; budget and financial literacy.

<https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/neighborhoods-property-administration/foreclosure-intervention-program>

Northeast Florida Financial Assistance Resources. <https://www.auntbertha.com/money/financial-assistance--jacksonville-fl?postal=32217>

Financial Literacy

VeteransPlus is a financial literacy organization devoted to improving the quality of life of those who have worn our nation's uniform. VeteransPlus has three programs that deliver financial education and literacy: One on One Personalized Phone coaching; Military and Veterans Family Outreach; Pro-Bono Financial Planning Advice. <https://www.veteransplus.org/programs/>

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) 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. <http://www.consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers>

The Guide to Financial Planning for Servicemembers and Veterans.

<http://www.totalmortgage.com/total-path/financial-planning-for-servicemembers-veterans/>

MONEY's The Veterans Guide to Financial Success. To help make the transition to civilian life easier, MONEY has created this guide to navigating the most common financial challenges. <http://money.com/money/page/veterans-financial-guide/>

Money Management Guide for Veterans. This guide offers applicable advice on things veterans should consider when planning their retirement from the military. We'll help navigate benefits available to veterans, health care, financial responsibilities and the unique perks veterans are granted in return for their service. <https://www.lexingtonlaw.com/blog/finance/money-guide-for-veterans.html>

Military Times Mil Money. <https://www.militarytimes.com/pay-benefits/mil-money/>

United Way of Northeast Florida RealSense Services. RealSense provides free financial education, counseling and tax preparation services to help families and individuals save money and build assets. <https://unitedwaynefl.org/our-work/financial-security/realsense/>

Veterans Benefits Banking Program (VBBP). The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) and the Association of Military Banks of America (AMBA) have partnered in the Veterans Benefits Banking Program (VBBP) to create banking options for Veterans and their families. <https://veteransbenefitsbanking.org/>

Department of Defense Financial Readiness Site. <https://finred.usalearning.gov/>

Northeast Florida Financial Education Resources. <https://www.auntbertha.com/money/financial-education--jacksonville-fl?postal=32217>

Legal Assistance

Veterans Treatment Court. The Duval County Veterans Treatment Court is a program designed to provide essential substance abuse treatment services, mental health treatment services, or both, to current and former military service members who have been arrested for a criminal offense, and in which a nexus between the offense or diagnoses and the veteran's military service exists. The mission of Veterans Treatment Court is to provide an interagency, collaborative, non-adversarial treatment strategy for veteran defendants in the criminal justice system. Veterans Treatment Court strives to serve a target population of veteran defendants who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, other psychological conditions, sexual trauma, or substance abuse problems that are identified as service-related conditions and that manifested themselves while in active military service or after an honorable or general under honorable discharge. This program utilizes multiple interventions, including a collaborative approach to treatment and rehabilitation, drug/alcohol testing, regular court appearances and educational opportunities that are intended to provide the skills necessary to maintain a clean and sober lifestyle and to reconnect with families and community. Veterans Treatment Court will provide eligible veterans with the opportunity to receive specialized one-on-one veteran peer mentor support, assistance in gaining access to veteran healthcare and benefits from the US Department of Veteran Affairs, and community supervision, thus ensuring public safety and accountability.

Duval County

<https://www.jud4.org/Court-Programs/Drug,-Mental-Health,-and-Veterans-Treatment-Courts/Veterans-Treatment-Court-Programs/Clay-County-Veterans-Treatment-Court>

St. Johns County http://www.circuit7.org/Program%20and%20Services/Veterans_Court.html

Baker County <https://circuit8.org/departments-services/specialty-courts/>

Nassau County

<https://www.jud4.org/Court-Programs/Drug,-Mental-Health,-and-Veterans-Treatment-Courts/Veterans-Treatment-Court-Programs/Nassau-County-Veterans-Treatment-Court>

Clay County

<https://www.jud4.org/Court-Programs/Drug,-Mental-Health,-and-Veterans-Treatment-Courts/Veterans-Treatment-Court-Programs/Duval-County-Veterans-Treatment-Court>

Veterans Resource Guide for the Florida State Court System (prepared by Supreme Court Task Force)
https://www.flcourts.org/content/download/217311/1969812/VETERANS_RESOURCE_GUIDE.pdf

American Bar Association Military Pro Bono Center. The Home Front Pro Bono Center brings together military and civilian attorneys to help military families. https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_services/milvets/aba_home_front/Military_Pro_Bono/

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid. Through the support of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, The Florida Veterans Legal Helpline provides a convenient point of access for Florida veterans for legal issues relating to housing, family law and child support, driver's license suspensions, disability and veterans' benefits, expungement, and more. www.jaxlegalaid.org/veterans

Three Rivers Legal Services. At Three Rivers Legal Services, we support our veterans throughout the year with legal representation and free legal advice related to housing, VA benefits, social security, and family law. As a Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF) recipient in 17 of Florida's counties, we prioritize veteran assistance as part of our overarching mission. We also work with various community partners to connect with veterans. In addition, we provide legal clinics to answer questions and deliver aid to veterans.
<https://trls.org/supporting-veterans-in-jax-with-legal-services/>

Florida Attorney General Military Veteran Assistance Program (MVAP) was created to help educate military members and veterans on the types of scams that target their communities, what they can do to protect themselves, and how they can help protect others by reporting scams and deceptive business practices. In addition, members of the MVAP team work directly with military servicemembers and veterans who have been targeted, or their representatives, to help resolve their consumer protection related issues or find other outside assistance if necessary.
<http://myfloridalegal.com/85256CC5006DFCC3.nsf/0/DC72253DC136688785258123003E1ADD?Open&Highlight=0,mvap>

Florida Attorney General Military Consumer Protection Resource Guide.
[http://myfloridalegal.com/webfiles.nsf/WF/RMAS-A9KQ6C/\\$file/CP+Military+Guide.pdf](http://myfloridalegal.com/webfiles.nsf/WF/RMAS-A9KQ6C/$file/CP+Military+Guide.pdf)

The Florida Bar Consumer Information and Pamphlets. <https://www.floridabar.org/public/consumer/>

Northeast Florida Legal Services Resources. <https://www.auntbertha.com/legal/advocacy-%26-legal-aid--jacksonville-fl?postal=32217>

Senior Veterans

VA Geriatrics and Extended Care. Summary of services offered for Senior Veterans. <https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/index.asp>

VA Care Home and Community Based Services. https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/Home_and_Community_Based_Services.asp

VA Residential Settings and Nursing Homes. https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/Nursing_Home_and_Residential_Services.asp

Paying for Long Term Care. https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/Paying_for_Long_Term_Care.asp

VA Caregiver Support. <https://www.caregiver.va.gov/>

VA and Non-VA Geriatric Resources. https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/other_resources.asp

Veteran-Directed Care Program (VDC). Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Services gives Veterans of all ages the opportunity to receive the Home and Community Based Services they need in a consumer-directed way. Veteran Directed Care is for Veterans who need assistance with activities of daily living (e.g., bathing and getting dressed) or instrumental activities of daily living (e.g., fixing meals); are isolated, or their caregiver is experiencing burden. Veterans in this program are given a flexible budget for services that can be managed by the Veteran or the family caregiver. Veteran-Directed Care can be used to help Veterans continue to live at home or in their community.

https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/Veteran-Directed_Care.asp

State of Florida Veteran Assisted Living Facility and Nursing Homes. The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs operates six skilled nursing facilities and one assisted living facility. All facilities are licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration and inspected annually by AHCA and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The homes are supervised round the clock by registered and licensed nurses. Basic admission requirements for all state veterans' homes include an honorable discharge, state residency prior to admission, and certification of need of assisted living or skilled nursing care as determined by a VA physician. <http://floridavets.org/locations/state-veterans-nursing-homes/>

Senior Helpers. Senior Helpers is helping senior Veterans to understand how they can qualify and apply for the VA's Aid & Attendance Benefit, which pays seniors for the in-home senior care they need to live comfortably and safely. Veterans, their spouses, and surviving spouses of veterans may be eligible for this benefit, which is a tax-free pension benefit that provides financial aid to help offset the cost of long-term, nonmedical in-home care. <https://www.seniorhelpers.com/services/va-benefit-assistance>

Elder Source. Veterans and persons with disabilities and their caregivers face many challenges in finding assistance. The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) HelpLine will work with you to find in-home care or community assistance programs. We have relationships with a number of agencies to give you support. <https://www.myeldersource.org/programs-services/adults-with-disabilities-veterans/>

Aging True Community Senior Services guides older individuals to help make their elder years an enriching and graceful culmination of life. We provide seniors with the care and assistance they need to live independently. <https://www.agingtrue.org/>

Community Hospice Veterans Care. Military veterans, especially those who saw combat, can experience the end of life differently than those who didn't serve. We are honored to not only serve veterans and their caregivers by providing specialized compassionate care to meet their unique needs now and at the end of life, but to also commemorate their sacrifices in meaningful ways that ensure their legacies live on. <https://www.communityhospice.com/services/veterans-care/>

Military Funeral and Burial Benefits. <https://www.funeralbasics.org/veterans-burial-benefits-checklist/>
<https://www.military.com/benefits/survivor-benefits/military-retiree-survivor-checklist.html>

Northeast Florida Senior Services Resources. <https://www.auntbertha.com/search/text?term=elder+care&postal=32217&language=en>

Service Dogs

Patriot Service Dogs. Dedicated to helping our disabled military community gain a sense of independence through a partnership with a well-trained service dog. <https://www.patriot servicedogs.org/>

Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs. Promotes independence for combat wounded veterans and children with life-changing disabilities through partnerships with skilled assistance dogs. www.goldenpaws.org

K9s for Warriors. Dedicated to providing service canines to our warriors suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, and/or Military Sexual Trauma as a result of military service post-9/11. www.k9sforwarriors.org

New Horizons Service Dogs. We train our service dogs primarily to assist adults and children in wheelchairs and also to assist those individuals with other mobility and balance problems. We have specialized programs for veterans with disabilities and children with autism. <https://newhorizonsservicedogs.org/>

Food

Community Health Outreach “The Lord’s Pantry.” The Community Health Outreach “The Lord’s Pantry” provides food assistance for those who need it most. <https://www.chojax.net/hours>

Mission House. Mission House is the only day facility to help meet the needs of people who are homeless at the Beaches through compassion, faith, and programs designed to provide assistance at an individual level. Today, our number one goal is to assist people who are homeless off the streets of the Beach and back to productive and self-sufficient lives. <https://www.missionhousejax.org/services> -

Food Pantry Locator.

https://ampleharvest.org/find-pantry/?gclid=Cj0KCCQjw3qzzBRDnARIsAECmryrWfq0ae6NenqrRcvcXpozZwsyOLWGMgtJufGPuQa71uo0UjLrJviEaAhdXEALw_wcB

Lutheran Social Services Hunger Relief. Lutheran Social Services has spent 40 years fighting local hunger through a wide array of hunger-relief initiatives. In 2014, Lutheran Social Services rebranded this portion of its outreach as the Nourishment Network to focus on specific populations. https://www.lsfnetwork.org/?gclid=Cj0KCCQjw3qzzBRDnARIsAECmryrQHHPUENg-VtkqPH6Di5LRZArKZFODCX_oOhq6ggcI7zJfMBf_isaAo_eEALw_wcB

Feeding Northeast Florida. Feeding Northeast Florida feeds local children and families, senior, and veterans that struggle to put food on the table. This link provides a listing of Feeding Assistance and Partners of Feeding Northeast Florida in Baker, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns County. <https://www.feedingnefl.org/feeding-assistance/>

Food Pantry Green Cove Springs. Since 1989, we have been providing Clay County with emergency food for families and individuals in need. We rely on food drives from local organizations to stock our shelves and donations from foundations, corporations, and individuals in the community. <https://foodpantryofgreencovesprings.org/>

Salvation Army Meal Ministry. 900 W. Adams Street, Downtown Jacksonville. Dinner for unsheltered homeless persons and the working poor occurs every night of the year at 6pm, and on Sunday mornings at 8:30am in the dining room of the Towers Center of Hope at 900 W. Adams Street in Downtown Jacksonville. The line forms at 5:30pm at the gate on the Davis Street side of the building. <https://salvationarmyflorida.org/jacksonville-ac/#toggle-id-2>

Greater Jacksonville Area USO Healthy Family Initiatives and No Dough Dinners. <https://jax.uso.org/programs>

Northeast Florida Food Resources. <https://www.auntbertha.com/food/emergency-food--jacksonville-fl?postal=32217>

Healthcare – Active Duty, Veteran and Military Family

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Veterans Administration Northeast Florida Medical Facilities

Jacksonville Vet Center. We provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services for veterans, active duty servicemembers, Guard and Reservists, and families who have earned this no-cost benefit through their service in combat zones. 3728 Phillips Highway, Suite 31; Jacksonville, FL 32207. Phone: 904-399-8351; Fax: 904-399-8355. For assistance after hours, weekends, and holidays call: 1-877-WAR-VETS (1-877-927-8387) <http://www.vetcenter.va.gov>

VA Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC). 605 West Beaver Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. (904) 798-2800

VA Jacksonville Outpatient Clinic. 1536 North Jefferson Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32209. (904) 475-5800 or (877) 870-5048

VA University Boulevard VA Outpatient Clinic. Memorial Health Plaza, 3901 University Boulevard South, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. (904) 732-6300

VA Women's Health Community Based Outpatient Clinic. 3901 University Boulevard South, Building 100, Room 108, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. (904) 732-9818

VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic; 3901 University Blvd S, Bldg 100 32216; Women Veterans Clinic same address?

VA Southpoint Outpatient Clinic. 6900 Southpoint Drive North, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. (904) 470-6900

VA St. Augustine Clinic. 195 Southpark Boulevard, St. Augustine, Florida 32086. (904) 829-0814

VA Malcom Randall Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. 1601 Southwest Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608. (352) 376-1611

VA Facility Locator. www.va.gov/landing2_locations.htm

Veterans Administration Medical Programs

VA MISSION Act. The MISSION Act gives Veterans greater access to health care in VA facilities and the community, expands benefits for caregivers, and improves VA's ability to recruit and retain the best medical providers. www.missionact.VA.gov

VA Health Care Benefits. With VA health care, you're covered for regular checkups with your primary care provider and appointments with specialists (like cardiologists, gynecologists, and mental health providers). You can access Veterans health care services like home health and geriatric (elder) care, and you can get medical equipment, prosthetics, and prescriptions. Find out how to apply for and manage the health care benefits you've earned. www.va.gov/healthbenefits

Women Veterans Healthcare. Learn more about the changing face of women Veterans and what VA is doing to meet their health care needs. www.womenshealth.va.gov

Caregiver Support Program. As a family caregiver you play an important role in caring for the Veteran at home and in the community. VA has two programs for caregivers: The Program of General Caregiver Support Services (eligible Veterans all eras) and the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (eligible post-9/11 Veterans). www.caregiver.va.gov

Department of Defense Northeast Florida Medical Facilities

Naval Hospital Jacksonville. 2080 Child Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32214. <https://tricare.mil/mtf/jacksonville>

Branch Health Clinic NAS Jacksonville. Building 964 (corner of Enterprise Ave., Ajax St. and Birmingham Ave.), Jacksonville, FL. 32214
<https://tricare.mil/mtf/Jacksonville/Health-Services/Naval-Branch-Health-Clinic-Jacksonville>

Branch Health Clinic Mayport Naval Station. Building 2104, 2104 Massey Ave. Jacksonville, FL. 32228.
<https://tricare.mil/mtf/Jacksonville/Health-Services/Naval-Branch-Health-Clinic-Mayport>

Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville Medical. <https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/District-7/Units/Sector-Jacksonville/Medical/>

Veterans Health Library

Veterans Health Library. The VHL offers Veterans, family members, and caregivers 24/7 access to comprehensive, consistent, Veteran-focused health information, no matter where the Veteran receives care. The VHL provides information that's been approved by VA experts; is designed to be easy for Veterans to use and understand; features Veteran-specific health topics, like posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Agent Orange and combat-related traumatic brain injury; has been improved with testing and feedback from Veterans, family members, and health care providers.

<https://www.veteranshealthlibrary.va.gov/>

No Cost/Low Cost Medical Facilities

Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville. Volunteers in Medicine is a free healthcare clinic that provides outpatient primary and specialty medical services to Northeast Florida's working, low-income, uninsured individuals and their families. <https://vim-jax.org/>

MASS Clinic. MASS Clinic provides free, volunteer-based care management to the uninsured population of Duval County. <https://massclinic.org/>

WeCareJax. WeCareJax is a non-profit 501(c)3 formed in 1993 to improve access to specialty health care for low-income and uninsured patients.
<https://wecarejacksonville.org/>

University of Florida Jacksonville Health and Transition Services. The transition from pediatric health care to adult-oriented health care can be very complicated for people with disabilities and chronic health conditions. The Jacksonville Health and Transition Services (JaxHATS) clinic was created to help make this transition easier. JaxHATS serves teens and young adults, ages 16-26, with chronic medical or developmental problems.

<https://hscj.ufl.edu/jaxhats/>

St. Vincent's Mobile Health Outreach Ministry (MHOM) provides free acute and preventive medical care to those who are medically underserved in Northeast Florida, by bringing fully staffed doctors-offices-on-wheels to the neighborhoods where its services are needed most. Adults: The program is for the uninsured and those who fall at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Call 904-308-7809. Children: No financial information is needed. For information on our pediatric program and which schools are serviced, please contact 904-308-7919.

Low-cost or sliding scale clinics in Florida. https://www.needymeds.org/medical_clinics.taf?function=state&state=FL

Resource Listing for Area Healthcare Payment Assistance.

<https://www.auntbertha.com/health/help-pay-for-healthcare--jacksonville-fl?postal=32217>

Community Health Outreach has been providing services for 25 years, operating a primary medical care and emergency dental treatment facility administered through the Access to Health Care Act, food pantry, and pregnancy center located in Duval County, Florida.

<https://www.dcmsonline.org/page/MedicalOutreach>

The Healthy Start Coalition. In Northeast Florida too many babies die from preventable causes and lack of health services. The Healthy Start Coalition leads a cooperative community effort to reduce infant mortality and improve the health of children, childbearing women and their families in Northeast Florida. <http://nefhealthystart.org/about/>

Northeast Florida Medical Resources. <https://www.auntbertha.com/health/medical-care--jacksonville-fl?postal=32217>

Mental Health/PTS. Regional, National

Regional

VA Mental Health Service. Your mental health is a critical component to your overall wellness. If you are experiencing mental health challenges or suspect a family member would benefit from talking to a mental health provider, VA offers ways to help. Veterans and their family members can

connect with support through in-person appointments at local VA facilities, telehealth sessions, and online resources. Learn more about how you or someone you care about can find help, either in your local community or online.

https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/index.asp?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=search-va&utm_content=mental-health&utm_term=%2Bva%20mental%20health%20services&gclid=Cj0KCQjw3qzzBRDnARIsAECmrypNq-sqa6jShOhQKw8Ai4-AdktdNf8sIdND1O3m5MVkUb8rY15PHNwaAiUUEALw_wcB

Cohen Veterans Network. At the Cohen Veterans Network (CVN), we seek to improve the quality of life for veterans, including those from the National Guard and Reserves, and their families. CVN works to strengthen mental health outcomes and complement existing support, with a particular focus on post-traumatic stress. CVN's focus is on post-9/11 veterans, their families, and active duty military families in order to get ahead of transition challenges before they become chronic or acute. CVN offers care at their Jacksonville Clinic and through telehealth.

<https://centerstone.org/cohen-military-family-clinic/jacksonville/>

Eisenhower Clinic offers military veterans impact and brain injury rehabilitation in Jacksonville, Florida.

<http://www.eisenhowercenter.com/facilities/florida/>

Mental Health Resource Center. Founded in Jacksonville in May 1977, Mental Health Resource Center, Inc. (MHRC) is a Florida nonprofit corporation that provides a wide range of behavioral health and social services to the community. Included in MHRC's service array are 24-hour emergency services; inpatient psychiatric services for children, adolescents and adults; and numerous outpatient services, including medication management, case management, counseling, supported housing, psychosocial rehabilitation, two programs for the homeless, a therapeutic family program, state hospital liaison services, forensic services, in-jail services, and nine Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) programs for adults with severe and persistent mental illness located in Clearwater, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Kissimmee, Rockledge, Tampa, and Winter Haven.

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

Wekiva Springs Center. Wekiva Springs Center provides mental health and substance abuse treatment to adults and senior adults. Our diverse continuum of programs is designed to help patients achieve stability and develop coping skills that can promote long-term recovery and mental wellness. We strive to help patients recognize self-destructive patterns and their self-worth. Programs are offered at multiple levels of care to meet each patient's treatment needs. The level of care an individual receives is determined by a [no-cost, confidential assessment](#). We also offer military-specific care for active duty service members, veterans and their families through TRICARE®.

<https://wekivacenter.com/treatment-services/>

The Recovery Village® is one of the many rehabilitation centers in the country that helps veterans with substance use disorders. With centers in Florida, Colorado, Ohio and Washington, we offer comprehensive treatment for dual diagnosis-based drug and alcohol cases, among other conditions. Top-of-the-line medical care, wellness programs, and holistic therapy designed to treat the whole self are just a few of the many treatments you can expect at our centers. Each facility is also staffed with experienced specialists who all share the same goal of helping patients on the road to recovery. <https://www.therecoveryvillage.com/resources/veterans/>

Florida Traumatic Brain Injury Resources. <https://www.traumaticbraininjury.com/resources/florida/>

Northeast Florida Mental Health Resources. <https://www.auntbertha.com/health/mental-health-care--jacksonville-fl?postal=32217>

National

Emory Healthcare Veterans Program. We offer, expert treatment to *Service members and Post-9/11 Veterans* battling with PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury, Military Sexual Trauma, Anxiety, or Depression. We provide a 2-week intensive outpatient program that delivers as many sessions of therapy as a full year of standard outpatient treatment. We can treat *Service members and Veterans anywhere in the US regardless of discharge status*. We cover the cost of transportation, lodging, and meals during the program. There are no out-pocket costs for patients. <https://www.emoryhealthcare.org/centers-programs/veterans-program/index.html>

The SHARE Military Initiative at Shepherd Center is a comprehensive rehabilitation program that focuses on assessment and treatment for active duty or separated service members who have served in the U.S. military since September 11, 2001. The program helps service members who are experiencing symptoms of or have a diagnosis of mild to moderate brain injury, or concussions and any co-occurring psychological or behavioral health concerns, including post-traumatic stress. SHARE Military Initiative provides hope, assistance, support, and education to service members and their families during their recovery treatment and beyond. <https://www.shepherd.org/patient-programs/care-for-us-service-members>

Project Healing Heroes. We are combat veterans who have expertise in treating post-traumatic stress (disorder), often referred to as PTS(D). PTS(D) treatment programs have better results when they are flexible and individualized. Our Resiliency Formation Training Series educates trauma survivors and provides them with a precision-targeted, personalized training plan. <https://www.projecthealingheroes.org/about>

Veterans Mental Health. n Online Community for those who want to learn more about Veteran Mental Health, support those who have served, and reduce the barriers to health and wellness that exist for our nation's service members. <http://veteranmentalhealth.com/>

Vets Prevail is an online mental health awareness and education platform that uses technology, clinical mental health counseling resources, and anonymous peer support to assist veterans in gaining better understanding and awareness about their mental health and wellness. Anonymous self-assessments help provide an understanding of challenges you may be facing. Self-guided learning helps to teach the veteran about the different aspects of mental health and wellness. Users have the ability to be connected to a Peer and participate in an anonymous online chat with a certified user that has worked through the program themselves. <https://www.vetsprevail.org/>

Give An Hour is a national 501(c)3 Nonprofit that administers a network of licensed mental health providers that have agreed to provide no-cost services to veterans and those who support them. <https://giveanhour.org/get-help/>

Make the Connection connects Veterans, their family members and friends, and other advocates with mental health information, local resources, and Veterans' own inspiring stories of recovery. <https://maketheconnection.net/>

Support Groups

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) provides support and resources for right after a Suicide, connecting with other survivors, and Honoring a loved one. <https://afsp.org/find-support/ive-lost-someone/>

Trauma and PTSD Support Groups in Northeast Florida. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/groups/trauma-and-ptsd/fl/jacksonville>
<https://mhajax.org/wp-content/uploads/SupportGroups.pdf>

Survivors of Suicide. Founded in 1995, Survivors of Suicide of Northeast Florida (SOS) is a nonprofit organization that provides support to families, friends, and those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Our mission is to guide, educate and support survivors through the healing process. <http://www.neflurvivors.com/home.aspx>

The Vinson Foundation: Helping Families Coping with Suicide Loss: Offering Support Groups monthly in the Orange Park, Jacksonville, and St. Augustine areas: <https://thevinsonfoundation.org/>

AFSP Nassau County Survivors of Suicide Support Group:

https://afsp.org/support_group/survivor-of-suicide-support-group-amelia-sossga/?address=jacksonville%2Bflorida&lat=30.332184&lng=-81.6556

Children and Teen Survivor of Suicide Loss Support Group, Jacksonville:

https://afsp.org/support_group/children-teen-survivor-of-suicide-loss-support-group/?address=Jacksonville%2C%2BFL&lat=30.332184&lng=-81.655651

Stepping Stone Center for Recovery provides a free group for those who know someone suffering with substance abuse.

<https://www.steppingstonecenter.com/>

Operation Home Front – This organization assists immediate family members of those who are wounded, ill, injured or deployed. Criteria is listed under each type of assistance that may be provided and will guide you to your local chapter. www.operationhomefront.net

VA Caregiver Support Program. As a family caregiver you play an important role in caring for the Veteran at home and in the community. VA has two programs for caregivers: The Program of General Caregiver Support Services (eligible Veterans all eras) and the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (eligible post-9/11 Veterans). www.caregiver.va.gov

Gratitude America’s mission is to provide critical support for service members, veterans, and their families by conducting meaningful restorative retreats to assist participants affected by deployment exposures such as combat related stress and Traumatic Brain Injury.

<https://www.gratitudeamerica.org/>

National Alliance on Mental Wellness (NAMI) Veterans and Active Duty. NAMI provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives. The NAMI Veterans and Active Duty page focus on questions that military personnel often ask, concerning treatment resources, disclosure and staying healthy during the transition to civilian life.

<https://www.nami.org/Find-Support/Veterans-and-Active-Duty>

Specialty Care

Jacksonville Speech & Hearing Center. As the only non-profit agency in Northeast Florida accredited for both speech-language pathology and audiology services, we provide the highest quality compassionate care through the generosity of individuals, corporations, foundations, and partnering organizations to ensure that no one is turned away. <https://shcjax.org/>

Gateway is proud to be a recognized leader in addiction treatment for adults and adolescents in the Northeast Florida region. Since 1978, Gateway has been committed to providing compassionate services to those lost in the despair of addiction. <https://www.gatewaycommunity.com/>

Community Hospice & Palliative Care Military veterans, especially those who saw combat, can experience the end of life differently than those who didn't serve. We are honored to not only serve veterans and their caregivers by providing specialized compassionate care to meet their unique needs now and at the end of life, but to also commemorate their sacrifices in meaningful ways that ensure their legacies live on.

<https://www.communityhospice.com/services/veterans-care/>

River Region Human Services. River Region serves the entire Northeast Florida community, including metro Jacksonville and residents of Baker, Clay, Duval, St. Johns and Nassau counties. We provide a wide variety of prevention, education, and treatment services for drug and alcohol abuse or addiction, mental health issues, and HIV/AIDS. <https://www.rrhs.org/>

Hope Therapy. It is Hope Therapy's mission to improve the quality of life of children and adults, with various diagnoses, using equine assisted activities and therapy. We serve children as young as 2 and adults that are 60+ years old. Clients are taken on a case by case basis, ensuring that it will be a productive and positive experience for them. Some of the diagnoses we serve include: Cerebral Palsy, Down's Syndrome, Multiple Sclerosis, Spina Bifida, ADHD, behavior disorders, developmental delay, traumatic brain injury, stroke, Autism, cancer, PTSD, and learning disabilities.

<https://www.theveterancompass.com/listing/hope-therapy.html>

Brooks Rehabilitation offers one of the most comprehensive and diverse adaptive sports and recreation programs in the country. We believe that everyone in our community should have access to the health-promoting, life-enhancing benefits of participation in sport and recreation. Veterans are welcome to participate in veteran exclusive activities as well as regular programming. <https://brooksrehab.org/services/adaptive-sports/>

Heroes' Mile provides in-patient and outpatient programs for Substance Abuse, Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) and Military Sexual Trauma (MST) program designed for Military Service Veterans who are experiencing problems with addiction and other psychological impacts. We are unique, having veterans serving veterans. Our mission is to guide individuals from self-defeating thinking and behaviors to a higher level of social, emotional and moral awareness. We choose to serve Veterans because we have a long history of working with those suffering from addiction and the effects of Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) and Military Sexual Trauma (MST) while serving in the Military.

<https://www.heroesmile.com/resources/faqs/>

Healthcare Professionals

VA Community Provider Toolkit. www.mentalhealth.va.gov/communityproviders

Transition can be difficult for anyone, especially for military service members who face personal, economic and cultural challenges when they hang up their uniforms for the last time. Healthcare professionals can enhance their support for military members and their families through the “Military-to-Civilian Readiness: The Past, Present and Future” study. This study by the MITRE Corporation, looks at previous studies, focus groups and expert observation to evaluate current transition programs available through VA, DoD and other partners.

<https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/72445/new-report-veterans-helped-transition-support-plans/>

Housing and Transportation

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Veterans Administration 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.

Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) Jacksonville. The CRRC is located directly adjacent to the Clara White Mission in downtown Jacksonville, and it serves as a one-stop shop for Veterans who are homeless and at risk of homelessness with one-stop access to community-based, multiagency services to promote permanent housing, health and mental health care, career development and access to VA and non-VA benefits.

<https://www.va.gov/homeless/crrc.asp>

VA Programs for Homeless Veterans. https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/for_homeless_veterans.asp

VA Programs for At-Risk Veterans and Their Families. https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/for_at_risk_veterans.asp

VA Programs to End Homelessness Among Women Veterans. https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/for_women_veterans.asp

VA home loan programs help you buy, build, or improve a home or refinance your current home loan—including a VA direct loan and 3 VA-backed loans. Learn more about the different programs and find out if you can get a Certificate of Eligibility for a loan that meets your needs.

<https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/home-loans/loan-types/>

Homeless/Transitional Housing. Regional, National

Regional

Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM). BEAM is a 501(c)(3) community-based organization serving low income residents living in Jacksonville's beach communities and serve residents of the following zip codes; 32233, 32266, 32250, 32082, 32224, and 32227. We rely heavily on community support to assist our neighbors in times of need. To prevent homelessness, we provide emergency assistance to cover overdue rent and utility payments. To help families struggling with food insecurity, we operate two client-choice food pantries; one in Jacksonville Beach and one in Mayport. <https://www.jaxbeam.org/>

Liberty Center III is a HUD subsidized, Single Room Occupancy (SRO) property for homeless women only, transitioning to permanent housing. We accept only single women, no children. Monthly rent and deposit are based on the applicant's income. HUD establishes rent and deposit amounts. We do accept women with no income at all. <https://www.libertycenters.org/liberty-center-iii>

Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HRVP). The City of Jacksonville, Military Affairs and Veterans Department (MAVD) houses the HVRP which provides an array of services utilizing a case management approach that directly assists homeless veterans and offers critical access to a variety of local support services. The program is employment focused, and veterans receive the employment and training services they need to re-enter the labor force. Job placement, training, job development, career counseling and resume preparation are among the services that are provided. Support services such as interview clothing and work tools are made available to participants, as well as referrals to temporary, transitional and permanent housing, medical and substance abuse treatment, and transportation assistance. [https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/homeless-veteran-reintegration-program-\(hvrp\)](https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/homeless-veteran-reintegration-program-(hvrp))

Homes for Our Brave. Changing Homelessness works hard to make life better for low-income Veterans and their families living in Duval, Clay and Nassau counties. Funding is provided through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program to promote housing stability. We connect homeless and low-income veterans and their families in Duval, Clay and Nassau Counties with partner agencies through one central application process. <http://changinghomelessness.org/homesforourbrave/>

Trinity Rescue Mission provides emergency services including shelter, hot meals, showers, clean clothing, toiletry/hygiene items, and counseling. Trinity also offers a Women & Children's Center, Freedom Farm (a real, working farm located in St. Johns County. In the peaceful and secure environment of Freedom Farm, men come face-to-face with the root causes of their addiction) and other services <https://trinityrescue.org/programs/>

City Rescue Mission, Inc. (CRM) is a 501(c)(3) corporation that provides food, clothing, shelter, emergency services and residential recovery programs to homeless men, women, and women with children. CRM exists to transform the lives of the homeless and needy, serving them through the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. <https://www.crmjax.org/>

Clara White is working in partnership with the community to prevent and reduce homelessness through advocacy, housing, job training, and employment <http://theclarawhitemission.org/>

Salvation Army Center. Shelter for the homeless, food for the hungry, and clothing for the poor provided with care and compassion is what The Salvation Army does best. We believe that lives can be changed for the better and we minister tirelessly to that end. <https://salvationarmyflorida.org/jacksonville-ac/#programs>

Sulzbacher Center's mission is to empower homeless and at-risk women, children and men through health, housing and income services thereby restoring hope and self-sufficiency. Sulzbacher provides a continuum of care approach, addressing all aspects of homelessness including housing, income and health care. Over the more than two decades since the agency opened, the services have grown to include street outreach, primary health, behavioral health and dental care for all ages, permanent housing, job placement and early learning. <https://sulzbacherjax.org/about/#history>

Five Star Veterans Center. For homeless veterans the road home starts here. Our 12-18-month on-site program has proven successful in helping veterans rejoin our community. We provide safe housing, a full complement of health and wellness services, reunite veterans with their families, and help with education and job preparedness. <https://www.5starveteranscenter.org/>

Family Promise of Jacksonville. Family Promise of Jacksonville is a non-profit, interfaith hospitality network providing temporary assistance, hospitality and case management for families with children experiencing homelessness. We recognize that poverty is a multifaceted problem that requires a multifaceted response. Our interfaith, nonsectarian network brings the faith community together to help our community's families regain housing, independence and dignity in a time of need. With an 85% success rate of homeless to home transition, Family Promise of Jacksonville is building better communities, one family at a time. <http://familypromisejax.org/>

Mercy Support Services. Mercy Support Services serves the people of Clay County, Florida who are circumstantially in need by providing services that guide them to self-sufficiency. Working together with local community agencies, governments, and compassionate-hearted people, Mercy serves

as a centralized point of contact for those in crisis. A non-profit organization, Mercy works collaboratively to provide "a hand up, not a handout" to families and individuals in need. <https://mercysupportservices.org/about-us/mission-vision/>

Volunteers of America Florida Ben Singleton Center. The Ben Singleton Center GPD program provides transitional housing and supportive services to homeless Veterans to stabilize and prepare them for a life of independence. Program fees are based on income. Veterans are able to stay in the program for up to two years. Volunteers of America of Florida is a 501c3 nonprofit with results-driven programming which is measured through outcomes. 90% of all participants successfully transition to independent housing. <http://voaflorida.org/bensingleton/>

Emergency Services & Homeless Coalition of St. Johns County (ESHC) provides innovative programs to assist the most chronic homeless families with children in Florida's St. Johns County to get off the street and on the road to self-sufficiency. <http://homelesscoalitionstjohns.com/>

Operations Baranabas. We offer peer mentorship program that allows the veteran or first responder growth and improvement while having one of our volunteers with them every step of the way. <https://operationbarnabasfl.com/>

National

National Listing of Non-VA Resources for Homeless Veterans Assistance <https://www.va.gov/homeless/nonvaresources.asp>

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

Permanent Housing. Regional, National

Regional

Florida Salute our Soldiers Military Loan Program. The Salute our Soldiers Military Loan Program offers our military service personnel and veterans 30-year, fixed-rate first mortgage loans at a lower rate and with several down payment assistance options. This program is available in all 67 counties throughout the State of Florida to borrowers who are purchasing a primary residence, meet income and purchase price limits, can qualify for a first

mortgage loan, and successfully complete a homebuyer education course.

<https://floridahousing.org/programs/homebuyer-loan-program-wizards/salute-our-soldiers-military-loan-program>

Jacksonville Housing Authority. <http://www.jaxha.org>

Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) was created by the state Legislature 35 years ago to assist in providing a range of affordable housing opportunities for residents that help make Florida communities great places in which to live, work and do business. Our vision is to be recognized as an outstanding provider of innovative, measurable, data-driven and fiscally sustainable solutions that respond to the affordable housing challenges of our state. <https://www.floridahousing.org/about-florida-housing>

Nassau County Housing Resources. <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/909/Housing-Resources-and-Information>

Clay County Housing Resources. <https://www.claycountygov.com/departments/state-housing-initiative-program-ship>

Baker County Housing Resources. <http://machsatsat.org/>

St. Johns County Housing Resources. <http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/index.aspx>

Northeast Florida Housing Resources. <https://www.auntbertha.com/housing/residential-housing--jacksonville-fl?postal=32217>

National

VA home loan programs help you buy, build, or improve a home or refinance your current home loan—including a VA direct loan and 3 VA-backed loans. Learn more about the different programs and find out if you can get a Certificate of Eligibility for a loan that meets your needs.

<https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/home-loans/loan-types/>

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/help/#resources>

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>

Home Repairs

Air Angels Foundation of Florida Inc. (Duval, Clay, St. Johns Counties) Our goal is to provide heating & air conditioning to those who are military and seriously ill or disabled & do not have the means or ability to provide it for themselves. In these cases, the lack of air conditioning is detrimental to the health & wellbeing to one or more permanent resident in the household. This may include repairing or replacing an existing air conditioning system or providing air conditioning to a home that does not have it. <http://www.airangels.net/>

USA.gov Repairing and Improving a Home. <https://www.usa.gov/repairing-home>

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>

HUD.gov Florida Home Repairs Resources. <https://www.hud.gov/states/florida/homeownership/homerepairs>

Northeast Florida Home Maintenance and Repairs Resources. <https://www.auntbertha.com/housing/maintenance-%26-repairs--jacksonville-fl?postal=32217>

Transportation

Transportal. Welcome to TransPortal, a virtual transportation resource center funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This project is a joint effort of the Northeast Florida Mobility Coalition. The Coalition is made up of transportation providers, elected officials, policy makers, planning experts, funding agency representatives and agencies that support transportation disadvantaged individuals including veterans and military families. <http://www.transportal.net>

Northeast Florida Transportation Resources. <https://www.auntbertha.com/transit/help-pay-for-transit--jacksonville-fl?postal=32217>

Women Veterans

Women's Center of Jacksonville. The Women's Center of Jacksonville is a nonprofit Jacksonville-based organization offering education, support and advocacy to survivors of all genders and ages. <https://womenscenterofjax.org/who-we-are-womens-center-of-jacksonville/>

Northeast Florida Women Veterans is focused on ensuring women who have served on active duty, National Guard or Reserves and their children, transition into the civilian community with the tools they need to become self-sufficient. We operate a resource center to provide supportive and career services to women veterans and advocate for and promote community awareness of their challenges and accomplishments at the local, state and national level ensuring each has a voice. www.forwomenvets.org

Hope 4 Veterans provides military women (women veterans & women spouse) with career readiness/employment, referral, and financial services. We empower military women by bringing them together with projects and events to build confidence and help women whom struggle. (Homelessness, single parent, death of a loved one, unemployment, suicide concerns). We provide financial and employment assistance (Additional assistance such as: Child Care Grants, Transportation Grants and Basic Needs) <https://www.hope4veterans.org/about-us/>

Jacksonville Business Women's Business Center. Programs designed for woman entrepreneurs operating an established business in NE Florida in Duval, Baker, Clay, Nassau, Flagler, St. Johns or Putnam County. <https://jaxchamberfoundation.org/jacksonville-womens-business-center/>

Military Sisterhood Initiative. A peer support community of and for women of the military. <https://www.militarysisterhoodinitiative.org/>

VA Women Veterans Healthcare. Learn more about the changing face of women Veterans and what VA is doing to meet their health care needs. www.womenshealth.va.gov

Hubbard House. Highly-trained advocates are available 24/7 to talk confidentially with anyone experiencing domestic violence, seeking resources or information, or questioning unhealthy aspects of their relationship. <https://www.hubbardhouse.org/gethelp>

Quigley House. Quigley House offers advocacy and empowerment to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and provides community education to heighten awareness. Services include 24 Hour Crisis Hotline; 24 Hour Shelter; Individual, Group, and Child Counseling; Sexual Assault Crisis Center. <https://quigleyhouse.org/services/>

Florida Department of Veterans Affairs. The Sunshine State is home to the second largest population of women veterans in the nation, with more than 144,000. Women veterans are one of the fastest growing segments of the veterans' population. Many women veterans don't know that they are eligible for the full range of federal and state benefits, to include special programs for them. <http://floridavets.org/our-veterans/women-veterans/>

Zahara Veterans Network. Established to serve the unique needs of Women Veterans and connect them to the resources needed to positively impact their families and communities. <https://www.zaharavets.org/>

Other Area Women's Resources. <https://www.auntbertha.com/search/text?term=women&postal=32217&language=en>

Employers

Veterans and transitioning military service members are ready to supply the very skills businesses need to be successful. These men and women have acquired a wealth of knowledge, skills, and competencies through practical workforce experience. In hiring a Veteran, you are providing your company an individual who is committed to excellence and has a passion to perform. Hiring a Veteran is simply good business.

- [Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition](#)
- [Resources for Hiring Veterans](#)
- [Financial Incentives for Hiring Veterans](#)
- [Employer Recognition](#)

Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition

The Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition can help you reach a valuable resource for your business: Military Veterans. List your business and job opportunities on the Jobs for Vets website and enhance your access to this valuable talent pool.

[https://www.coj.net/departments/military-affairs,-veterans-and-disabled-services/jobs-for-vets-\(1\)/jmvc/employers/list-your-job-opportunities.aspx](https://www.coj.net/departments/military-affairs,-veterans-and-disabled-services/jobs-for-vets-(1)/jmvc/employers/list-your-job-opportunities.aspx)

Resources for Hiring Veterans

Society for Human Resource Management Military Employment Resource Page.

<https://www.shrm.org/resourcesandtools/hr-topics/talent-acquisition/pages/military-employment-resource-page.aspx>

CareerSource Northeast Florida Resources for Hiring Veterans. https://careersourcenortheastflorida.com/hiring_veterans

Veterans Florida Workforce Services provides Florida employers an individualized and tailored approach to overcome employment challenges through skilled veterans who bring a mission-focused mindset with information on Workforce Grants (in qualified Targeted Industries) and Workforce Recruiting. <https://www.veteransflorida.org/employers/>

Employ Florida Veterans Program Portal. This web portal is a gateway to information and resource links that will assist veterans, veterans' families and employers in accomplishing their employment goals. You will find information about the Employ Florida web site that will match job seekers with employers and other employment-related services. <https://veteran.employflorida.com/vosnet/Default.aspx>

US Department of Labor Employer Guide to Hire Veterans.

<https://www.dol.gov/veterans/hireaveteran/pdf/Employer-Guide-to-Hire-Veterans-June-2018.pdf>

Families and Work Institute Employer Support for the Military Community.

<https://www.familiesandwork.org/research/2013/employer-support-for-the-military-community>

DAV Employment Program. DAV's employment program connects employers with military veterans and their spouses seeking meaningful employment opportunities. <https://www.dav.org/veterans/employment-resources/employers/>

The Veteran Advantage: Hiring and Retaining Veterans with Disabilities. <https://www.dav.org/veterans/employment-resources/hiring-guide/>

Support for Veterans with Little or No Civilian Work Experience.

<https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/jmvc/employers/employer-assistance-military-101#Support%20for%20Veterans%20with%20Little%20or%20No%20Civilian%20Work%20Experience>

Best Practices.

<https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/jmvc/employers/employer-assistance-military-101#Best%20Practices>

Employer Assistance Web Sites.

<https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/jmvc/employers/employer-assistance-military-101#Employer%20Assistance%20Web%20Sites>

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Business Incentives for Hiring Veterans. <https://www.debt.org/veterans/business-incentives-hiring/>

How to Get Tax Credits for Hiring Veterans. <https://www.military.com/hiring-veterans/resources/tax-credits-for-hiring-veterans.html>

Veterans Administration Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E). Veterans leave military service with a wealth of skills and professional experience. VR&E works to match Veterans with employers for successful careers and offers incentives such as Salary Subsidies; Assistive Technology; Salary Reimbursement; Federal Tax Credit; Non-Paid Work Experience Training. <https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/employers.asp>

Employer Recognition

Military Times Best for Vets Employers. Military Times invites companies across the country to fill out a rigorous, 91 question survey evaluating their culture, recruitment and policies for veterans, service members and military families then provides a ranking of veteran friendly companies. <https://charts.militarytimes.com/chart/13>

US Department of Labor HIRE Vets Medallion Program. The HIRE Vets Medallion Award is the only federal-level veterans' employment award that recognizes a company or organization's commitment to veteran hiring, retention, and professional development. <https://www.hirevets.gov/>

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Employer Awards. To recognize employers who support their Guard and Reserve employees, ESGR grants a series of Department of Defense awards: Patriot Award; Spouse Patriot Award; Seven Seals Award; Above and Beyond Award; Pro Patria Award; Extraordinary Employer Support Award; Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. <https://www.esgr.mil/Employer-Awards/ESGR-Awards-Programs>

National Veterans Employment and Education Commission Awards. <https://www.legion.org/careers/awards>

AMVETS Employer of the Year. The AMVETS Veteran Friendly Employer of the Year Awards program recognizes employers who make a commitment to include veterans in their organizational culture through both their hiring practices and community involvement.

<https://amvets.org/employers-year/>

Veteran Employment

- [Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition](#)
- [Employment Opportunities. Regional, National](#)
- [Transition and Employment Programs/Resources. Regional, National](#)
- [No Cost Skills Enhancement Training Opportunities](#)
- [Veteran Business Ownership and Entrepreneurship. Resources, Veteran Owned Businesses](#)

Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition

The Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition (JMVC) is committed to honoring military veterans and currently serving members of the National Guard and Reserve by facilitating career, business, and education opportunities in Jacksonville. We have over 500 companies in the Coalition that have committed to hiring veterans. <https://www.coj.net/mavd/jobs4vets>

Employment Opportunities

Regional

Northeast Florida Job Opportunities.

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

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

Veterans Florida. Veterans Florida's mission can be summed up in our theme – Your Pursuit. Our Power. – because we recognize military veterans are incredibly focused and will succeed in achieving their personal and professional goals when they take advantage of our tools and resources. The

veterans on the Career Services Team will personally assist you with resume preparation and can help you determine employment goals and match you with career opportunities at veteran-friendly employers in Florida. www.veteransflorida.org/careers

The Nonprofit Center Job Bank is the “go to” job site for people seeking positions in the nonprofit sector. <http://nonprofitctr.org/job-bank/>

Career Pathways for In-Demand Florida Jobs. <https://earnup.org/career-pathways-for-indemand-jobs>

Employ Florida Veterans Program Portal. This web portal is a gateway to information and resource links that will assist veterans, veterans' families and employers in accomplishing their employment goals. You will find information about the Employ Florida web site that will match job seekers with employers and other employment-related services. <https://veteran.employflorida.com/vosnet/Default.aspx>

Northeast Florida Employment Resources. <https://www.auntbertha.com/search/text?term=employment&postal=32217&language=en>

National

CASY brings military and veteran job seekers together with employers who are looking to hire. <http://www.casy.us/>

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/>

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, our goal is to create a movement across America in hundreds of communities where veterans and military families return every day. <https://www.hiringourheroes.org/>

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/>

Wells Fargo. At Wells Fargo, we're committed to employing 20,000 veteran team members. We value the leadership, discipline, and skills you've gained through your service to our country. Let's talk about turning your military experience into a great civilian career.

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

Green Veterans US Green Building Council. The USGBC Green Veterans Group regenerate men and women who have served in the military for green jobs and green living. Veterans are reintegrated to a healthy lifestyle that focuses on green living and trauma resolution in the built environment, with emphasis on career development for green industry jobs and entrepreneurship. Our program participants receive on-the-job training for green industry professions by participating in veteran service-oriented projects with best in class, proven community partners. <https://greenvets.org/index.html>

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>

Vets2Set acts as an open door for veterans, helping them jumpstart a career in the commercial production business. <https://www.vets2set.org/>

Home Builders Institute (HBI) Veterans Program, which started in 2012, empowers our nation's veterans with the skills and experience they need to secure meaningful careers in the construction industry. The program uniquely supports transitioning military and veterans at every stage of the employment continuum—successfully connecting, assessing, training, certifying, placing them in high-growth construction careers, and charting participant progress for a minimum of one year. <http://www.hbi.org/Programs/Training-Programs/Veterans-Program>

Project Patriot is a national Veteran consulting program that supports infusing skilled and diligent Veterans into the American workforce. Our objective is to use our experience and expertise to support those who have selflessly given so much to our country. Through dedicated career coaching efforts, we provide Veterans career opportunities that they may not have had access to otherwise, while educating our enterprise client base and giving them access to an untapped talent pool. <https://www.brooksource.com/project-patriot>

Transition and Employment Programs/Resources. Regional, National

Regional

Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition Transition Assistance.

<https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/jmvc/veterans/transition-from-military-to-civilian-life>

K9s for Warriors. Dedicated to providing service canines to our warriors suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, and/or Military Sexual Trauma as a result of military service post-9/11. www.k9sforwarriors.org

Operation New Uniform. Mission is to train veterans and their families for fulfilling careers and develop their skills as they grow within an organization. <https://onuvets.org/about/>

[Greater Jacksonville Area USO Pathfinder Program](#) supports service members and military spouses as they transition from the military to their future community. Pathfinder Scouts work with service members 12 months before leaving the military and up to 12 months after separation or retirement. Scouts also work with military spouses through any transition during their family's military career. Pathfinder Scouts work one-on-one with individuals to identify their personal and professional goals, create an Action Plan, and get connected to the resources that are the best fit for them, regardless of where they plan to call home.

[Onward to Opportunity](#) – formerly known as the Veteran Career Transition Program – at Tri-Base Jacksonville offers two career tracks: Information Technology and Business Management. Your journey will begin with five days of face-to-face career development training and facilitation. This classroom training includes the two-day Onward to Your Career course, two-days of Community Support briefs and mock interview sessions with local employer partners, and one-day of your industry foundations followed by the Employer Spotlight Lunch & Learns and networking event. The classroom portion is followed by 12-16 weeks of online coursework to earn an industry certification.

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National

Military Times Military Transition Assistance Program Overview.

<https://www.military.com/military-transition/transition-assistance-program-overview.html>

Military One Source Transition Assistance Programs and Resources.

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/military-life-cycle/separation-transition/military-separation-retirement/transition-assistance-programs-and-resources>

Federal, State, and Private Employment Resources for Veterans.

<https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/jmvc/veterans/federal-state-private-resources-for-veterans>

Transition from Military to Civilian Life web site resource list.

<https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/jmvc/veterans/transition-from-military-to-civilian-life>

Career Preparation. <https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/jmvc/veterans/career-preparation>

Hard Hat Heroes How to Receive NCCER Credentials for Military Training. <http://veterans.byf.org/>

Trash these 15 behaviors if you want to be a success

<https://www.bizjournals.com/bizjournals/how-to/growth-strategies/2015/05/trash-these-15-behaviors-if-you-want-to-succeed.html>

How to turn your MOS into a civilian health care career

<https://rebootcamp.militarytimes.com/transition-tips/employment/2019/05/10/heres-how-to-turn-your-mos-into-a-civilian-health-care-career/>

Military Times Rebootcamp Employment Resource Center. <https://rebootcamp.militarytimes.com/employment/>

7 tips for veterans to land a federal job.

https://www.militarytimes.com/education-transition/2019/11/06/7-tips-for-veterans-to-land-a-federal-job/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2011.06.19&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

LinkedIn Military and Veterans Program. <https://socialimpact.linkedin.com/programs/veterans>

No Cost Skills Enhancement Training Opportunities

Free Skills Enhancement Training Opportunities. <http://earnup.org/training-opportunities>

Veteran Business Ownership and Entrepreneurship. Resources, Veteran Owned Businesses

Resources

Northeast Florida Veteran Entrepreneurship Resources. According to a Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy study, veterans are at least 45% more likely to take the plunge into entrepreneurship than people with no active-duty military experience. More than 2.4 million U.S. businesses are owned by veterans, about nine percent of all American firms. Jacksonville was recently ranked No. 6 for local business population growth in Yelp's quarterly local economic outlook report. There are dynamic opportunities for veterans to become successful entrepreneurs. The Regional and Statewide resources on this website can assist veterans in achieving the dream of starting, growing, and running their own business. <http://earnup.org/veterans-entrepreneurship>

University of North Florida Entrepreneurship Training for Veterans (ETV). "ETV" events are free one-day workshops designed to help active duty military, veterans, guard, reserve, and military spouses learn the information they need to start, grow or maintain their small business or franchise business. <https://www.unf.edu/military-veterans/ETV.aspx>

Veterans Florida Entrepreneurship Program. The Veterans Florida Entrepreneurship Program equips you with the tools you need to successfully launch and operate a business. Whether you're exploring an idea or growing an existing venture, we offer training and connect you with resources, mentors, and networking opportunities. Our participants have received numerous awards and national coverage for their success. <https://www.veteransflorida.org/entrepreneurship/>

Chamber of Commerce Veteran's Guide to Starting a Business. <https://www.chamberofcommerce.org/veterans-guide-to-starting-a-business>

Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. The JAX Chamber's Entrepreneurial Growth Division provides mentoring, entrepreneurial education, business consulting, targeted mentoring and networking opportunities designed to support startup, small, and midsize businesses in Northeast Florida. <https://www.myjaxchamber.com/start-bus/entrepreneurial-growth-division/>

Jacksonville Business Women's Business Center. Programs designed for woman entrepreneurs operating an established business in NE Florida in Duval, Baker, Clay, Nassau, Flagler, St. Johns or Putnam County. <https://jaxchamberfoundation.org/jacksonville-womens-business-center/>

Small Business Administration Boots to Business. Boots to Business (B2B) is an entrepreneurial education and training program offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as part of the Department of Defense Transition Assistance Program (TAP). The course provides an overview of entrepreneurship and applicable business ownership fundamentals. Active Duty Service members (including National Guard and Reserve), Veterans of all eras, and spouses are eligible to participate. <https://sbavets.force.com/s/>

US Small Business Administration Small Business Development Center. The Florida Small Business Development Center at the University of North Florida's no-cost consulting, low-cost training and extensive information resources offer entrepreneurs access to the business solutions that help them grow and succeed. By helping businesses grow, we create a better community for all. <https://www.sbdc.unf.edu/>

Women Veteran Entrepreneur Funding. <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/sba-announces-funding-competition-organizations-150000866.html>

SmallBusiness.com Guide to Resources for Military Veterans. <https://smallbusiness.com/resources/military-owned-businesses/>

Eight Tips for Vets Who Want to Own Their Own Business.

https://www.militarytimes.com/education-transition/2019/11/13/eight-tips-for-vets-who-want-to-start-their-own-businesses/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2011.12.19&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

Veteran Owned Businesses

Northeast Florida Veteran Owned Businesses. The Veteran Owned Business Project is a comprehensive, user friendly member network directory of small, medium and large businesses owned by veterans, service-disabled veterans (SDVOSBs / DVBEs) active duty military, reservists and military spouses. <https://www.veteranownedbusiness.com/fl/duval/jacksonville>

Florida Support for the Military

2019 Florida Military Friendly Guide. A Summary of Sunshine State Laws, Programs and Benefits for Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Service Members and Families <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf>

Florida Department of Veterans Affairs. With 1.5 million veterans, Florida is the most veteran-friendly state in the nation. The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs is the premier point of entry for Florida veterans to access earned services, benefits and support. <http://floridavets.org/>

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

Northeast Florida Military Installations

Naval Air Station Jacksonville. https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_jacksonville.html

Naval Station Mayport. https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/ns_mayport.html

Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/navsubbase_kings_bay.html

Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island. <https://www.bic.marines.mil/>

Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville. <https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/District-7/Units/Sector-Jacksonville-Home/>

Camp Blanding Joint Training Center. <https://fl.ng.mil/commands/Pages/Camp-Blanding-Joint-Training-Center.aspx>

Military Spouse

- [Spouse Support](#)
- [Spouse Employment](#)

Spouse Support

National Military Spouse Network. We are the National Military Spouse Network (NMSN) - 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>

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/>

Military One Source Military Spouse Transition Program (MySTeP) is made for YOU – a military spouse – to support and encourage you throughout your service member’s time in the military. MySTeP will help you plan, prepare and be ready for the life your family wants after transitioning out of the military, whenever that time comes. The information, tools and programs highlighted in MySTeP will connect you with the right resources at the right time to help you successfully navigate military life at every stage of your service member’s career.

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

Spouse Employment

CareerSource Northeast Florida Military Spouse Employment Advocate. More than 25,000 active duty personnel call Northeast Florida home. Many active duty members are married, and these spouses comprise a significant part of Jacksonville’s dynamic workforce. Our representatives are right on base at the Family Service Center. We also understand the military lifestyle, so our experience and advice are targeted at military family issues. We focus on portable careers (jobs that can transfer from one part of the country to another when your family changes duty stations). We

understand the challenges you face, from managing schedules for military members to finding affordable childcare, from developing a network to aid you in your job search to finding resources to study the local economy. https://careersourcenortheastflorida.com/military_spouses

Spouseforce is new, tech-forward online portal, paired with a Blue Star Career Manager, creating connections between military spouses, training partners and employers. On top of all that, Spouseforce communicates to employers and decision makers the value military spouses bring to the workforce. We highlight your education, skills, and conditions needed in order to be successful in the workforce.

<https://bluestar.yourjobpath.com/auth/signup>

Military Spouse Technology Academy (MSTA) provides an intensive 22-week onsite training program designed to empower military spouses with in-demand digital skills leading to well-paying and meaningful careers. Military spouses are an integral supporting force for members of our military. Through MSTTA, 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/>

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/>

Department of Defense Spouse Education and Career Opportunities (SECO) Program provides education and career guidance to military spouses worldwide and offers comprehensive resources and tools for all stages of your career progression. <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/>

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/>

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

US Government Military Spouse preference hiring authority. If you're a military spouse, you may be eligible to apply using a non-competitive process designed to help you get a job in the federal government. 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/>

Reimbursement of Spouse Relicensing.

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

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

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

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

Military/Veterans Support Organizations. Regional, National

Regional

- Northeast Florida Veterans Service Organizations. <https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/jmvc/veterans/veterans-support-organizations>
- Team RWB. Team RWB's mission is to enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. <https://www.teamrwb.org/chapter/team-rwb-jacksonville-fl/>
- Veterans Florida. www.veteransflorida.org
- Northeast Florida Veterans Councils. <http://v4vflorida.org/counties/>
- Duval County Veterans Council. <http://jaxvcdc.org/>
- National Association of Veterans and Families <https://www.navf.org/>
- St. Johns County Veterans Council. <http://www.veteranscouncilsjc.org/>
- Clay County Veterans Council. <https://www.facebook.com/VeteransCouncilofClayCountyFlorida/>
- Nassau County Veterans Council. <http://v4vflorida.org/counties/>
- Baker County Veterans Council. <https://www.bakercountyveteranscouncil.org/>

- Northeast Florida American Legion Posts. http://www.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=MYLEPOST+webtrn=wr_editlcr+ml=LANSAXHTML+partition=TAL+language=ENG
- Greater Jacksonville Area USO. <https://jax.uso.org/>
- The Mission Continues Jacksonville. <https://missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/Jacksonville-1st-platoon>
- North Florida Wish for Our Heroes. <https://www.wishforourheroes.org/chapters/north-florida/>

National

- Wounded Warrior Project. <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>
- Disabled American Veterans. <https://www.dav.org/>
- Operation Homefront. <https://www.operationhomefront.org/>
- Mission United of Northeast Florida
- WISH for OUR HEROES. Our goal is to meet the needs of the average military member, in order to make their deployments a little easier and improve the quality of life for their family. www.wishforourheroes.org/north-florida ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS
- Transgender American Veterans Association. <http://www.transveteran.org>

Northeast Florida College/University Education for Military Members and Families

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Veterans Administration Education Programs

VA Education Programs. https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/education_programs.asp

VA Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP). <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/veap.asp>

VA Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP). <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/reap.asp>

VA Survivors/Dependents Assistance. https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor_dependent_assistance.asp Veteran Employment Through

Technology Education Courses (VET TEC). <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/fgib/VetTec.asp>

Northeast Florida Universities and Colleges

Northeast Florida Universities and Colleges. <https://earnup.org//veterans>

Transfer Military Experience to Academic Credit

Transfer Military Service Experience to Academic Credit. <https://earnup.org//veterans>

Veteran Education Benefits

Veteran Education Benefits. <https://earnup.org/veterans-benefits>

Scholarships

Florida Advisory Council on Military Education <http://www.fla-acme.org/scholarships/> Florida Veterans, AD Scholarship
<http://www.fla-acme.org/scholarships>

State of Florida scholarships for children and spouses of deceased or disabled veterans.
<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/factsheets/CSDDV.pdf>

Children of Fallen Patriots. Our mission is to provide college scholarships and educational counseling to military children who have lost a parent in the line of duty. <https://www.fallenpatriots.org/who-we-are>

Military Scholarships – <http://www.militaryscholar.org/> The Scholarships for Military Children Program is primarily funded through the generosity of manufacturers and suppliers whose products are sold at military commissaries, worldwide. Go to “scholarships” and the right menu will provide qualifications and directions to apply.

Folds of Honor – www.foldsofhonor.org FHF’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 children of veterans 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.

Guide to Military Scholarships.

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

Scholarships.com Veteran/Military Scholarships.

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

US Veterans Magazine Veteran/Military Scholarships.

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

Credentialing Military Experience

The Department of Defense (DoD) is pleased to present DoD Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL). DoD COOL is the result of extensive inter-Service collaboration to facilitate credentialing of Service members. The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard each have their own Service-specific COOL programs designed to match military occupations to civilian credentials (occupational certifications, licenses, and apprenticeships) and provide resources to help Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Coast Guardsmen and Marines attain these credentials. The Services disseminate this information on their own COOL websites. DoD COOL is the umbrella site providing a single point of access to the Services' COOL websites. <https://www.cool.osd.mil/>

Transition to Civilian Life

Transition from Military to Civilian Life.

<https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/jmvc/veterans/transition-from-military-to-civilian-life>

Northeast Florida K-12 Education

- [Public Schools](#)
- [Private Schools](#)
- [Military Children Resources](#)

Public Schools

- Baker County Public Schools. <https://www.bakerk12.org/>
- Clay County Public Schools. <https://www.oneclay.net/>
- Duval County Public Schools. <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/>
- Duval County Public Charter Schools. <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/domain/5451>
- Nassau County Public Schools. <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/>
- St Johns County Public Schools. <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

Private Schools

- Baker County Private Schools. <https://www.yellowpages.com/macclenny-fl/private-schools-k-12>
- Clay County Private Schools. <http://www.usa.com/clay-county-fl-private-schools.htm>
- Duval County Private Schools. <http://www.usa.com/duval-county-fl-private-schools.htm>
- Nassau County Private Schools. <http://www.usa.com/nassau-county-fl-private-schools.htm>
- St Johns County Private Schools. <https://www.privateschoolreview.com/florida/st.-johns-county>

Military Children Resources

- Naval Station Mayport School Liaison Officer.
https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/ns_mayport/ffr/child_and_youth_programs/school_liaison.html
- Naval Air Station Jacksonville School Liaison Officer.
<https://www.navy.mwrjacksonville.com/programs/671587d7-a1c5-4e85-8764-16c154bf65bc>

- Military Child Education Coalition's mission is to ensure inclusive, quality educational opportunities for all military-connected children affected by mobility, transition, deployments and family separation. <https://www.militarychild.org/>

Relocation

Northeast Florida is the most military and veteran community in the United States. We fully support our active duty members, National Guard and Reserve, veterans and military families. Wallet Hub recently ranked Jacksonville as the tenth best city for veterans to live.

Visit Jacksonville. <https://www.visitjacksonville.com/>

Find Your Jax. <https://findyourjax.com/>

Jacksonville Relocation Guide <https://www.904living.com/wp-content/uploads/Jacksonville-FL-Relocation-Guide.pdf>

Experience Jax <https://www.coj.net/categories/community.aspx#leisure>

Downtown Vision http://www.downtownjacksonville.org/Downtown_Vision_Inc_Home.aspx

Living in Jacksonville. <https://www.northamerican.com/moving-resources/relocation-guides/moving-to-jacksonville-fl>

Tips on Moving to Jacksonville. <https://www.movebuddha.com/blog/moving-to-jacksonville-fl/>

MilitaryOneSource Plan My Move. https://millifelearning.militaryonesource.mil/MOS/f?p=SYS:9:0::::P9_ID:49