



# *Veterans Resource Guide*

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## **Community Veterans Coordinators:**

Long Branch: Michael Winnick, Municipal Bldg, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ 07740; 732-222-7000 x5270; e-mail: [usused@comcast.net](mailto:usused@comcast.net)

## **Counseling:**

Vet Centers: 1255 Route 70, Unit 32N, Parkway 70 Plaza, Lakewood, NJ 08701; 732-905-0327 or 877-927-8387; Fax: 732-905-0329

Congress established the Vet Center Program in 1979 out of recognition that a significant number of veterans were still experiencing readjustment problems. Vet Centers are community based and part of the Department of Veterans Affairs. In April 1991, in response to the Persian Gulf War, Congress extended the eligibility to veterans who served during other periods of armed hostilities. Those other periods of armed hostilities are identified as World War II, Korea, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Iraq and the Global War On Terrorism (GWOT). The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach and referral services FREE of charge to eligible veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life. Services provided include: Individual Counseling, Group Counseling, Military Sexual Trauma Counseling, Marriage and Family Counseling, Alcohol/Drug Counseling & Referral, and Bereavement Counseling.

## **Education:**

Monmouth University: Jeff Hood, Coordinator of Veterans Services, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ 07764; 732-263-5258

Brookdale Community College, Veteran Services Group, 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738; 732-224-2095

Rutgers University, Office of Veterans Services, 14 Lafayette St., New Brunswick, NJ 08901; 848-932-VETS (8387); [www.veterans.rutgers.edu](http://www.veterans.rutgers.edu)

## **Employment:**

One Stop Career Center (State Employment Office), 60 Taylor Ave, Neptune, NJ 07753; 732-775-1566; [www.MyNextMove.org/vets](http://www.MyNextMove.org/vets)

Edward Jones F.O.R.C.E.S. Program; [www.edwardjones.com/forces](http://www.edwardjones.com/forces)

For those transitioning from the military, Edward Jones introduced the FORCES program that provides a comprehensive training and on-boarding program to ensure a successful start at a new career helping individual investors reach their personal and financial goals. No prior financial services experience is necessary – the program is designed specifically for people who do not have a financial services background but possess the skills and competencies we look for at Edward Jones. The training and compensation are designed to help military professionals successfully transition their skills and competencies to the Financial Advisor career at Edward Jones. Plus, candidates can earn OJT benefits while going through the training program.

G.I. Go Fund, Veteran's Transition Center, 920 Broad Street, Room B28, Newark, New Jersey 07102; 973-802-1614;

<http://www.gigofund.org/transitioncenter.html>

The G.I. Go Fund is a 501(c)(3) organization which assists our returning veterans with their transition back to civilian life by providing employment and educational opportunities as well as providing a direct path to their benefits.

### **Home Repairs:**

Allen Robinson, ASR Architecture, 2548 Stearns Drive, Wall, NJ 08736; 732- 528-1597;  
[www.asrarchitecturenj.com](http://www.asrarchitecturenj.com)

Will provide very low cost or free design services for home modifications for combat wounded disabled veterans and will provide construction contractor referrals.

Salvation Army: Care House Shelter, 433 State Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey; 732-826-7040;

[http://www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www\\_use\\_nj.nsf/vw-sublinks/0636F5D753699237852574960057038D?openDocument](http://www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www_use_nj.nsf/vw-sublinks/0636F5D753699237852574960057038D?openDocument)

### **Housing - Temporary:**

VA Homeless Coordinator, 908-647-0180 ext. 4485

Veteran's Haven, 301 Spring Garden Road, Winslow, NJ 08095; 609-561-0269 / 609-567-5806;  
[www.state.nj.us/military/vetshaven](http://www.state.nj.us/military/vetshaven)

The Transitional Housing Program for homeless veterans occupies one large building on state property in Winslow Township. The program is divided into three phases: treatment; self-reclamation; and community reintegration. Each phase lasts three to six months and is tailored to individual treatment needs and vocational interests. Eligible veterans are referred from a VA Medical Center after receiving a medical evaluation. To be admitted into the program, the veteran must agree to a long-term program focusing on psychological, social and vocational rehabilitation. The program is drug and alcohol free, and has a staff comprised of professionals in the fields of mental health, addictions, social work, vocational rehabilitation and nursing.

### **Housing - Permanent:**

VA Homeless Coordinator, 908-647-0180 ext. 4485

**ID Cards: (call before visiting for appointment and information on documents needed)**

#### Active Duty & Retiree ID Cards:

Naval Weapons Station – Earle (Waterfront), Navy Operational Support Center,  
Bldg R-4A, 801 Rte 36, Leonardo, NJ 07737; 732-866-7288

Fort Dix Military Personnel Division – ID, 5418 South Scott Plaza, Fort Dix, NJ  
08640; 609-562-2177

#### Veterans Administration ID Cards:

VA Healthcare System – East Orange, Office of Eligibility, 385 Tremont Avenue  
East Orange, NJ 07018; 973-676-3434 or 1455

VA Healthcare System – Lyons, Office of Eligibility, 151 Knollcroft Road, Lyons, NJ  
07939; 908-647-0180

VA Tinton Falls Community Based Outpatient Clinic, The Atrium, 55 North Gilbert  
St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Suite 4101, Tinton Falls, NJ 07701; 732-842-4751

VA James J. Howard Community Clinic. 970 Rte 70, Brick, NJ 08724; 732-206-8900

#### Monmouth County Veterans ID Cards:

Monmouth County Clerk's Office, 33 Mechanic St., Freehold, NJ 07728; 732-431-  
7324; <http://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?ID=125>

Monmouth County Connection, 3544 Rte 66 (next to Home Depot), Neptune, NJ  
07753; 732-303-2828; <http://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?ID=125>

#### **Job Training:**

One Stop Career Center (State Employment Office), 60 Taylor Ave, Neptune, NJ 07753;  
732-775-1566; [www.MyNextMove.org/vets](http://www.MyNextMove.org/vets)

#### **Veterans Organizations:**

##### American Legion:

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest veterans organization, committed to mentoring and sponsorship of youth programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

Keyport: 81 Front St, Keyport, 07735; 732-264-9450

Leonardo: Rte 36, Leonardo, 07737; 732-291-9579

Manalapan: 11 Sanford St, Manalapan, 07726; 732-446-9872

Middletown: 515 Middletown Rd, Middletown, 07748; 732-615-9449

Neptune: 12 Gully Rd, Neptune, 07753; 732-922-9714

Union Beach: 321 Front St, Union Beach, 07735, 732-888-0861

##### Disabled American Veterans, Regional Office, Newark, NJ 973-297-3378

The DAV is dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. This is accomplished by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

Lamberson/Sunchuck DAV Unit 20, 1810 Lanes Mill Rd, Brick, NJ 08724; 732-206-0544

Jewish War Veterans of the USA, 135 West Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08618; 609-396-2508;  
[www.jwv-nj.org/](http://www.jwv-nj.org/)

Citizens of the United States of America, of the Jewish faith, who served in the Wars of the United States of America, in order that they may be of greater service to their country and to one another, associate together for the following purposes: To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to foster and perpetuate true Americanism; to combat whatever tends to impair the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions; to uphold the fair name of the Jew and fight his or her battles wherever unjustly assailed; to encourage the doctrine of universal liberty, equal rights, and full justice to all men and women; to combat the powers of bigotry and darkness wherever originating and whatever their target; to preserve the spirit of comradeship by mutual helpfulness to comrades and their families; to cooperate with and support existing educational institutions and establish educational institutions, and to foster the education of ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen, and their members in the ideals and principles of Americanism; to instill love of country and flag, and to promote sound minds and bodies in their members and their youth; to preserve the memories and records of patriotic service performed by the men and women of the Jewish faith; to honor their memory and shield from neglect the graves of their heroic dead.

Military Order of the Purple Heart: 888-668-1656

Chartered by Congress in 1958, the Military Order of the Purple Heart is comprised of military men and women who received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat. Although membership is restricted to the combat wounded, MOPH supports all veterans and their families with a myriad of nation-wide programs by Chapters and National Service Officers.

MOPH Chapter 527, 1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth, NJ 07758; 732-671-3559;  
[springrr@aol.com](mailto:springrr@aol.com)

Marine Corps League:

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

Freehold: Det. 203 CPL Philip A. Reynolds, 50 Waterworks Rd., Freehold, NJ 07728; 732-308-9509; [info@NJMarines.com](mailto:info@NJMarines.com)

Long Branch: Det. 1313 Jersey Shore Leathernecks, P.O. Box 2303, Long Branch, NJ 07740; 732-618-9031; [info@NJMarines.org](mailto:info@NJMarines.org)

Manasquan: Det. 1053 Four Seasons – Wall, 1569 Tanner Ave, Manasquan, NJ 08736; 732-292-1569; [wfburnsmd@optonline.net](mailto:wfburnsmd@optonline.net)

Manasquan: Det. 1319 Jersey Shore Marines, P.O. Box 505, Manasquan, NJ 08736; 732-921-7411; [shoremарines@gmail.com](mailto:shoremарines@gmail.com)

Keansburg: Det. 198 Phillip K. Dorn, P.O. Box 115, Keansburg, NJ 07734; 732-583-5617; [johnfoos@phillipkdorn.org](mailto:johnfoos@phillipkdorn.org)

## Navy League

The Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 with the encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt. The Navy League is unique among military-oriented associations in that it is a civilian organization dedicated to the education of our citizens, including our elected officials, and the support of the men and women of the sea services and their families.

## Veterans of Foreign Wars:

**MISSION:**To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military, and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans. **VISION:** Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

Aberdeen Post, Cliffwood & Hawthorne Aves, Aberdeen Twp, NJ 07747; 732-566-9725  
Asbury Park Post 1333, 701 Lake Ave, Asbury Park, NJ 07712; 732-988-3440  
Atlantic Highlands Post 6902, 331 Bay Ave, Atlantic Highlands, 07716; 732-872-2944  
Freehold Post, P.O. Box 484, Waterworks Rd, Freehold, 07728; 732-462-4896  
Hazlet Post 4303, 18 Davern Ave, Hazlet, 07730; 732-787-9696  
Highlands Post 6902, 331 Bay Avenue, Highlands, NJ 07732; 732-872-2944  
Keansburg Post 2179, 1 Veterans Lane, Keansburg, 07734; 732-787-0999  
Keyport Post 4247, 3 Waverly St, Keyport, 07735; 732-264-8391  
Long Branch Post 2140, 255 Willow Ave, Long Branch, 07740; 732-870-2224  
Manasquan Post 1838, 30 Ridge Avenue, Manasquan, NJ 08736; 732-292-0200  
Middletown Post 2179, 1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth, NJ 07758; 732-787-0999  
Neptune Post 2639, 1515 Rte 33, Neptune, 07753; 732-774-6240  
Oakhurst Post 2226, 212 Norwood Ave, Oakhurst, 07755; 732-531-7795

## Viet Nam Veterans of America:

Founded in 1978, Vietnam Veterans of America is the only national Vietnam veterans organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA's goals are to promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change public perception of Vietnam veterans.

VVA Chap. 12 Shore Area Chapter, P.O. Box 276, Allenhurst, NJ 07711; 908-902-8789; [vva12p@verizon.net](mailto:vva12p@verizon.net)  
VVA Chap. 200, P.O. Box 203, Brick, NJ 08723; 732-505-0235;  
[www.vvachapter200.org](http://www.vvachapter200.org)

## **State and National Veteran Service Officers:**

NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs - Monmouth County: 630 Avenue, Suite 320, Asbury Park, NJ 07712-6904; 732-775-7009 Bangs

Vietnam Veterans of America National Service Officer for New Jersey: State of NJ National Service Officer, 20 Washington Pl, Room 437, Newark, NJ 07102; 973-297-3227

## **County Veterans Services Offices:**

Morris County: Veterans Service Officer. Department of Human Services, 340 West Hanover Ave, Morris Township, NJ 07963; 973-285-6866

Ocean County: Veterans Service Bureau, 1027 Hooper Ave, Bldg #2, P.O. Box 2191, Toms River, NJ 08754; 732-929-2096

Somerset County: Office of Veterans Service, P.O. Box 3000, 27 Warren St, Somerville, NJ 08876; 908-704-6357

Union County: Office of Veterans Affairs, Administration Bldg, Elizabeth, NJ 07207; 908-659-7407, Toll Free: 866-640-7115

## **Taxes:**

Annual Property Tax Deduction for Veterans:

Up to \$250 deduction from taxes due on real estate or personal property of qualified war veterans and their unmarried surviving spouse/civil union/domestic partner. Contact your local municipality.

Property Tax Exemption for 100% Disabled Veterans:

Full exemption from property taxes on a principal residence for certain totally and permanently disabled war veterans and their unmarried surviving spouse/civil union/domestic partner. Unmarried surviving spouse/civil union/domestic partner of service persons who died on wartime active duty may also qualify. Contact your local municipality.

## **Other:**

New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation, 1 Memorial Lane, P.O. Box 648, Holmdel, NJ 07733; 732-335-0033; <http://www.njvvmf.org/>  
The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation offers a meaningful and engaging experience that recognizes the sacrifices, courage and valor of Vietnam veterans and that encourages and fosters a thorough understanding of the Vietnam Era including the political, historical, social, cultural and military aspects which affected the United States, and especially New Jersey.

Spring Reins of Life (Horses, Humans & Healing); 917-275-7765, 347-886- 2798;  
[www.springreinsoflife.org](http://www.springreinsoflife.org); Christianna E. Capra, Co-Founder & Director of Equine Services,  
[cecupra@springreinsoflife.org](mailto:cecupra@springreinsoflife.org); Psychotherapy & Life Skills Learning  
Spring Reins of Life is a non-profit 501c3 organization. This is a EAGALA (EquineAssisted Growth and Learning Association) model program offering Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) and Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) which incorporates the use of horses for therapeutic intervention toward promoting emotional growth and healing. Spring Reins of Life provides services to those populations who have the least access to equine therapy yet are the same individuals who would derive the greatest benefit. Currently, we offer our services to the military and their families, bereaved children, at-risk youth and addiction recovery.

Printmaking Center of NJ, 440 River Road, Branchburg, NJ 08876; 908-725- 2110;  
[www.printnj.org/combat-paper/](http://www.printnj.org/combat-paper/); Dave Keefe, Director, Combat Paper NJ;  
[combatpaper@printnj.org](mailto:combatpaper@printnj.org)

Combat Paper is a veteran-led program that uses art as a tool to heal. First and foremost, Combat Paper provides a safe and comfortable place where veterans can come together to talk every Sunday. This weekly drop-in session held at a local arts center, uses the ancient art of handmade papermaking to help veterans heal from the physical, psychological and emotional effects of war. Participation is free to all veterans and no registration is necessary. The handmade paper is made out of old combat fatigues. Some vets use their own fatigues and others use uniforms donated by community members. The uniforms are cut into small pieces and beaten into pulp using the art center's papermaking equipment.

Veterans Foundation of America, Century Office Park, 200 Craig Rd, Suite 104, Manalapan, NJ 07726; 732-683-1000 x13; [www.veteransfoundationofamerica.org/index.htm](http://www.veteransfoundationofamerica.org/index.htm)

In 2008, The Veterans Foundation of America, Inc. ("VFA") was founded by Victor Iannelli, who served as an Airborne Infantry officer with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Viet Nam. The VFA is a 501(c)(3) public charity, all donations are tax deductible. The purpose of the VFA is twofold: 1.) Provide a central repository, providing contact information on services available to veterans that are offered by governmental, nongovernmental, non-profit, or for profit organizations. Currently no such service exists making it difficult if not impossible for a veteran to easily locate the service provider/services he or she is seeking. 2.) Provide funding for those needs unfunded or inadequately funded by the government, non-government and non-profit organizations.

Veterans Community Alliance, 8 Shady Lane, Freehold, New Jersey 07728;  
732-682-0944; <http://vcanj.com/>

The Veterans Community Alliance exists to serve the men and women of the United States Armed Forces, Veterans and their families. We educate the public on veteran's issues through various fund raising activities and the sponsorship of public events. We provide immediate monetary assistance to help with a variety of needs. The assistance can take many forms such as scholarships, grants to attend career training, home improvements or payment of bills. By being a helping hand to our veterans in their time of need, we hope to improve their quality of life and make them aware that the community stands behind them and is grateful to them for their service to the United States of America.