

The Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.



Veteran & Military Resource Guide



Courtesy of the Borough President's Veterans Advisory Council

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EDUCATION

VETERAN TUITION ASSISTANCE/CAREER TRAINING GRANTS

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Veterans Affairs Resource Center, Loew Hall (LO), Room 114
Bronx Community College
2155 University Avenue
Bronx, NY 10453

Betsy Montanez, Veteran Service Coordinator
718.289.5447 / 718.289.6308 (fax)
veterans@bcc.cuny.edu
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9am – 7pm or Friday: 9am – 5pm
<http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/>

COLLEGE OF MT. ST. VINCENT

Office of Admissions: 718-405-3267

admissions.office@mountsaintvincent.edu
www.mountsaintvincent.edu/

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (CUNY)

Lisa Beatha, United States Army Veteran
University Director of Veterans' Affairs
Central Office for Student Affairs
555 West 57th Street, 14th Floor
New York, NY 10019
T: 646-664-8835
E: Lisa.Beatha@CUNY.edu
Web: www.cuny.edu/veterans
For fee waiver inquiries, please e-mail: vetwaiver@mail.cuny.edu

Peter Engel-Veterans Admissions
646-664-3623
<http://www2.cuny.edu/about/university-resources/veterans-affairs/veterans-admissions/>

Veteran Tuition Assistance/Career Training Grants: <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

EDUCATION

HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Office of Student Programming for Veterans and Reservists

120 E. 149th Street -- Room D101-E
Bronx, New York 10451
Charles Uwa -Veteran's Coordinator at cuwa@hostos.cuny.edu
(718) 319-7955 www.hostos.cuny.edu/

Hostos Community College Div. of Continuing Ed.

H.E.R.O.4.V Program
560 Exterior Street --- Room 102-A
Bronx, New York 10451
718-518-6634 -D. Sabbs- HERO4V Program Coordinator dsabbs@hostos.cuny.edu
or <http://www.hostos.cuny.edu/Administrative-Offices/Division-of-Continuing-Education-Workforce-Develop>

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

Anne Treantafeles, Fordham's Veterans Entry Adviser (212)
636-6602 or atreantafele@fordham.edu
www.fordham.edu/

LEHMAN COLLEGE

Office of Veterans & Military Affairs
Barbara Thompson
Coordinator of Veterans and Military Affairs
Shuster Hall, Room 201A
Lehman College
250 Bedford Park Blvd West
Bronx, NY 10468
Phone: 718-960-7188
Fax: 718-960-8243

E-mail: barbara.thompson1@lehman.cuny.edu
www.lehman.cuny.edu/

EDUCATION

MANHATTAN COLLEGE

Admissions Office--Troy Cogburn
O'Malley 601
718-862-7200 or 7299
admit@manhattan.edu
www.manhattan.edu/

MERCY COLLEGE

Albert Oquendo, LTC (Ret), Associate Director of Military Recruitment,
914-674-7621 or aoquendo1@mercy.edu.
<https://www.mercy.edu/>

MONROE COLLEGE- Bronx Campus

General Information and setting appointments: 1-800-556-6676

Office of Military & Veterans' Services:
(646) 393-8567

Student Veterans of America/SVA- veterans@monroecollege.edu
Monroe College website: www.monroecollege.edu/veteran

LaGuardia Community College (CUNY) Veterans Upward Bound Program

This six-week College-Prep class is geared towards all veterans who are either looking to go back to college or thinking about attending for the first time. It works on reading, writing and math skills. It also helps them prepare to take the CUNY entrance exam (if they are looking to go to a CUNY school). It is important to note that the individual DOES NOT have to attend LaGuardia after completion of the program. If their interested in another college, they will work to help them get into that college. If someone you know is interested and would like more information, or would like to register, please have them call (718) 482-5386.

EDUCATION

Military Career Advancement Project

Thank you to All our Service members, Families and our Affiliate Military Friendly Institutions for your Service! About 100,000 Guard and Reserve members serve in combat and experience the stress of war. They return to communities and jobs scattered across the nation to friends and family who may not grasp the depth of their experience. Military Career Advancement Project helps to ensure that these Service members and their families get the support and care they need. Military Career Advancement Project introduces and connects Service Members and Families to top opportunities in Education and Employment with industry leading Military Friendly Education and Employment Institutions.

The foundation of our organization is to “Serve those who Serve.” We are grateful to our affiliate Military Friendly Schools, Colleges, Universities and Employers who share our mission of “Serving those who Serve.” Over the last 10 years MCAP has proudly supported and provided support to thousands of Service members and families and look forward to serving and supporting thousands more!

Paul Starling-Executive Director-215-805-9321 or
MilitaryCareerAdvancementProject@comcast.net

EMPLOYMENT/ENTREPRENEURSHIP

US Department of Labor-Veteran's Employment and Training Service (VETS)

VETS serves America's veterans and separating service members by preparing them for meaningful careers, providing employment resources and expertise, and **protecting their employment rights**.

Veterans' Employment and Training Service

U.S. Department of Labor

9 Bond Street, Rm. 301/302

Brooklyn, NY 11201

Phone: (718) 613-3676

Fax: (718) 613-3685

1-866-4-USA-DOL (TTY: 1-877-889-5627) <http://www.dol.gov/vets/>

- VPS Edward L. Diaz --- Diaz.Edward.L@dol.gov
- ADVET Daniel A. Friedman---Friedman.daniel@dol.gov

Workforce1 Career Center (Career Help for Veterans & Spouses)

The following center has a Veteran Specialists on site to support you in your job search. Call to schedule an appointment with a Veteran Specialist. Remember to bring: a valid photo ID with your date of birth, proof of military service (if available), and a paper and digital copy of your resume.

Bronx Workforce1 Career Center

400 East Fordham Road (entrance on Webster)

Bronx, NY 10458

Telephone: (718) 960-7925 or 2458 (Ask for Veteran Specialist)

Email: workforce1bronx@rws-nyc.com

Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

EMPLOYMENT/ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Bronx Small Business Development Center

Serving Bronx County

We think New York is great for small business -- and so do our clients. Since our start in 1987, the expert advisors of the Bronx SBDC have worked directly with 16,418 businesses, helping them to invest \$136,139,449 in the area's economy, and create or save 5,361 jobs.

If you or your business reside in New York, the SBDC can maneuver you around the obstacles to success. Among other things, we help our clients:

- understand the importance of a business plan
- discover sources of funding
- prepare for e-commerce
- identify avenues for exporting goods & services
- develop marketing plans
- assess an invention's viability
- comply with licensing & regulations

And thanks to our partners in the public and private sectors, our services are free of charge.

Contacting the Bronx SBDC:

Address: Lehman College Campus, 250 Bedford Park Blvd., West, Bronx, NY 10468-1589

Phone: (718) 960-8697

Fax: (718) 960-7340

Email Address: sbdc.bronx@lehman.cuny.edu

Hrs. of Operation:

Starting a Veteran-Owned Businesses

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), through its Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE), established specific programs to help Veterans start a business and become qualified as a Veteran-Owned, or a Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Business, which will enables qualified business owners to be eligible for federal set-asides.

More Information

For more information, including assistance with starting a business, becoming qualified, and other business opportunities, visit the VA Veteran Business website at: <http://www.va.gov/osdbu/Veteran/>

EMPLOYMENT/ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation [BOEDC]

The Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation [BOEDC] serves as the borough's economic development for the Office of the Bronx Borough President. Want to find out what benefits a Bronx address offers your business? Need assistance finding the right site, recruiting employees or accessing federal, state or city benefits? Looking for a low-cost government loan to help your company grow or assistance in implementing cost-saving, environmentally-friendly projects? Whatever your need or the size of your business, the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation (BOEDC) can help.

851 Grand Concourse, Suite 123
Bronx, NY 10451
Contact Marlene Cintron, President

The Business Initiative Corporation of NY

The Business Initiative Corporation of New York (BICNY) mission is to support economic development and induce private investments in New York State by providing below-market interest rate loans and long-term capital to the business community. These efforts will result in creating much needed jobs in The Bronx, as well as in the state, by assisting small businesses to grow and expand by acquiring below-market rate loans from the SBA and additional funds from private lenders.

We provide financing to:

- Purchase commercial real estate that will be occupied by the business
- Purchase machinery and equipment to be used by the business
- Provide leasehold improvements to a property occupied by the business
- Construct commercial real estate and/or make land improvements
- Cover soft costs associated with any of the above uses of funds

BICNY focuses on all industries and sectors including industrial, commercial, manufacturers and service firms. BICNY also provides loans to businesses in low and moderate-income communities throughout New York State.

Contact: Madeline Marquez-718-590-3980 or mmarquez@boedc.org

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FastTrac® NewVenture™ Veterans Entrepreneurship Program

Take the first step toward becoming a successful veteran entrepreneur!

Our free program for Veterans provides the tools necessary to evaluate skills developed in the military and apply them to a business concept in order to launch a sustainable business. Our FastTrac® NewVenture™ Veterans Entrepreneurship Program, can put you on the path to success by helping you:

- Complete the major components of a business plan
- Develop a product/service
- Conduct market research
- Identify government contracting opportunities

Total course hours: 10 sessions, 40 hours

You are eligible if you meet the following criteria:

- Have served at least one day in the U.S military including the Reserves and National Guard
- Have a well thought-out idea for a new business
- Have at least two years of work experience
- Have access to a computer to complete assignments
- Have conducted initial market research for your business idea
- Are committed to attending all sessions (approximately 40 classroom hours) and complete prep work

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Given the volume of applications and limited number of seats, applicants are encouraged to apply early. This is a competitive program, so please be sure to submit a thoughtful and complete application.

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/nycbiz/html/home/home.shtml>

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Helmets to Hardhats

Helmets to Hardhats connects quality men and women from the Armed Forces with promising building and construction careers.

<http://www.helmetstohardhats.org/> or <http://nych2h.org/> -NYC

If you need technical assistance, contact us Monday through Friday at 866-741-6210 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST, or use our online request form to send us an email.

Easter Seals

Military & Veterans Initiative Easter Seals New York currently provides three unique military and veterans vocational services programs to support our returning veterans as they reintegrate into society and gain the skills needed to obtain employment and become productive, active members of our workforce. Eligible participants go through an intake and assessment, receive hard and soft skills training and finally, employment placement and retention services.

Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) Today's service members and veterans are making significant contributions to their communities, but some face challenges during transition and reintegration. Through this program, honorable discharged veterans in New York City and Syracuse will participate in an intake and evaluation process, skills assessment, career counseling, and supportive services.

Homeless Female Veterans/Veterans with Families Reintegration

Program More women than ever are returning home from active duty and face the same struggles as their male counterparts in finding employment and support services. Female veterans struggle to obtain services for several reasons: prevalence of military sexual trauma is high, some women do not identify as veterans, and homeless families fear they will lose their children.

For more information, please contact Easter Seals New York at (212) 220-2290 or Stanley Scriven, Veterans Outreach Specialist, Easter Seals NY, 42 Broadway, Suite 1801, New York, NY 10004, (212) 943-4364 phone

EMPLOYMENT/ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Project Renewal

NEXT STEP VETS--VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING SERVICES

Next Step VETS is a nonprofit employment program for Veterans who do not have permanent, stable housing or who are at imminent risk of losing their housing. Next Step has been helping people achieve their employment and housing goals for over 20 years. Since 1995 Next Step has made 4,000 job placements.

Services Provided:

- Job Placement Program
- Job Training Referrals
- Job Search Workshops
- Job Interview Coaching
- Resume Writing
- Job Retention Support
- Transportation Assistance

Contact Veteran Outreach Specialist to determine eligibility: Bill Siegfried Cell: 646-581-4433 or Office: 212-620-0340 or bill.siegfried@projectrenewal.org

American Corporate Partners (ACP)

American Corporate Partners (ACP) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting veterans in their transition from the armed services to the civilian workforce. With the help of business professionals nationwide, ACP offers veterans tools for long-term career development through mentoring, career counseling, and networking opportunities. With the belief that one-on-one relationships enhance an atmosphere of mutual understanding, respect, and support, ACP aims to strengthen the connection between corporate America and veteran communities.

American Corporate Partners

400 Madison Avenue, Suite 7A
New York, NY 10017

For general information and assistance Please contact:
info@acp-usa.org or visit <http://www.acp-usa.org/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

VFW Unmet Needs Program

As the nation's largest organization of combat veterans, we understand the challenges veterans, service members and military families can face and believe that experiencing financial difficulties should not be one of them. That's the premise behind the VFW's **Unmet Needs** program.

Unmet Needs is there to help America's service members who have been deployed in the last six years and have run into unexpected financial difficulties as a result of deployment or other military-related activity. The program provides financial aid of up to \$5,000 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. The needs of our veterans, service members and their families should never go unmet. Let us offer you a hand up when you need it! Please review the **Unmet Needs eligibility criteria** to see if you or someone you know qualifies for a grant through the Unmet Needs program. If you're eligible, **APPLY TODAY**.

Contact Unmet Needs at 1-866-789-6333 or <http://www.vfw.org/UnmetNeeds/>

American Legion-Temporary Financial Assistance-Single Parent with a Minor Child/ren

Since its establishment in 1925, The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program has awarded cash grants to minor children of veterans who are eligible for American Legion membership. 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.

Who is eligible for a grant?

TFA is limited to minor children (17 years or younger) whose biological parent, or legal guardian, is a veteran and is, or would have been, eligible for American Legion membership. However, Legion membership is not required. Children 18-20 years old will also be considered if a current disability requires special schooling or indefinite in-home care, or they are enrolled in an approved high school and unmarried.

For more information or to apply

245 West Houston Street, Room 212B

New York, NY 10014-4805

Phone: **(212) 807-3066**

Fax: **(212) 807-4029**

Temporary Financial Assistance is a program of:

The American Legion -National Commission on Children & Youth

P.O. Box 1055 Indianapolis, IN 46206 <http://www.legion.org/tfa>

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USA Cares, Inc.

USA Cares provides financial and advocacy assistance to post 9/11 active duty US military service personnel, veterans and their families. We assist all branches of service, all ranks and components and treat all with privacy and dignity in appreciation for their service and sacrifice. We never charge fees nor accept repayment and rely on donations from private citizens, businesses and foundations for all funding.

562 N Dixie Blvd., Suite 3
Radcliff, KY 40160
(800) 773-0387
<http://www.usacares.org/>

Rebuild Hope

Rebuild Hope helps severely disabled OIF/OEF veterans transition from military to civilian lives. A strong preference is given to veterans who were medically discharged during the prior three year AND are awaiting service-connected disability compensation from the Veterans Administration. Our services equip families to make better financial decisions and help qualifying veterans pay for their most basic living expenses during this difficult waiting period. Please check website for eligibility.

Rebuild Hope
c/o Dana Hendrickson
365 Ambar Way
Menlo Park, CA 94025
email: dana@rebuildhope.org
<http://rebuildhope.org/get-help>

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Operation Family Fund

Operation Family Fund provides financial assistance to eligible recipients in the form of grants. Below is a description on how to apply for assistance. Financial grants for each eligible member or members family to meet personal, short and long term living needs in these areas; food, rent or utilities, emergency transportation and vehicle repair, funeral expenses, legal expenses, medical/dental expenses, assistance with a home, rental, lease, purchase or home improvements, assistance with the purchase, rent or lease of a vehicle, trauma training and counseling, caregiver training and support.

The member must have been an employee or contractor working for the U.S. Federal Government and have been performing duties in conjunction with the war

on terror and or Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom at the time of their severe disability, be in the full time or part time care of OEF/OIF active duty, reserve duty, national guard and veterans. To learn more about how you can help, or to apply for assistance please email Operation Family Fund and if you are eligible we will provide you with an application:

E-Mail (preferred method): support@operationfamilyfund.org

Call: 760-793-0053 – 8:00AM to 5:00PM – Monday – Friday, Pacific Time

<http://www.operationfamilyfund.org/how-to-apply-for-assistance/>

Operation First Response, Inc.

Operation First Response, Inc., supports our nation's Wounded Heroes and their families with personal and financial needs. Services are provided from the onset of injury, throughout their recovery period and along their journey from military life into the civilian world. Financial aid varies as each case is based on individual needs ranging from rent, utilities, vehicle payments, groceries, clothing, and travel expenses. If you are a wounded Service Member/Disabled Veteran, Family Member or Case Worker contacting OFR for assistance go to

https://www.operationfirstresponse.org/?page_id=3600

Due to high volume of cases and limited funds all applications will be reviewed and determination of assistance depending on available funds at the time of the request will be made. Please monitor your email for any important messages pertaining to your request.

If assistance is approved you will be notified via email to submit the required supporting documents:

All necessary documents can be faxed to 888-505-2795 or emailed to info@operationfirstresponse.org

<https://www.operationfirstresponse.org/> or 888-289-0280.

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Coast Guard Mutual Assistance

(CGMA) is the official relief society of the U.S. Coast Guard. CGMA is a non-profit charitable organization established to provide financial aid to the entire Coast Guard family. While CGMA works closely with the U.S. Coast Guard, it is an independent corporation. Its mission is to promote the financial stability and general well-being of Coast Guard people through interest-free loans, grants, and financial counseling.

USCG Mail Stop 7180
4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 610
Arlington, VA 20598-7180
(703) 872-6716 or (800) 881-2462
<http://www.cgmahq.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 Emergency Financial Aid and support services.

Emergency Financial Aid often covers expenses such as:

- Utility bills — gas, electric, water, cable, internet, and phone service
- Car payments and repair costs
- Mortgage and rent payments
- Groceries, baby formula and household supplies
- School supplies and clothing
- Medical bills

Coalition to Salute America's Heroes
552 Fort Evans Road, Suite 300
Leesburg, VA 20176
703-291-4605
Toll-Free: 888-447-2588
Email: info@saluteheroes.org

HEALTHCARE & VETERAN BENEFITS

National Veterans Services Fund, Inc.

NVSVF is dedicated to helping serve veterans and their families. At NVSVF, we spend every day providing different types of assistance for veterans and their families on a case-by-case basis.

Phone: toll-free number, (800) 521-0198

E-mail: nvsf@NVSVF.org

Mail: National Veterans Services Fund, Inc.

P.O. Box 2465

Darien, CT 06820-0465

James J. Peters VA Medical Center

130 West Kingsbridge Road

Bronx, NY 10468

718-584-9000

<http://www.bronx.va.gov/>

Department Of Veterans Affairs

New York Regional Office

245 West Houston Street

New York, New York 10014-4085

Phone# 1-800-827-1000

The New York Regional Office provides benefits, such as Compensation, Pension, Education, Loan Guaranty, Vocational Rehabilitation and employment Services, and Insurance. The New York Regional Office is located in downtown Manhattan and is open from 8:30am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/newyork/>

VETERANS BENEFITS INFORMATION: 1-800-827-1000

Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

Bronx Borough President's Veteran Advisory Council

Tracy McDermott

Director of Community Services/Veteran Liaison

851 Grand Concourse, Room 209

Bronx, NY 10451

718-590-6001 or tmcdermott@bronxbp.nyc.gov

HEALTHCARE & VETERAN BENEFITS

BRONX VET CENTER

2471 Morris Ave., Suite 1A
Bronx, NY 10468
Phone: 718-367-3500 Or 877-927-8387
Fax: 718-364-6867

Life isn't always easy after a deployment. That's where Vet Centers can help. Vet Centers across the country provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to combat Veterans and their families. Vet Centers guide Veterans and their families through many of the major adjustments in lifestyle that often occur after a Veteran returns from combat. Services for a Veteran may include individual and group counseling in areas such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), alcohol and drug assessment, and suicide prevention referrals. All services are free of cost and are strictly confidential.

NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

2 Empire State Plaza, 17th Floor, Albany, NY 12223-1551
Info on benefits and services you may be eligible for as a Veteran, service member, or as a family member of a Veteran or service member. Call the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs Help Line at **1.888.838.7697 (VETSNYS)**, where you may also schedule an initial phone contact appointment with one of our Veterans Benefits Advisors.
For general comments, you may also email us at DVAInfo@veterans.ny.gov
For NY State Veteran Resources: www.veterans.ny.gov

New York City Department of Veterans' Services (DVS)

Recognizing the need to better serve New York City's more than 210,000 veterans and their families, New York City Department of Veterans Services (DVS) – formerly the Mayor's Office of Veteran's Affairs (MOVA) – was officially established in 2016 by Local Law 113. DVS strives to improve the lives of all veterans and their families, regardless of discharge status.

We view veterans as civic assets, whose strength and demonstrated commitment to public service will help New York City thrive. To that end, DVS works to match veterans with programs and services to support fulfilling and purpose-driven lives. DVS is dedicated to improving the lives of all New York City veterans and their families.

Contact:
1 Centre Street
22nd Floor, Suite 2208
New York, NY 10007
212-416-5250 or 311
<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/veterans/index.page>

HEALTHCARE & VETERAN BENEFITS

FORT HAMILTON

<http://www.hamilton.army.mil/>
<http://www.hamilton.army.mil/Veterans/Resources.aspx>

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA)

IAVA is the leading post-9/11 veteran empowerment organization (VEO) with the most diverse and rapidly growing membership in America. We don't just support veterans, we empower them!

<http://iava.org/get-one-on-one-support-today/>

National Headquarters
114 West 41st Street, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10036
P: 212-982-9699 F: 917-591-0387
www.iava.org

Wounded Warriors Project

Everyone's recovery process is different. Depending where you are in your own rehabilitative and transitional process, we hope you find a program that fits you and/or your family's needs. Remember, you are not alone in this journey. Whether you are newly injured or have been on the path to recovery for a while, WWP is here to support you as you define your new normal.

370 7th Avenue, Suite 1802, New York, New York 10001
Telephone: 212.629.8881/Fax: 212-629-8885
<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/> or
drodriguez@woundedwarriorproject.org

NY Serves-NYC

NY Serves-New York City is New York City's first coordinated network of public, private, and non-profit organizations working together to serve veterans, transitioning service-members, and their families. Our mission is to empower a coordinated network of service providers in the New York City area, and equip them with the technological and informational resources needed to efficiently and effectively guide service-members, veterans, and their families to the most appropriate services and resources. **CALL OUR COORDINATION CENTER AT ANY TIME TO RECEIVE A COORDINATED REFERRAL 844-347-9244 or <https://nycserves.org/>**

HOUSING

24/7 Hotline for homeless veterans or at-risk for homelessness:

VA is taking decisive action to end Veteran homelessness in five years. All Veterans at risk for homelessness or attempting to exit homelessness must have easy access to programs and services including Prevention, Housing Support, Treatment, Employment and Job Training. If you are a Veteran who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, you can contact the National VA Call Center at 1-877-424-3838, or contact VA online through the Homeless Veterans Chat service.

Homeless Veterans or anyone concerned about one can also call or use online chat to reach the Veterans Crisis Line and get free, 24/7 support for any personal crisis. Responders are trained to work with homeless Veterans and connect them to resources in their area. The National Call Center for Homeless Veterans provides assistance to homeless Veterans and their families; VA Medical Centers; Federal, state, and local partners; community agencies; Veterans services providers; and others in the community. If you or someone you know is a homeless Veteran in need of help, call 1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838) to receive free, confidential support from a trained, VA staff member 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also get confidential support from the Homeless Veterans Chat.

Services for the Underserved

The Supportive Services for Veterans Families Program (SSVF), a critical element of the VA's plan to prevent and end Veteran homelessness, delivers short-term rapid rehousing and homeless prevention services to homeless and at-risk Veterans and their families. Program services are designed to promote long-term housing stability and include outreach, care coordination, home finding, assistance in obtaining VA and other public benefits, and making financial assistance payments on behalf of Veterans for purposes such as rent payments, utility payments, security deposits and moving costs.

Phone: (917) 816-8654 or (855) 787-7555

<http://sus.org/veterans/>

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HELP USA- Supportive Services for Veterans Program

Services Include:

- Housing for homeless veterans in shelter.
- Homeless prevention services including housing court assistance and relocation.
- Services for individuals and families of veterans.
- VA and NYC benefit assistance.

775 Crotona Park North

Bronx, NY 10460

718-299-8473 (Prompt #4) or <http://www.helpusa.org/who-we-serve/veterans/>

The Institute for Community Living (ICL) The Path Home Program

THE ICL PATH HOME PROGRAM PROVIDES:

- Emergency stabilization assistance for housing and family needs;
- Support to veterans of any era and their families;
- Family reunification services;
- Case management and housing support;
- Access to medical, dental and mental health services through linkage with the VA and/or community-based providers, such as ICL HealthCare Choices (Brooklyn and Long Island City locations);
- Access to a culinary arts training program for veterans leading to a food handler's certificate and employment opportunities
- Peer advocacy; and Job finding and skills development support.

The ICL Path Home Program

Access ICL's program database, please click [here](#) or contact (888) 425-0501 or iclaccess@iclinc.net

Helping a Hero

Helping a Hero is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan organization, founded in 2006, that provides support for military personnel severely injured in the war on terror. Our principal activity is to provide specially adapted homes for qualifying service members through partnerships made with the builders, developers, communities, and the veteran. Helping a Hero strives to engage the community in providing services and resources for our wounded heroes and their families.

8564 Katy Frwy, Suite 134, Houston, TX 77024 (Tel: 832-649-3445)

<http://www.helpingahero.org/> or Eligible Service Members: applications@helpingahero.org

HOUSING

Jericho Project

Jericho Project's Veterans Initiative is comprised of three main components:

- The development of new supportive housing for veterans.
- Strategic efforts to stimulate the further development of supportive and affordable housing initiatives for veterans nationwide.
- The development of innovative employment programs and partnerships for veterans.

The cornerstone of Jericho's Veterans Initiative is its two new supportive housing residences for homeless and low-income veterans, Fordham Village and Kingsbridge Terrace. These Jericho Project Veterans Communities, the first housing programs dedicated solely for veterans in New York City in 20 years, provide 132 units of supportive housing to homeless and at-risk veterans coupled with the full range of Jericho's established support services and veteran-specific programming.

Veterans Program Office (HVRP, SSFV)

210 East 43rd Street, Suite 314

New York, NY 10017

Telephone: 347-468-8462

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www.jerichoproject.org/

MITCHELL LAMA HOUSING & VETERAN PREFERENCE

In 2007, the Private Housing Finance Law was amended to require Mitchell Lama (ML) Housing to provide disabled veterans with preference in admission to ML housing developments. Effective September 2010, the Law was amended to broaden that preference to certain veterans or their surviving spouses seeking housing in ML developments with open wait lists. Preference is available for all veterans who served on active duty during certain wars and hostilities, including soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

ML apartments are sold or rented through waiting lists maintained by each housing development. Please see the link below for Mitchell-Lama's with open wait lists. This link is updated periodically when we obtain information from the development companies. Veterans who submit satisfactory proof of eligibility must be processed before other external applicants. The preference does not apply to internal transfers and does not supersede the priority afforded to current residents. Developments whose waiting lists are currently closed must adhere to the law, whenever a list is reopened.

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/renters/mitchell-lama-rentals.page>

HOUSING

Volunteers of America (VOA) Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program awards grants to private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives who can provide supportive services to very low-income Veteran families living in or transitioning to permanent housing. Services include:

- Case Management
- Housing Counseling and Search Services
- Daily Living Services
- Rental Assistance (if eligible)
- VA Benefits Assistance
- Childcare Support
- Healthcare Referrals
- Legal Assistance Referrals
- Utility Fee Payment Assistance (if eligible) and Emergency Supplies Assistance
- Transportation Cost Assistance
- Security Deposit Assistance (if eligible)

Contact: (Main office: 855-2000 VOA)

For more information visit: <http://www.voa-gny.org/ssvf> or <http://www.voa-gny.org/veterans>

HOUSING

NYC Department of Homeless Services

INCENTIVES FOR NYC LANDLORDS

New York City is participating in the Mayor's Challenge to end veteran homelessness, and as part of this effort, DHS has created a task force to establish housing plans for every homeless veteran, with the goal of permanently housing all veterans. To support this effort, the incentives described below are currently available to landlords, brokers, and supportive housing providers.

- **15% Broker Bonus (15% of the annual rent)** for brokers who connect homeless veterans with LINC apartments or units that can be subsidized using HUD VASH, HPD Section 8, and MRT vouchers.
- **\$1,000 Landlord Incentive** for every apartment and commercial SRO with a one-year lease signed by a homeless veteran.
- **\$500 Room Rental Incentive** to landlords renting rooms through the LINC program for every one-year lease signed by a homeless veteran.
- **\$1,000 Bonus to Supportive Housing (SH) Providers** for each community unit rented to a veteran with a HUD VASH, HPD Section 8, or MRT voucher.
- **\$2,000 Bonus to Supportive Housing Providers** for each community unit rented to a veteran with a LINC voucher.
- **Access to a Rental Guarantee Fund** of up to \$3,000 per year for landlords who house veterans, to cover potential damage to the apartment, as well as to assist with the payment of rental arrears, if needed.

Homebase-Homebase remains the cornerstone of the City's homelessness prevention office, crafting individualized assistance to meet the needs of each veteran. Among the services that may be offered are: Services to prevent eviction, Assistance obtaining public benefits, Emergency rental assistance, Short-term financial assistance. If you're a veteran in need of Homebase services, contact:

- RBSCC, 90 Beaver Street, Brooklyn, NY, 11206, 718-210-2767
- Palladia/SUS, Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program (SSVF), 39 Broadway, Suite 1140, New York, NY 10006, 347-226-9019

Veteran Service Unit (VSU)--In partnership with the [Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs \(MOVA\)](#) (212) 416-5250 and the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](#), the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) works to provide comprehensive services to veterans living in the City of New York. The VSU links veterans to services and resources, including housing services; medical care; and City, State and federal entitlements, such as pension benefits and public assistance entitlements. <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/dhs/outreach/veterans.page>

HOUSING

Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together strengthens the lives of our most vulnerable communities by providing low-income homeowners with critical home repairs, accessibility modifications and energy-efficient upgrades

1899 L Street NW Ste. 100
Washington, DC 20036
800-473-4229
www.rebuildingtogether.org

New York State Veteran Property Tax Exemption

There are three different property tax exemptions available to veterans who have served in the U. S. Armed Forces, including veterans who have served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. **Obtaining a veterans' exemption is not automatic** - If you're an eligible veteran, you must submit the initial exemption application form to your assessor. The deadline in most communities is March 1 - please confirm the date with your assessor. Proof of discharge under honorable conditions including and times and places served in active duty (usually form DD-214) must be attached to the exemption application. Whichever exemption a Veteran chooses, it will apply only to county, city, town, and village taxes; it does not apply to special district taxes. Beginning in 2014, school districts also have the option to offer the alternative veterans' exemption. You can only receive one of the three exemptions listed below:

- Alternative Veterans' Exemption
- Cold War Veterans' Exemption
- Eligible Funds Exemption

<http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/exemption/vetexempt.htm>

HOUSING

New York City Veteran Property Tax Exemption

This program provides a property-tax exemption to qualifying veterans, the spouse or un-remarried widow/widower of a veteran, or a Gold Star parent (the parent of a child who died in line of duty). Veterans are former members of the United States armed forces or the Merchant Marines (during World War II) called to active duty during a period of conflict or who are recipients of expeditionary medals. Note for reservists: Veterans who served as a reservist in any branch of the armed forces must be able to document having been called to serve significant, full-time active duty during one of the conflicts below: *Combat zone refers to a location of active combat, such as Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

** If the veteran is or was designated disabled by the Veterans' Administration, you may be eligible for a disabled veteran exemption. Submit a copy of a Veterans Administration letter for the veteran that indicates the disability rating. You can obtain your disability rating from the US Department of Veterans Affairs by calling 1-800-827-1000. **Deadlines-**For benefits to begin on July 1 of the year that you apply; The [Homeowner Tax Benefits Application](#), including all required documents, must be postmarked by March 15. If March 15 falls on a weekend, then the deadline will be the next business day.

Note: Property owners receiving the Veteran's Exemption who move mid-year to another property in NYC will receive a pro-rated exemption so they do not have to wait until the next tax year to receive the benefit. **Note for Property Owners:** You may also be eligible to receive the following exemptions: Basic or Enhanced School Tax Relief (STAR), Clergy, Disabled Homeowner and Senior Citizen Homeowner. [Read More](#)

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/benefits/landlords-veterans.page>

NYC Rent Freeze Program

Benefits for Tenants

You may qualify for the NYC Rent Freeze Program if you meet both of these requirements:

1. Rent an apartment that is rent regulated (rent controlled, rent stabilized, hotel stabilized or Mitchell-Lama) and;
2. You are a senior citizen (SCRIE Program) or have a disability (DRIE Program).

For Additional information:

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/benefits/benefits-for-tenants.page>

LEGAL SERVICES

VETERANS JUSTICE OUTREACH PROGRAM:

The Department of Veterans Affairs has committed to preventing incarceration and reducing recidivism among Veterans through the development of the Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Program. James J. Peters VA Medical Center currently runs the Veterans Justice Outreach Program which works with Justice-Involved Veterans. A Justice-Involved Veteran is any Veteran who has contact with the Judicial System, Law Enforcement or the Jail System.

For additional information contact:

Siobhan Morris, LCSW, CASAC -Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator

James J. Peters VA Medical Center

Direct Line: (718) 584-9000 ext. 5329

Fax: 718-741-4709

Bronx Veterans Treatment Court

Many veterans return from military service and find themselves facing unique personal challenges, including mental health problems or substance abuse, that they would not have faced but for their military service. Criminal behavior, mental health problems and substance abuse often stem directly from service in combat zones and may be amplified by reentry into home life. Veterans Treatment Courts (known as Veterans Court or Veterans Track in some jurisdictions) address these challenges in a forum that is conducive to veterans' rehabilitation. Veteran Courts utilize veteran mentors and mental health specialists to complement probation services; and incorporate a therapeutic approach to afford veterans opportunities to transition into civilian life and regain stability. Mentor Component: An essential component of the Veterans Treatment Court program is the mentor program where veteran mentors act as peer support to veteran participants. Veterans are better served by having a support system that includes veterans who understand combat experience and the different aspects of military service. Mentors participate in a supportive relationship with participants to increase the likelihood that they will remain in treatment, attain and manage sobriety, maintain law-abiding behavior and successfully readjust to civilian life.

Bronx Veteran Mentors Inc.

Dwayne Gathers-Mentor Coordinator

JJP VA Medical Center

130 W. Kingsbridge Rd (4B-49c)

Bronx, NY 10468

Phone: 718-584-9000 Ext 5473

Email: bronx@veteranscourtmentors.org

<http://veteranscourtmentors.org/veterans-treatment-court/>

LEGAL SERVICES

NYC Bar Association's Veterans Assistance Project

Veterans meet with a pro bono attorney for assistance on their claim for VA disability benefits. If you have any NYC veterans you know could use our help, please have them call the intake line to schedule an appointment. **The clinics are by appointment only.**

City Bar Justice Center

42 West 44th Street

New York, NY 10036

<http://www2.nycbar.org/citybarjusticecenter/projects/economic-justice/veterans-assistance-project>

New York Legal Assistance Group

NYLAG's Veterans Legal Assistance Project provides free legal services to NYC veterans who cannot afford to hire a private attorney.

Veterans' Benefits: compensation and pensions, disability ratings, discharge upgrades

Housing: eviction prevention, landlord disputes, unsafe or hazardous housing conditions

Public Benefits: Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security Disability, Supplemental Security Insurance, SNAP (Food Stamps)

Consumer Protection: debt matters, bankruptcy, mortgage and foreclosure issues

Advance Planning: last wills and testaments, medical advance directives, powers

of attorney

Intake phone number: 212-946-0343

<http://nylag.org/units/general-legal-services/projects/veterans-legal-assistance-project>

Fort Hamilton Legal Assistance Office

117 General Lee Avenue, Brooklyn

Claims: (718) 630-4664

Legal Assistance: (718) 630-4743

The Ft. Hamilton's Legal Assistance Office provides legal advice and services to all eligible client categories IAW AR 27-3 including active duty, retirees, and their eligible family members.

Fort Hamilton's Installation Legal Office will provide tax preparation for military, retirees and their Families at no charge by appointment. Call 718-630-4743 to schedule an appointment.

<http://www.hamilton.army.mil/Military/LegalAssistance.aspx>

LEGAL SERVICES

URBAN JUSTICE CENTER'S VETERAN ADVOCACY PROJECT

The Veteran Advocacy Project at the Urban Justice Center provides free legal services to low-income veterans, with a focus on those living with PTSD, TBI, substance abuse problems, and mental illness.

Most of our nation's veterans make a successful transition back to civilian life, but it is not always easy. The VA's records indicate that 22 veterans commit suicide each day. An estimated 30% of our troops come home with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and countless service members struggle with Traumatic Brain Injuries, depression, and substance abuse. When these veterans face legal challenges, such as eviction or an improper termination of benefits, it dramatically increases the risk that they will spiral further into illness, become homeless, or even commit suicide. The Veteran Advocacy Project intervenes before veterans reach the breaking point by ensuring their access to housing, health care, and income.

We are partnered with VA hospitals, mental health clinics, and local veterans' groups to reach service members where they are. While our attorneys tackle the legal challenges, our peer advocates ensure that our clients are connected to appropriate social services. With a dedicated team, the project allows veterans to achieve the stability needed to regain their health and rebuild their lives.

Urban Justice Center
40 Rector Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY, 10006
Phone 646.602.5600
VAP@urbanjustice.org

<https://vap.urbanjustice.org/>

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Services of NYC-Veterans Justice Project (VJP)

The LSNYC Veterans Justice Project (VJP) provides comprehensive civil legal services to low-income military veterans, service members and their families. The VJP is designed to help veterans achieve greater housing and financial stability and connect veterans with social and mental health services in the City. We have partnerships with other non-profit organizations serving veterans and we collaborate with the VA Hospitals, Veterans Centers and housing programs throughout the City. The VJP works holistically to protect veterans and their family members from homelessness, resolve barriers to employment, preserve economic stability, and remedy many other problems that derail veterans' successful reintegration into civilian life. How we help: Providing legal services to 1,300 veterans and their dependents each year from all five boroughs of New York City, protecting them from homelessness, resolving barriers to employment, preserving economic stability, and remedying many other problems that derail veterans' successful reintegration into civilian life Conducting litigation and advocacy that wins important legal rights for veterans, including the right to secure vendors licenses to start small businesses in New York City Working on-site to serve veterans at several NYC Veterans Administration Facilities Forging partnerships with more than 42 public and non-profit organizations that serve veterans throughout New York City Operating an innovative Veterans Student Loan Project Collaborating with pro bono counsel to provide wills, health care proxies, powers of attorneys and living wills Educating hundreds of social workers, case managers, medical providers, and other lay advocates from all over the City to understand veterans' legal needs, rights, and how to connect veterans who need help to the VJP.

349 East 149th St., 10th Floor
Bronx, NY 10451
718-928-3700

<http://www.legalservicesnyc.org/our-program/bronx>

MENTAL HEALTH

Coaching Into Care

Coaching Into Care was designed by VA to reach out to family members of military Veterans who become aware of their Veteran's problems associated with combat and reintegration into civilian life.

Veterans of recent combat operations may have difficulty transitioning from combat to home life. They may feel isolated from military support systems after leaving active duty. They may be reluctant to seek help, or even unaware they need it. And in many cases, it is a family member who begins to seek treatment for their loved one. Coaching Into Care works with family members who become aware of their Veteran's post-deployment difficulties - and supports their efforts to find help for the Veteran.

- Phone: 888-823-7458
(Monday - Friday; 8am – 8pm Eastern Time)
 - CoachingIntoCare@va.gov
(General questions)
- <http://www.va.gov/coachingintocare>

The Headstrong Project (OEF/OIF Veterans):

At the Headstrong Project we provide completely cost free, bureaucracy free, state of the art care to heal the wounds of war. For more information, visit:
<http://getheadstrong.org/>

Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their loved ones with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For free, confidential support call **1-800-273-8255** and **Press 1**, [chat online](#), or send a text message to **838255**.

US Army Survivor Outreach Services

Survivor Outreach Services is the official Army program designed to provide long term support to surviving Families of Fallen Soldiers. This is your program! Conceived of and developed by Survivors, this program is continually refined based on Survivor feedback and involvement by senior Army leaders. RAUL LOPEZ, Survivor Outreach Services & Support Coordinator
Camp Smith Trng Site
Bldg. 500, 3rd Flr, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567
Office: 914-944-6580 or email: raul.lopez5@us.army.mil
<http://www.sos.army.mil>

MENTAL HEALTH

The Military Family Clinic at NYU Medical Center:

Seeks to fill the gap in mental health care for service members and their families who are affected by all phases of deployment and other life stressors. Program participants include veterans and active duty service members, mainly OIF/OEF, and define family broadly to include nuclear and extended family members—spouses, children, siblings, parents, grandparents etc. Family members may come for treatment even if their loved one does not wish to seek help at this time.

Highly trained and dedicated clinicians offer confidential, compassionate, evidence-based individual, couples, family, and child/adolescent therapies as well as medication management, psychiatric evaluations and psychological assessments to address a broad range of concerns, including:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Trauma and Stress
- Alcohol and Substance Abuse
- Grief and Loss
- Relationship and Family Conflict
- Military Sexual Trauma
- Readjustment Problems
- Parenting Concerns
- Children's Behavioral or Academic Problems

All treatment at the clinic is confidential.

To refer someone or to make an appointment, please contact :

Tel. 855-698-4677

Email: Militaryfamilyclinic@nyumc.org

To learn more about the clinic, please visit our website:

<http://militaryfamilyclinic.med.nyu.edu/>

MENTAL HEALTH

The Bridge

The Bridge is committed to providing assistance and support to men and women who have served in the United States military, regardless of length of service or discharge type. To that end, we offer a wide array of services, generously funded by the Oak Foundation, that are designed to meet the unique needs of veterans. The Bridge provides supportive housing, advocacy, drug and mental health treatment, case management, vocational services and art therapy.

248 West 108th Street
New York, NY 10025
P: (212) 663-3000
F: (212) 663-3181

<http://thebridgeny.org/programs/veterans-services>

Samaritan Village

Samaritan Village is a pioneer in veteran-specific treatment for more than 20 years, we currently administer three residential treatment facilities exclusively for veterans struggling with chemical dependency, post-traumatic stress disorder and other life challenges.

Women Veterans Program: New York State's first residential treatment program dedicated to female veterans is located on the campus of our Ellenville location in upstate New York. It offers gender-specific treatment at a safe and encouraging environment for women veterans. For more information on all of Samaritan Village's treatment programs for drug and alcohol abuse call Admissions at (718) 657-6195 or 1-800-532-HELP (4357).

Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program-Assists veteran families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Funded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the SSVF program provides temporary financial assistance, housing counseling, legal service referrals, daily living services, personal financial planning and transportation services. Through a grant from the Robin Hood Foundation, we also assist men and women who served in the National Guard and Reserves and **all veterans regardless of their discharge status**. For more information about the SSVF Program, call (212) 586-1270.

<http://samaritanvillage.org/people-we-serve/veterans>

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Team Red White and Blue

Our chapters and communities deliver consistent, local opportunities for veterans and the community to connect through physical and social activity. And it is so much more than running. They host regular fitness activities, social gatherings, and participate in local races and events together. Veterans can also develop their leadership skills by serving as a volunteer leader in their local chapter. These programs are at the core of Team RWB's mission. Be sure to ask about them at your first meeting.

<http://www.teamrwb.org/get-involved/events>

Bronx Rep: Luis Soltero luis.soltero@teamrwb.org

The Mission Continues

The Mission Continues empowers veterans facing the challenge of adjusting to life at home to find new missions. We redeploy veterans in their communities, so that their shared legacy will be one of action and service. Through the Mission Continues, veterans serve their country in new ways by engaging in our innovative and action-oriented programs. The first, The Mission Continues' Fellowship, harnesses veterans' strengths, skills, and their compassion and empowers them to volunteer with non-profit organizations in their community on a daily basis. The second, The Mission Continues' Service Platoons, brings teams of veterans who are working together with partners at the local level to build stronger communities and tackle pressing issues.

The Bronx Service Platoon, sponsored by Guggenheim, is working to build a sense of pride and ownership for the members of the Bronx community through neighborhood beautification and the arts. The Platoon will work with organizations and leaders in the Bronx, such as Dreamyard and BronxPro to create creative green spaces, develop art exhibits with local artists, and build art installations in Community District 5. Future service missions include: building parks, planting trees, creating murals, creating artistic rooftops, and building a park from a street median.

Bronx Platoon-James Fitzgerald
Email: jfitzgerald@missioncontinues.org

<https://www.missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/New-York-2nd-platoon>

Send General Inquiries To: INFO@MISSIONCONTINUES.ORG

SUPPORT SERVICES

Family Health Center of Harlem

The Institute for Family Health is proud to announce the launch of a new “Veterans Initiative,” in partnership with Robin Hood and Single Stop USA. This initiative is dedicated to lifting veterans, military members and their families out of poverty by assisting them in accessing necessary government and Veteran benefits. A new Veteran Case Manager has joined the Single Stop team at the Family Health Center of Harlem. The Veteran Case Manager will be working closely with all Veteran and Military service family members to determine which benefits they are eligible for, guiding them through the application process, and connecting them to other valuable resources and referral sources. In addition to providing assistance and access to Public Benefits and services, the Veteran Case Manager will be specifically screening for Veteran Entitlements such as:

- VA insurance
- VA pension benefits
- Job training and employment programs
- Educational assistance for Veterans and their surviving dependents
- Unemployment compensation for ex-service members
- Other benefits for surviving Veteran family members

The Veteran Program case management services are open to **all United States Veterans or military members and their immediate families** (parents, spouses and children) **at no cost** regardless of service era or discharge status. Please call the Veteran Case Manager directly at 212-423-4500 ext. 4547.

American Red Cross-Military Family Services

Financial Assistance: The Red Cross partners with the military aid societies to help service members and their families get emergency financial assistance 24/7.

Information & Referral Services-The Red Cross provides counseling, guidance, information, referrals and other social services for all military personnel and their families.

Emergency Communication Services: All day, every day, connects service members with their families back home when an emergency strikes.


Deployment Services: Before, during and after deployments, the Red Cross provides training, information and support for military members and their families.

Call the American Red Cross at (877) 272-7337 for information.

<http://www.redcross.org/find-help/military-families>

VETERAN IDENTIFICATIONS & DISCOUNTS

IDNYC-Veteran Designation

If you are a U.S. Veteran you can have “Veteran”  **VETERAN** printed on the front of your IDNYC card.

In addition to the robust and exciting benefits Package that comes with being an IDNYC cardholder, veterans receive additional exclusive benefits with the Veterans Designation, including:

- **Free membership at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum:** Sign up at the museum any time before July 4th, 2016, and you will receive a free Individual Membership for one full year. For more information, visit www.intrepidmuseum.org. (This offer is not available to existing Intrepid Museum members or to those whose membership has lapsed since January 1, 2012.)
- **Access to veteran-specific services at the NYC Department of Small Businesses Services:** SBS services available to all veterans include resume preparation, job training and job placement services through Workforce1, tailored to meet veteran needs and the Veteran’s Entrepreneurship Program. For information visit: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/wf1/html/about/veterans.shtml>.
- **Discounts through the Queens Chamber of Commerce’s Queens VETS Program** Businesses that participate in the Queens Chamber of Commerce’s Queens VETS Program will accept the IDNYC Veteran Designation as proof of veteran status. To learn more, visit: http://www.queenschamber.org/chamber_partners/queens_vet's_program.aspx.
- **Free Veterans Advantage Digital Plan**, which gives you one year of online access to exclusive military discounts from national retailers and leading travel providers. When you receive your IDNYC card with the Veteran Designation, you can sign up online for special savings on Amtrak, United, JetBlue, Greyhound, CVS, Office Depot, Foot Locker, Apple, Dell and more.

You will also have the option to obtain a one-year Member Plan, at 50% off. This plan offers additional benefits, including the OurCAREPackage that offers insurance packages, travel and security assistance customized financial planning and more; a VetRewards Card to secure retail discounts with printed Member Benefits Directory; 50% off cards for family members; and access to their toll-free Benefits Hotline. IDNYC cardholders with documented service-connected disabilities can get the Member Plan for free.

For more information, go to www.veteransadvantage.com/idnyc

VETERAN IDENTIFICATIONS & DISCOUNTS

Veteran Status Designation on NYS Driver and Non-Driver ID

If you are a qualified U.S. military veteran who was honorably discharged, and you have a NYS driver license, learner permit or non-driver photo ID card, you can have the word "Veteran" printed on the upper left hand of your photo document. There is no additional fee for the veteran status designation on your document, but all regular transaction fees will apply.

To apply for the veteran status designation:

You must send or provide proof of an honorable discharge. You may apply by mail or at a DMV office by showing your proof(s). Originals or photocopies are acceptable at an office, but send only photocopies by mail.

You can apply for the veteran status designation when you renew your driver license by mail using your renewal notice (MV-2) and a photocopy of your proof of honorable discharge.

You can renew a NYS driver license or NDID within 12 months or less of the expiration date. If you'd prefer to apply for the designation prior to this time period and cannot visit your local DMV, you can still apply by mail for a replacement document, updated with the veteran status designation. Please include a written request to add the designation, use the [Application for Permit, Driver License or Non-Driver ID Card \(MV-44\)](#), send a photocopy of your current photo document and your proof of honorable discharge.

Mail everything to: DMV License Production Bureau
Room 331, 6 Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12228

You can apply at a [DMV office](#) for a renewal or a replacement document with the veteran status designation. Use the [Application for Permit, Driver License or Non-Driver ID Card \(MV-44\)](#).

You cannot apply by phone or online. The veteran status will be printed on all of your future NYS DMV photo documents.

For Additional Information visit:

<http://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/veteran-status-designation-photo-document> or
<http://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/military-and-veteran-resources>

VETERAN IDENTIFICATIONS & DISCOUNTS

Military & Veterans Discounts Year Round (from Military Benefits.Com)

Read more: <http://militarybenefits.info/military-discounts/#ixzz3yT5zpLdb>

Automotive Discounts

- **American Car Craft**--Enter promo code HERO-20 to receive 20% off custom stainless steel auto accessories, online only.
- **Audi of America**--Get special offers and benefits exclusively available to overseas US military personnel via Audi's Military Sales Program. Visit their website for more info.
- **Chrysler**--Get exclusive rebates and affordable financing deals on Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram vehicles through the Chrysler Military Program. Applies to Active Duty, Active Reserved, Retired Military, Retired Military Reserve and Veterans.
- **Ford**--Active Military Personnel & Reservists Serving on Active Duty, Veterans Separated within the last 180 days, Retirees, Spouse/Surviving spouse, or other household members are eligible for a \$500.00 Bonus Cash Offer good toward the purchase or lease of an eligible new recent model year Ford vehicle.
- **General Motors**--Active Duty members, reserves and retirees, including their spouses, of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, National Guard and Coast Guard can save hundreds or even thousands of dollars when purchasing eligible Chevrolet, Buick or GMC vehicles through the GM Military Discount program. There are also regional and dealership incentives available.
- **Harley-Davidson**--Harley Davidson has special stateside military financing including no down payment, reduced rates and flexible term options designed specifically for active duty military personnel.
- **Inifiniti**--Receive exclusive new vehicle pricing with their Vehicle Purchase Program. Special pricing varies by month. Must be Active Duty or Reserve and their dependents (spouse/domesticpartner) US Military includes: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and National Guard.
- **Jiffy Lube**--Most Jiffy Lube locations offer up to 15% off to military members. Because Jiffy Lube locations are independently owned, some may opt not to participate in the discount program.
- **Lincoln Motor Company**--Active Military Personnel & Reservists Serving on Active Duty, Veterans Separated within the last 180 days, Retirees, Spouse/Surviving spouse, or other household members are eligible for a \$750.00 Bonus Cash Offer good toward the purchase or lease of an eligible new recent model year Lincoln vehicle.
- **Meineke**--Meineke franchises offer discounts to military members on select services. Discounts and qualified services vary by location.

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- **Nissan**-Receive exclusive new vehicle pricing with their Vehicle Purchase Program. Special pricing varies by month. Includes Active and Reserve US Military, Retired Military, Veterans discharged from active service within the past year, and their spouses and partners.
- **O'Reilly Auto Parts**-All O'Reilly Auto Parts stores provide a discount, usually 5% to 10%, to active and retired military personnel with proper ID. Offer is not valid online.
- **Pep Boys Military Discount**-Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday active-duty and retired military customers can receive a 10% discount at local stores. Present a valid military ID to save.
- **Scion**-If you are a member of the U.S. Military with current active duty status or an inactive reservist, you may qualify for a \$500 rebate towards the purchase or lease of a new Scion when financed or leased through a participating Scion dealer and Toyota Financial Services (TFS).
- **TBC Retail Group (Tire & Auto Centers)**-Spend 10% less on tire and auto services at any of 1,300 Tire Kingdom, NTB-National Tire and Battery, Merchant's Tire and Auto Centers and Big O Tires centers nationwide. Present a valid US military ID to enjoy these discounts. Participation varies by location.
- **Toyota**-Receive a \$500 rebate on any new Toyota vehicle. Available to U.S. active duty and reserves, household members of eligible military personnel (including Gold Star families), retirees (within 1 year of retirement) and military veterans (within 1 year of discharge)
- **Victory Motors**-Special offers vary but typically all Active and Retired Police & Firefighter Personnel are eligible for a discount. See the special offers section.
- **Volkswagen**-As subscribers to the Military Assistance Corporation (MAC), Volvo we help simplify the payment process for military personnel who finance the purchase of a new vehicle with Volkswagen Credit. Applies to military personnel and full-time Federal Civil Service employees.
- **Volvo**-Volvo's military savings promotions change often, see site for latest offer.

VETERAN IDENTIFICATIONS & DISCOUNTS

Car Rental Discounts

- **ACE Rent a Car Military Discount**-Get 15% off on car rentals in select ACE Rent A Car offices.
- **Alamo Car Rental**-Members of the military and their families receive discounted rates through Alamo Car Rental. Those traveling on military orders also receive a Collision Damage Waiver and no additional driver fees.
- **Avis Car Rental**-U.S. Military and Federal Government employees get free collision/LDW insurance coverage, no underage driver fees, unlimited mileage and competitive rates on official business or personal.
- **Budget Car Rental**-With the offer code BCD U088801, military members receive discounted rates when booking a rental car online.
- **Dollar.com**-Veterans, active duty military, National Guard and Reserve and their families may get amazing discounts in car rentals, as well as fee waivers and other membership rewards. This applies to Veterans Advantage card holders.
- **Hertz Rental Cars**-Members of the military receive discounted rates and unlimited mileage through Hertz Rental Cars. Free upgrades are also offered if space is available.
- **National Car Rental**-Military members receive discount rates on car rentals and no additional driver fees when traveling on official military orders.
- **Park Ride Fly USA**-Airport parking discounts to all Veterans, Armed Forces personnel and their families.
- **Thrifty.com**-Federal government and military personnel can get discounts and other perks on car rentals.

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Clothing & Shoe Discounts

- **Aeropostale**-Get 10% off on all purchases in any Aeropostale store nationwide.
- **Alfred Angelo Bridal Gown Discount for Military Brides**-Save 15% on a bridal gown at any Alfred Angelo Bridal Boutique. Many locations throughout the U.S.
- **Brides Across America Military Bride Wedding Gown Giveaway**-Multiple bridal retailers and wedding dress designers work with this organization to provide free wedding dresses to military brides. Special wedding dress events are held throughout the year where they giveaway wedding dresses. Check out their site for a listing of the next free wedding dress event in a city near you.
- **JJ's House for Wedding Dresses**-Link to military discounts for wedding dresses and wedding accessories.
- **Kohl's**-Get a Kohl's 15% military discount by presenting a valid US military ID in selected Kohl's branches nationwide. Not all Kohl's participate.
- **Lady Foot Locker**-Active military, veterans and their families can purchase quality athletic footwear at Lady Foot Locker via stores, phone orders and online orders at 20% off. To avail of a discount, one must also be a Veterans Advantage member.
- **Nike**-Active, retired, reservist US military personnel and their families get 10% off in Nike-owned stores including Nike Stores, NikeFactoryStores, NIKETOWN and NikeWomen in the US and Puerto Rico. Present a valid US military ID for verification.
- **Oakley**-The program is for active duty military, reserve, federal and local law enforcement, fire, EMS and those holding military retiree credentials. Must have a valid .gov or .mil email address entered during registration confirm your approval. The discount is available through their USS Standard Issue website.
- **Old Navy**-Every Monday Old Navy gives you 10% off your total purchase with valid Military ID! Just show your ID at check-out for your savings!
- **Rack Room Shoes**-10% military discount to active duty military personnel and their dependents every Tuesday plus on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.
- **Torrid**-Military members receive a 10% discount in Torrid stores or by calling to place an order with a Torrid Personal Shopper.
- **Under Armour Online & In-Store Military Discount**-Purchase online or present a valid US military ID at any Under Armour store and get a 10% off on your purchase. Click Here for for the 10% discount. Offer valid for active duty service members, veterans and EMT certified first responders.
- **Wilson's Leather**-Military personnel and their spouses get 10% off on clothes, accessories and other merchandise.

VETERAN IDENTIFICATIONS & DISCOUNTS

Computer and Electronic Discounts

- **Apple**-The Apple Federal Government and Military Employee Purchase programs is available to Military personnel, National Guard and Reserve, and their families, along with employees of the federal government. You can get a military discount on iPhones, iPads, iPods and Macs through Apple's Military/Government Purchase Program.
- **Audio Geeks**-Active Duty, Veterans, Retirees, Reservists and Dependents receive a 15% discount. Use promo code USMIL15 at checkout.
- **Best Buy**-Best Buy military discounts are available at some locations, typically 10% off. Call ahead and ask. Best Buy offers half off Geek Squad services for military families.
- **Dell**-Dell's Military Rewards program offers discounts on laptops that are part of Dell's premier selection. All computers are equipped with webcams to keep military members connected to their families.
- **Hewlett Packard**-HP offers a military discount program with up to 10% off computers and other special promotions. Military members must sign-up for the program to access the discounts.
- **Microsoft 365**-All US military personnel save up to 30% off Microsoft 365 which include Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, Powerpoint, Skype, SkyDrive, Access, Publisher, OneNote

Education Discounts

- **Berklee School of Music**-Get a world-class musical education at a lower price and a more flexible schedule. Active duty and veteran military personnel get a 20% tuition fee discount, on top of available tuition assistance program for military students or GI Bill benefits for veterans. For more details, send an email to registrar@berkleemusic.com or call 1-866-BERKLEE.
- **California Southern University**-Spouses and children of active-duty and retired military service members can get 10% off on tuition fees for online degree programs in business, psychology and law.
- **Kaplan University**-Active-duty military service members, their spouses and veterans may avail of discounted tuition fees at Kaplan University, one of the top military-friendly colleges and universities for three consistent years.
- **Tutor.com Free Tutoring for Military Families**-Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and National Guard and Reserve military families can receive free online tutoring. See website for details.

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Entertainment Discounts

- **Cinemark Movie Theaters**-Active military members may get discounted rates upon presenting valid active duty military ID at the ticket booth of selected theaters nationwide. Different terms may apply at each location.
- **Fandango**-The availability of discounted military tickets is controlled by each individual theater, not by Fandango. To see if any discounts are being offered for your theater for purchases made via Fandango, click on a red show time to begin the purchase process. All available ticket categories will be displayed on the subsequent page. Look for ticket categories labeled “military discount” or similarly named categories which would indicate a specially priced ticket. Also, not all theaters that offer military discounts make them available through Fandango.
- **Showcase Cinemas**-A military discount to all active duty personnel and their dependents. The special military program pricing is \$7.00 for general admission, and \$5.00 for matinee and children. Appropriate Active Service ID must be presented at the theatre box office to receive military discount. Movie theaters are located in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, New York and Rhode Island.
- **Vettix**-Submit a wish list for tickets. Vettix accepts tax deductible ticket donations from individuals and companies, then donates them to veterans for free through the Hero’s Wish program. Other discounts are available as well.

Fitness Discounts

- **24 Hour Fitness Military Membership**-Active duty military members pay no initiation fee and only pay first and last months’ dues in order to open a membership with 24-hour fitness.
- **Gold’s Gym**-Offers \$20% off monthly dues and discounted enrollment rates for members of the military and veterans.

Flowers & Gifts

- **1st in Flowers**-Send your love home, and say it with flowers. With the special 15% military discount, you can show your loved ones that you care at a fraction of the regular price.
- **BuildASign.com**-When nothing says it better than a grand gesture, get a free banner or jumbo card to show some big love for troops at home and overseas.
- **Gift Express**-20% discount on fine personalized gifts, personalized stationery gifts & gifts for business. Use code USA for 20% savings with a minimum purchase of \$39.95. Shopping to APO addresses as well.
- **Hickory Farms**-Send gifts to APO and FPO addresses, shipping is free.

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Food & Wine

- **Costco Wholesale**-Join Costco as a new member and receive over \$50 in savings for all Members of the Armed Forces, Veterans and their families.
- **Sam's Club**-Active duty, retired military and civilian military employees and their spouses receive a \$15 gift upon joining or renewing a Sam's club membership.
- **Superior Nut**-Use coupon code "military" for 10% discount.

Health & Beauty Discounts

- **AC Lens**-Active duty military members and veterans receive 10% off contact lenses purchased through AC Lens. The promo code MILITARY must be entered during checkout in order to receive the discount.
- **Armed Forces Eyewear**-Discounts are offered on eyeglasses, sunglasses and contact lenses for active duty and retired military members and their families.
- **Group Health Eye Care**-Military members, military retirees and Federal employees receive 20% off prescription eyeglasses and contact lenses.
- **Sally Beauty Supply**-Get a free Beauty Club membership card (\$5 value) when you visit a Sally Beauty Supply store and present a valid US military ID. With the card get special member pricing on non-sale items and 15% discounts on future purchases.
- **SOS Eyewear**-Military, law enforcement, firefighters and EMT's receive 25% off sunglasses in the SOS Eyewear Military or US Ranger lines by entering the code MIL25 at checkout.

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Home and Garden Discounts

- **Anna's Linens**-Get 10% off on purchased items by calling 1-866-266-2728 before ordering online, or by presenting a valid military ID for in-store purchases.
- **Home Depot**-A year round 10% discount up to a maximum \$500 at all U.S. locations to active duty personnel, reservists, retired or disabled veterans and their immediate families. Must present a valid military ID. A 10% discount is also offered to all other military veterans on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veterans Day. Note: Many Home Depots are reported to provide a Veterans 10% discount year round.
- **Lowe's**-Lowe's offers a regular 10% military discount to active duty military members and Retired Veterans, or VA Recipients. This 10% discount is also extended to the immediate family of those who are currently serving, Retired Veterans, or VA Recipients. Lowe's honors all Veterans on three specific holidays: Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veterans Day. During these three holiday weekends, Lowe's extends the discount to all veterans who served honorably and who present a valid Form DD214 or other proof of service.
- **Modern Furniture for Home**-All US military personnel may get 10% off on furniture. Simply fax a copy of an active military ID card to 323-782 0889 or upload a scanned copy through their website, in order to get a coupon code.
- **Overstock.com**-Free Club O membership for military personnel with a valid .mil email address or active, retired or reserve military. Membership benefits include 5% reward dollars on every purchase, free shipping every day of the year and extra reward dollars on select products.
- **Sears**-Everyday, active, reserve and retired military personnel receive 20% off regular priced tools and an extra 5% off of sale priced tools with a valid military ID.
- **Yankee Candle**-Military personnel and immediate family receive 10 percent discount. Present a valid form of military ID at checkout in retail and outlet stores. For online orders, military should email or fax a copy of their order confirmation to info@yankeecandle.com to receive the discount.

Insurance Discounts

- **American Family Insurance**-Active duty service members and veterans who have faced a lapse in insurance due to a deployment are eligible to apply for coverage through American Family Insurance as continuous customers or as having prior insurance. This distinction allows military members to qualify for lower premiums.
- **Geico**-Pay 15% less than regular insurance premiums if you are an active duty or retired member of the military, or a member of the National Guard or Reserves.
- **USAA**-USAA provides discounted auto, home and life insurance to military members and veterans. Since the insurance is only available to those who have served in the military, no additional military discounts are offered.

VETERAN IDENTIFICATIONS & DISCOUNTS

Jewelry Discounts

- **Antique Jewelry Mall**-With a valid military ID or military e-mail address, military members receive 5% off all jewelry purchases. You must place your order by phone, Skype or e-mail to receive the discount.
- **DreamStone**-By entering the code USTROOPS in the discount box when checking out, military members receive discounts on engagement rings.
- **Helzberg Diamonds**-10% discount to all active military when placing an order over the phone at 1-800-HELZBERG (435-9237); M-F 8am-5pm CST. Most Helzberg locations honor the military discount as well but call ahead to confirm. Proof of ID required before processing the discount.
- **Larson Jewelers**-Active duty military members receive 5% off the purchase of wedding rings and bands.
- **Moissante Bridal**-Military members receive 5% off the purchase of an engagement ring.
- **Since1910.com**-Ready to pop the big question and put a ring on it? Get 5% off on an engagement ring of your choice (maximum price of \$10,000) by simply providing your US military email address.
- **Wedding Rings Depot**-Military members receive 10% off the purchase of wedding rings by using the code MILITARY at checkout.
- **White Flash Engagement Ring Discount**-Active-Duty Armed Forces members receive 1% off engagement rings or diamonds. Enter promotional code "Military Discount" at checkout. Note: The website asks to send proof of military ID. It is against the law to send a photocopy or reproduction of a military id.
- **Zales Diamond Store**-Military members receive a 10% discount on any item that is not already discounted. In order to get the discount you must call Zales to have it applied.
- **Zoara**-Military members receive a 10% discount on fine jewelry by registering with a valid military e-mail and entering the code USMILDISC at checkout.

Miscellaneous Discounts

- **A Story Before Bed**-Military members facing deployment are eligible to receive a free recordable storybook.
- **Award Tech Remote PC Specialist**-10% discount on computer support services for Active Duty, Veterans, Retirees and Reservists. Acceptable ID includes a .mil email address or honor system. No military discount website information available, submitted by business to Military Benefits.
- **Eders.com**-Active duty, retired or honorably discharged members of the US Military get FREE membership to the Professional Bowhunter Buyer's Club. Members are entitled to 4-45% when purchasing archery and bowhunting equipment from eders.com or bowhuntingoutlet.com. Call 516-656-0808 for more details.
- **Man Crates Care Packages**-Military families save 10% with verification through Troop ID. Man Crates ships to APO/FPO and overseas.
- **Navy Federal Credit Union**-Active duty and retired military personnel may qualify for a ¼ % APR discount on selected loans. Call 1-888-842-6328 or visit your nearest NFCU branch. Offer is not available for online applications.
- **Operation Love Reunited**-Photographers partner with this organization to provide free photo shoots for military members and their loved ones before or after a deployment.
- **Portrait Innovations**-10% discount on all portrait packages and specialty portrait products for active duty military families.
- **Target Portraits**-Present your Military ID at time of sitting, along with coupon to receive 50% off portrait collections, one free 8×10 and free sitting fees.
- **Tough Mudder Events**-\$10 rebate off the participant registration price for active and veteran members of the military.

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Restaurant Discounts

- **Burger King**-Some participating locations offer 10% discounts, check with the store first. Typically you must present a valid military ID.
- **Boston Market**-Veterans Advantage members to receive 20 percent discount at all Boston Market® locations.
- **Buffalo Wild Wings**-Many Buffalo Wild Wings offer 10% discounts based on franchise location. Check with your local store first. Typically you must present a valid military ID.
- **Chevy Fresh Mex**-10% discount varies by location for active and reserve duty.
- **Chick-fil-A**-Many Chick-fil-A locations offer 10% discounts, always check with the store first. Typically you must present a valid military ID.
- **Dairy Queen**-Most Dairy Queen locations offer military discounts. The amount varies by location, but may be as high as 50% off for members who show up in uniform.
- **Lonestar Steakhouse & Saloon**-All veterans and active duty personnel get a 20% discount every Monday, and 10% off every other day.
- **Fuddruckers**-Discounts vary by location, but range from 10-15% off for those who present a military ID.
- **All Hard Rock Café** locations offer a year-round 15% discount for military members who present a valid military ID. That discount is increased to 20% during select months. Valid on all food, beverage (non-alcoholic), and retail purchases.
- **Outback Steakhouse**-Outback Steakhouse offers 10% discounts periodically and some participating locations offer 10% off year around for military personnel. Always ask!
- **Shoney's**-15% off for all service men and women in uniform. Military, Fire, Police and EMT's in uniform.

VETERAN IDENTIFICATIONS & DISCOUNTS

Retail Discounts

- **Bass Pro Shops**-Military Discount Days at Outdoor World retail stores are for one week, beginning the 15th of every month, active duty and retired military members receive a 10% discount. Some items, such as reels and firearms, are not included.
- **Bell Bicycling and Motorcycle Helmets**-Get VIP status through an exclusive “Pro Deal Program” for powersports industry professionals, active military and public service officials including police and fire. The program offers an exclusive discount on Bell products, apparel and accessories to outdoor industry professionals who includes shop employees, retail sales associates, shop owners, mechanics, manufacturers, athletes, media and more.
- **Best Bully Sticks**-Get discounts on cat and dog supplies by sending an email to bbinfo@bestbullysticks.com from your US military email address. You will be sent a promo code which you can use to get discounted rates.
- **Cabela’s**-Cabela’s Legendary Salute offers a 5% discount every day to active and retired military, active reservists and VA recipients. Must show military ID at checkout.
- **Profox Racing**-Adrenaline junkies can get 10% discounts (plus free shipping within the US!) on regular-priced racing gear and accessories. This offer is available for Active Duty, veteran, reserve, Coast Guard, National Guard, retired and military families.
- **Scorpyd Crossbows**-10% percent discount to all Active, Honorably Discharged and Retired military personnel. Scorpyd will also offer the discount to all active Law Enforcement Officers and all active Fire Department personnel. To receive the discount you will have to call Scorpyd directly and be able to present a valid id. This discount only applies to direct orders from Scorpyd Crossbows.
- **Stationary Xpress**-20% discount on personalized stationery, embossed stationery, raised print stationery, raised-print stationery, invitations, announcements, stationery gifts, stationary. Use promo code “USA” for 20% savings with a minimum purchase of \$39.95 and shipping to APO addresses.

Service Discounts

- **Hypnosis.org**-Interested in a career in hypnosis? Apply for a hypnosis certification course and get a 20% discount if you are an active duty or veteran military personnel. Call 714-258-8380 or 800-965-3390 to register.
- **Massage Envy Military Discount Program**-All active-duty military personnel who join Massage Envy get \$60 off a year. Call ahead to ensure the location is participating and rates may vary.
- **Sports Clips**-Active duty military and veterans receive special pricing on haircuts. Prices vary by location. Veterans also receive 10% off Sports Clips franchise fees.

VETERAN IDENTIFICATIONS & DISCOUNTS

Shipping & Storage Discounts

- **Cube Smart**-Active duty military members receive 20% off storage services for the duration of their military service. A copy of deployment orders and a military ID are required.
- **Door to Door Storage**-Special rates and discounts on military storage to members of the armed forces.
- **Penske Truck Rentals**-Get up to 20% off on military relocation packages with a valid military ID. They will also match any price.
- **PODS**-Military members and veterans are eligible for discounted storage rates through PODS.
- **ShipAnyCar.com**-Whether you need your vehicle transported for military relocation or for personal use, you can get a \$25 discount on car transportation fees.
- **United States Postal Service (USPS)**-The Postal Service offers free Mili-Kits that contain all the supplies needed for shipping items to military members overseas.

Travel and Hotel Discounts

- **American Airlines Cargo**-Ship your pets for 50% less than the regular published rates. Active members of the US military forces as well as their dependents may avail of this discount, which applies to animal shipping for personal use only.
- **AmericInn**-Get discounted hotel rates in any of 220 branches nationwide. Simply present a valid US military ID upon check-in.
- **Amtrak**-Active duty military personnel and their families save 10% when traveling with Amtrak. The discount only applies to regular fares and may not be combined with other discounts.
- **Beaches by Sandals**-U.S and Canada Military members and their families save an extra 10% at Beaches resorts.
- **Best Western**-Provides hotel rates based on the u.s. government per diem. Available to military personnel or civilian and government employees on official business or leisure.
- **Blue Star Museums**-Members of the Blue Star Museum program offer free admission to military members and their families from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Visitors must present a military ID for free admission.
- **Castle Resorts**-All military personnel including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and National Guard qualify for special discounted rates saving up to 15%.
- **Clipper Vacations, Pacific Northwest** travel Using the promo code HERO while booking online, members of the military and one guest receive discounts on vacation packages in the Pacific Northwest.

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- **Delta Vacations**-Plan your next big trip anywhere in the world and save \$50 to \$200 on your vacation package of choice. All you need is a valid US military email address to get the discount, along with other perks such as discounted flights and bonus mileage points.
- **Disney Cruise Lines**-In honor of the brave men and women who serve this country, Disney Cruise Line is proud to offer special military rates on select Disney cruises through December 2013.
- **Disney Parks**-Spend a magical day with your loved ones with discounted rates on rooms and admission tickets in Walt Disney World Resort or Disneyland Resort. Active military and spouses, retired military, National Guard and Reservists and their families are eligible for this discount.
- **Greyhound**-Get a 10% discount on fares for you and your family if you are either active duty or retired US military personnel. Other terms may apply. See here for Veterans.
- **Howard Johnson's**-10 percent. Rate depends on availability. Must present military I.D. upon check in.
- **Hyatt Hotels**-Active duty military members receive up to 50% off room rates at 20 of its resorts in the U.S. and Caribbean. In addition, military members receive up to 20% off food purchase. Call for details.
- **Jellystone Parks**-Active duty and retired military families who enjoy camping receive discounts at most of Jellystone's campgrounds. Discounts range from 5% to 20% off and vary by location.
- **KOA Campgrounds**-Most KOA campgrounds offer a military discount between 5% and 15% off the regular price. Check with your specific campground to find out the discount it offers.
- **La Quinta Inns & Suites**-While it does not publish its military rates, La Quinta Inns & Suites advertises special rates for members of the military who provide a valid ID. Choose the government rate option when booking online.
- **Marriott Hotels**-Find out how much you can save in hotel rates under Marriott's Military Per Diem Rate Qualification Guidelines.
- **Motel 6 Military Discount**-all active and retired military personnel and their families are eligible for a 10% discount. When booking online, simply click "Military Rate" before selecting your room type and the discount will be automatically applied.
- **Norwegian Cruise Lines**-The military and their families can receive up to 10% off on select cruises. Includes veterans, active duty military, national guard, or reserves.
- **Park Ride Fly USA**-Airport parking discounts to all Veterans, Armed Forces personnel and their families.
- **Red Lion Hotels**-15% off best available rates at all Red Lion Hotels, Red Lion Inn & Suites, Hotel RL, GuestHouse and Settle Inn properties. Open to active-duty and retired military personnel, as well as their families.
- **Red Roof Inn**-Active duty and retired military members receive 10% room rates. When booking online, use the VP+(R) code 604287.
- **Royal Caribbean**-Take advantage of special cruise rates available for military personnel and their family members. Eligible military members must be in the same

stateroom in order for dependents to qualify for discounted rates. Discounts are subject to terms.

- **Sandals Vacations**-Military members in the U.S. or Canada receive 10% off the purchase of all-inclusive vacation packages from Sandals. The discount is on top of other promotions the company offers.
- **Six Flags Amusement Parks**-Six Flags parks offer military appreciation days where military members receive free admission. Days vary by park and season. Additionally, Tickets are available at discounted prices, varies by location, on military bases and installations through the MWR or IIT recreation offices. Quantities are unlimited with a valid military or DoD ID. Discounted tickets are NOT available at the parks.
- **Starwood Hotels**-Active or retired military members and their families may take advantage of the special online rate, or free lessons in its music studio in Arkansas.
- **The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass**-Available to US military members and their dependents in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard, as well as most members of the US Reserves and National Guard. Proper military ID is required (CAC Card or DoD Form 1173). Covers entrance to Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service sites that charge Entrance Fees, and Standard Amenity Fees at Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation sites. In addition, most state and federal parks grant free access on Veteran's Day and other military holidays
- **Veterans Advantage**-Membership is under \$5 a month and provides access to thousands of discounts including Continental, United Airlines, Amtrak, Eastbay, Wendy's, Footlocker, Dell, Greyhound, car rentals, Verizon and many other military discounts. Veterans Advantage Members Save Every Day!

Wireless & Internet Discounts

- **AT&T Wireless Discount**-Active Duty, Reserves and Veterans get 15% off on mobile phone services. Just present identification or proof veteran status to any AT&T store. Mention FAN code 4085530.
- **Verizon Wireless**-Active-Duty military and all Federal Government employees can get 15% discount on monthly plans \$35 and above and 25% off accessories.

VETERAN 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 wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans. Hundreds of local American Legion programs and activities strengthen the nation one community at a time. American Legion Baseball is one of the nation's most successful amateur athletic programs, educating young people about the importance of sportsmanship, citizenship and fitness. The Operation Comfort Warriors program supports recovering wounded warriors and their families, providing them with "comfort items" and the kind of support that makes a hospital feel a little bit more like home. The Legion also raises millions of dollars in donations at the local, state and national levels to help veterans and their families during times of need and to provide college scholarship opportunities.

The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with great political influence perpetuated by its grass-roots involvement in the legislation process from local districts to Capitol Hill. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans in Washington. The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.

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VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars)

The VFW traces its roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service: Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves. In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations with what would become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. After chapters were formed in Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, the movement quickly gained momentum. By 1915, membership grew to 5,000; by 1936, membership was almost 200,000.

Besides helping fund the creation of the Vietnam, Korean War, World War II and Women in Military Service memorials, the VFW in 2005 became the first veterans' organization to contribute to building the new Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial, which opened in November 2010. Annually, the more than 1.7 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliaries contribute more than 8.6 million hours of volunteerism in the community, including participation in Make A Difference Day and National Volunteer Week. From providing over \$3 million in college scholarships and savings bonds to students every year, to encouraging elevation of the Department of Veterans Affairs to the president's cabinet, the VFW is there.

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VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

Military Women In Power, Ltd.

The organization was formed to provide aid to Female Soldiers/Veterans. We are an all-Female Veteran Task Force helping Female Soldiers/Veterans and their family who are desolate and despondent. We troubleshoot their needs then provide immediate and emergency assistance. We advocate on their behalf, provide immediate resources through referrals and/or physically representing them and their families with/to training programs, housing appointments, employment agents, completing VA claims applications, counseling MST (Military Sexual Trauma, C/PTSD (Combat/Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), Anger Management, Suicide Prevention, Parenting and Marriage counseling. We will foster support and nourish self-sufficiency for single mothers in the military for a healthy Family Care plan if deployed. We Adopt the "No Female Soldier/Veteran left behind" attitude.

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On an ongoing basis, the National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. will provide strategic advocacy on behalf of its membership with Congress, the Federal Administration, State Administrations and other agencies and organizations. NABVETS will provide personal advocacy on behalf of veterans seeking claims against the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; advocacy for youth in all matters required for successful passage into adulthood; advocacy on behalf of families; with community involvement, provide advocacy in creating positive lifestyles for veterans; and to generate and preserve the historical record.

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VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

DAV (Disabled American Veterans) is the most long-lasting veterans' advocacy and assistance group in this country. We've watched this country change and grow, and we've grown along with it. However, DAV has never wavered in its core mission to fulfill our country's promises to the men and women who served. We invite everyone, veterans and civilian, men and women, young and old, to join us as we stand up for those veterans who risked it all when they stood up for us, our country, and our ideals.

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The United War Veterans Council (UWVC)

The United War Veterans Council carries out and supports programs including:

- **Resource Advisors:** Directing veterans and family members to community resources addressing their full range of needs and issues (including housing, education, employment, mental health, family counseling, etc.) as well as to trained professionals who help them navigate the VA system to secure medical, housing, G.I. Bill and death/survivor benefits
- **Mental Wellness & Suicide Prevention**
- **Career Development:** We work with service providers such as [Be a Hero, Hire a Hero](#) to help veterans launch and establish productive, meaningful careers.
- **Recovery Through Service:** Offer veterans recovering from substance abuse valuable work experience and community service opportunities that support their path to rehabilitation and re-entry into mainstream society. We work with organizations such as [Samaritan Village Veterans Program](#) to assist these veterans in need.
- **Memorial Restoration and Maintenance:** Mobilize young veterans and youth volunteers to learn about and care for local military and veteran memorials.
- **Youth Programs:** Ensuring that future generations learn to appreciate the contributions of our veterans through participation in activities that honor service.
- **Outreach Events and Activities:** In addition to the [New York City Veterans Day Parade](#), we produce a year-round calendar of events to promote our services to veterans in need, and raise public awareness about our veterans community.

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Please note that we are located in a city building, which requires photo ID and security screening to enter. Phone: 212.693.1476 or Fax: 212.693.1475 or <http://uwvc.org/#>

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