



Welcome Home Resource Guide

FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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About the Welcome Home Resource Guide

This guide was developed by Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System in collaboration with organizations along the Gulf Coast to help Veterans and their families with the transition to life in the community. It contains key nonprofit resources and does not reflect all services available. Inclusion in this guide does not imply VA endorsement.

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1. Activities and Entertainment

Alabama

Battleship Memorial Park: <http://www.ussalabama.com/>
Gulfquest National Maritime Museum: <http://www.gulfquest.org/>
Mobile Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau: <http://www.mobile.org>
Gulf Shores and Orange Beach: <http://www.gulfshores.com/>
(See Appendix A for more suggestions)

Florida

Naval Aviation Museum: <http://www.navalaviationmuseum.org/>
Air Force Armament Museum: <http://afarmamentmuseum.com/>
Pensacola: <http://www.visitpensacola.com/>
Fort Walton, Destin and Okaloosa Island: <http://www.emeraldcoastfl.com/>
Panama City: <http://www.visitpanamacitybeach.com/>
(See Appendix A for more suggestions)

Mississippi

The Armed Forces Museum: <http://www.armedforcesmuseum.us/>
Infinity Science Center (NASA/Stennis Space Center): <http://www.visitinfinity.com/>
Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau: <http://www.gulfcoast.org>
(See Appendix A for more suggestions)

2. Benefits and Eligibility Information for Veterans

Department of Veterans Affairs - Veteran's Health Administration (VHA)

VA Health Benefits Overview: <http://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/index.asp>

How to Apply for VA Health Care:

First, fill out the application online at <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/>
Then print out a copy and sign it. You may also use a paper application. Add name and phone for your next of kin and emergency contacts. Then bring or mail it **with a copy of your DD214 to the nearest VA Clinic.** (If "Purple Heart" is noted on your DD214, bring a copy of your award letter.)

To Contact the Nearest VA Health Care Eligibility Office:

Biloxi: (228) 523-5000, ext. 34352 or 34616 or 34910
Mobile: (251) 219-3900, ext. 33903
Pensacola: (850) 912-2000, etc. 32076 or 32077
Eglin: (850) 609-2600, ext. 32735
Panama City: (850) 636-7000, ext. 37007

How to Obtain Copies of DD214, Service Personnel Records and Medical Records:

Contact National Archives: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>
For questions about obtaining records, call: (314) 801-0800

How to Learn about Veterans Choice Program:

http://vaww.va.gov/CHOICE/MATERIALS_FOR_VETERANS_AND_THE_PUBLIC.asp

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOIEEzX9nqU>

Department of Veterans Affairs: Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)

VA Financial Benefits Overview:

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>

How to Learn about VBA Benefits - Compensation

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/index.asp>

How to Learn about VBA Education Benefits

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/index.asp>

311 Vets Smartphone app - download at: <https://mobile.va.gov/app/311vet>

The 311VET app was designed for Veterans to ask general VA benefits questions and receive answers 24/7/365 from any mobile device, allowing answers at any time and from anywhere. 311VET allows Veterans to gather information on health care benefits, pensions, life insurance, dependents' and survivors' benefits, and much more.

3. Benefits and Eligibility for Veterans - State

Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA): www.va.state.al.us

Mobile office: 1150 Government St., Mobile, AL 36604; (251) 574-8578

Baldwin office: 302 Byrne St., Bay Minette, AL 36507; (251) 937-0218

Satellite Courthouse: 210 E. Section St., Foley, AL 36535; (251) 943-5061

List of County Veteran Service Officers

http://www.va.state.al.us/county_select.aspx

Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA): <http://floridavets.org/>

FDVA Headquarters and Executive Offices: 11351 Ulmerton Road, Suite 311-K, Largo, FL 33778-1630, (727) 518-3202

FDVA Benefits and Assistance Division: 9500 Bay Pines Blvd., Suite 214, Bay Pines, FL 33744, (727) 319-7400 / 7440

FDVA Tallahassee Office: The Capitol, Suite 2105, 400 South Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001, (850) 487-1533

List of County Veteran Service Officers: http://floridavets.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/CVSO_Directory_1-August-2014.pdf

Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board (MVA): <http://www.vab.ms.gov/>

Telephone: (601) 576-4850 or 1 (877) 203-5632

List of County Veteran Service Officers: <http://www.vab.ms.gov/csolist.pdf>

4. Educational Opportunities

National Resources:

Information regarding VA education benefits, including eligibility, payment information, remaining balance of benefit entitlement, or the address of the nearest regional offices is available at (888) 442-4551, <http://gibill.va.gov/>

Student Veterans of America:

SVA is a 501(c) (3) non-profit coalition of student Veterans groups on college campuses across the globe. These member chapters are the "boots on the ground" that help Veterans reintegrate into campus life and succeed academically. Each chapter must be an officially recognized student group by their university or college and provide a peer-to-peer network for Veterans who are attending the school. Additionally, chapters often coordinate campus activities, provide preprofessional networking, and generally provide a touchstone for student Veterans in higher education. For details and chapter locator see website: <http://studentveterans.org/>

Alabama Schools

Bishop State: <http://www.bishop.edu/>

351 N. Broad St., Mobile, AL 36603, VA Counselor: (251) 405-7015

Capps College:

3590 Pleasant Valley Rd., Mobile AL 36609

Alabama Aviation Center at Mobile: <https://www.escc.edu/index.php/aviation/mobile>

1975 Avenue C, Mobile, AL 36615, (251) 438-2816

Faulkner State Community College: <http://www.faulknerstate.edu/>

1900 US Hwy. 31, Bay Minette, AL 36507 (Baldwin County)

Faulkner State VA Counselor: (251) 580-2292

Student Veterans of America Chapter on campus

Faulkner University: <http://www.faulkner.edu/admissions/mep.asp>

3943 Airport Blvd, Mobile AL 36608, (251) 380-9090

Fortis College:

<https://www.fortis.edu/campuses/alabama/mobile/7033-airport-blvd-mobile-al.aspx>

7033 Airport Blvd., Mobile, AL 36608, (251) 344-1203

ITT Technical College: <http://military.itt-tech.edu/>

3100 Cottage Hill Rd #3, Mobile AL 36606, (251) 472-4760

Student Veterans of America Chapter on campus

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Student-Veterans-of-America-ITT-Tech-Mobile-Alabama/1576678189253037>

Remington College:

828 Downtowner Loop W., Mobile, AL 36609, (251) 343-8200

Springhill College: <http://www.shc.edu/veterans/>

4000 Dauphin St, Mobile AL 36608, (251) 389-4000

University of South Alabama: <http://www.southalabama.edu/registrar/veterans.htm>
Veterans Office, 111 Jaguar Drive, Academic Support Center,
Suite 1345, Mobile, AL 36688, (251) 460-6230
Student Veterans of America Chapter, on campus, aka "Jag-Vets"
<https://www.facebook.com/USA.SVO>, and in Veterans Resource Rm #1365

University of Mobile:
<http://www.umobile.edu/Admissions/FinancialAid/VeteransAffairs.aspx>
5735 College Parkway, Eight Mile, AL 36613, Veterans Affairs Office: (251) 442-2222

Virginia College:
<http://www.vc.edu/virginia-college-military/military-benefit-options.cfm>
5901 Airport Blvd, Mobile AL 36608, (251) 343-7227
2970 Cottage Hill Rd., Suite 141, Mobile AL 36606, (251) 378-304

For more schools in Alabama see: <http://www.ache.alabama.gov/>

Florida Schools

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University: (850)581-2106 <http://worldwide.erau.edu/>

Gulf Coast State College: <http://www.gulfcoast.edu/veterans/default.htm>
5230 West Highway 98, Panama City, FL 32401
Veterans Coordinator: (800) 311-3685, ext. 3210
<http://www.gulfcoast.edu/veterans/GCSC%20STUDENT%20VETERAN%20HANDBOOK.pdf>

Northwest Florida State College: <http://www.nwfsc.edu/>
Veterans Affairs Office (VAO) is located in the Student Services Center (SSC) on the
Niceville campus and can be reached by calling (850) 729-5375
http://www.nwfsc.edu/documents/pdfs/FinancialAid/2014/VA_student_handbook_2014.pdf

Pensacola Christian College: (850) 478-8496, <http://www.pcci.edu/>
New Student Admissions Information only, call 1-800-PCC-INFO; 1-800-722-4636

Pensacola State College: <http://www.pensacolastate.edu/>
Veterans Affairs Office
Pensacola (850) 484-1670
Milton (850) 484-4410
Warrington (850) 484-2349
Veterans Upward Bound Program: Bldg. 6, RM. 651, Main Campus
Pensacola, FL 32504, (850) 484-1438, (850) 484-1715, or (850) 484-2068
<http://www.pensacolastate.edu/veterans-upward-bound/>

Troy University: (850) 301-2100, <http://trojan.troy.edu/globalcampus/sites/fwb/>

University of Florida Research and Engineering Education Facility (UFREEF):
(850) 833-9350 <http://www.reef.ufl.edu/>

University of West Florida: <http://www.uwf.edu/militaryveterans/>
Military and Veterans Resource Center (MVRC), Building 38, Room 147;
(850) 474-2550, Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/UWFMVRC>
Vet Success on Campus: <https://www.facebook.com/UWVetSuccess>
Student Veterans of America Chapter: <https://www.facebook.com/UwfSva>

Virginia College in Pensacola: (850) 436-8444,
<https://www.vc.edu/campus/pensacola-florida-college.cfm>

For more schools in Florida see: <http://www.stateofflorida.com>

Mississippi

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC):

Veterans and Handbook for Recipients of Veterans Administration Educational Benefits
http://www.mgccc.edu/student_services/veterans

MGCCC/Jefferson Davis Campus, 2226 Switzer Road, Gulfport, MS 39501
Counselor/VA Certifying Official: (228) 896-2518

MGCCC/Perkinston Campus, 51 Main St., Perkinston, MS 39573
VA Certifying Official: (601) 928-6332

MGCCC/Jackson County Campus, 2300 U.S. Hwy. 90, Gautier, MS 39553
VA Certifying Official: (228) 497-7636

University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park: www.usm.edu/gulfcoast
Gulf Coast Campus, 730 E. Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560
Additional Teaching Sites include: Gulf Coast Research Lab, Ocean Springs, Miss.; Gulf Coast Student Service Center, Gulfport, Miss.; Gulf Park Campus, Long Beach, Miss.; Jackson County Teaching Site, Gautier, Miss.; Keesler Air Force Base Teaching Site, Biloxi, Miss.; Stennis Space Center (NASA), Hancock County, Miss.
VA Certifying Official: (228) 865-4513
Student Veterans of America Chapter: <https://www.facebook.com/usmstudentvets>

Tulane University: (Gulf Coast), VA Certifying Official: (228) 388-5769

William Carey University, VA Certifying Official: (228) 376-8480
<http://www.wmcarey.edu/AboutWCU/Campuses/282/GulfportCampus.shtm>

For more schools in Mississippi see: <http://www.mississippi.edu/universities>

5. Employment and Career Development

Veterans Employment Toolkit:

www.va.gov/VETSINWORKPLACE/veteranresources.asp

VA Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)

VBA Vocational Rehabilitation (VR&E):

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp>

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vonapp>

VBA VR&E – Regional Office: 603 Interstate Park Drive, Montgomery, AL 36109, (334) 396-1986 or 1 (800) 827-1000

VBA VR&E – Mobile: 900 West America Circle, Mobile, AL 36609

VBA VR&E – Pensacola: 1009 North 12th Ave., Pensacola, FL 32501

VBA VR&E – Regional Office Mississippi: 1600 E. Woodrow Wilson Ave., Jackson, MS 39216; (800) 827-1000; VR&E Out-Based Office: 400 Veterans Ave., Biloxi, MS 39531, (228) 523-5160, (228) 523-5206

Listing of Local Employers:

Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce: <http://mobilechamber.com>

Pensacola Chamber of Commerce: <http://pensacolachamber.com/>

Walton Area Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.waltonareachamber.com/>

Panama City Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.panamacity.org/>

Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce: <http://mscoastchamber.com/>

State Run Employment Agencies

All maintain a database of job opportunities. Most offer classes on resume writing, tips for interviewing, and tips for job seeking. Most organize job fairs and have a resource room with computers, fax machines, telephones, printers and scanners to conduct job searches, prepare resumes, research labor statistics, etc. Most have special staff assigned to help all Veterans, including Veterans who might have a disability. Many invite Veterans to sign up for daily/weekly emails with information on job fairs, new job listings, and local current events for Veterans. Many also conduct a Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP).

State of Alabama: <https://joblink.alabama.gov/>

Alabama Career Center, Mobile:

515 Springhill Plaza Court, Mobile, AL 36608, (251) 461-4146

Request to be on Veterans Email list: mobile.vets@alcc.alabama.gov

Alabama Career Center, Bay Minette:

201 Faulkner Drive, Bay Minette, AL 36507, (251) 937-4161

Alabama Career Center, Foley:

200 W. Michigan Ave., Foley, AL 36535, (251) 943-1575

State of Florida: <https://www.employflorida.com>

www.careersourceescarosa.com/Veteran_Services.html#

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

Pensacola Career Center: 3670 North L Street, Pensacola, FL 32505
(850) 607-8700

Century Career Center: 8120 North Century Blvd., Century, FL 32535
(850) 256-6259

Milton Career Center: 5725 Highway 90, Milton, FL 32583
(850) 983-5325

CareerSource Okaloosa Walton: 109 8th Avenue, Shalimar, FL 32579
(850) 651-2315

Fort Walton Beach Center: 409 NE Racetrack Road, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547
(850) 833-7587

Walton County Center: 842 Hwy, 20 E, Suite 126, Freeport, FL 32439
(850) 880-6567

Crestview Center: 212 N. Wilson Street, Crestview, FL 32536
(850) 689-7823

State of Mississippi: <http://mdes.ms.gov/i-need-a-job/veterans-services/>

Biloxi WIN Job Center: 2306 Pass Road, Biloxi, MS 39531, (228) 388-7997

Gulfport WIN Job Center: 10162 Southpark Drive, Gulfport, MS 39503
(228) 897-6900

Community Run Vocational Rehabilitation Programs

Alabama Department of Rehabilitative Services: ADRS helps Wounded Warriors and other Alabamians with disabilities achieve independence through employment. The injury or condition does not need to be a service-connected disability. The condition must be a substantial impediment to employment, and the individual must be able to benefit from services to retain his/her current employment or obtaining a new job. 2419 Gordon Smith Dr., Mobile, AL 36617, (251) 479-9611; (800) 671-6842, www.rehab.alabama.gov

Goodwill Easter Seals of the Gulf Coast:
2448 Gordon Smith Drive, Mobile, AL 36617, Employment training and placement
(251) 471-1581; (800) 411-0068, <http://www.gesgc.org/>; <http://alabama.easterseals.com>

15 East Brent Lane, Pensacola, FL 32503, (850) 438-3699; 913 H. Beal Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547, (850) 302-0576

Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, District X: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation services provides counseling and guidance in adjustment to disability, vocational exploration, assistive technology, job training and job development.
Gulfport office: (228) 575-3789; toll free: (800) 741-8448
http://www.mdrs.state.ms.us/field_offices.asp

Goodwill Industries of South Mississippi: 2407 31st St., Gulfport, MS 3950,
Employment training and placement (228) 863-2323, <http://www.goodwillms.org/>

6. Families of Veterans and Active Duty

VA Funded Programs

VA Caregiver Support Program:
Caregiver Support Line: (1-855-260-3274) (daytime)
National Website: <http://www.caregiver.va.gov/>

VA Medical Foster Home Program:

http://www.va.gov/geriatrics/guide/longtermcare/medical_foster_homes.asp

Alternative to institutional care for people unable to live alone due to injury, illness, or chronic medical conditions. Helps Veteran to live in a family-style setting. For information on how to become a Medical Foster Home, or for information on how to help a Veteran obtain placement in a Medical Foster Home, contact: MS (228) 523-4664, AL (251) 219-3968, FL (850) 912-2297.

VA Medical Center – Behavioral Health Family Programs:

Family support is important to a Veteran's treatment and recovery. Families are encouraged to visit hospitalized Veterans to provide support and help the Veteran and his/her treatment team to prepare for transition back to the community. It's important to contact the hospital staff for information on best times to visit and special requirements.

Residential Rehabilitation and Treatment Program: (228) 523-5201, (228) 523-4682

Behavioral Health Acute Inpatient Unit: (228) 523- 4725, (228) 523 - 5727

VA Outpatient Clinic Family Programs:

Veterans who receive services in the outpatient clinic also need family support for their treatment and recovery. They have the option to bring a family member/loved one with them to individual health care and mental health appointments. Primary Care Social Workers can help with referral to community resources. Behavioral Health Staff are available to provide couples counseling and family education. Veterans can ask their VA Health Care provider for a referral tailored to their unique situation.

Biloxi: 400 Veterans Way, Biloxi MS 39531, (228) 523-5000, (800) 296-8872

Mobile: 1504 Springhill Ave., Mobile AL 36604, (251) 219-3900, (888) 201-0110

Pensacola: 790 Veterans Way, Pensacola FL 32507, (850) 912-2000, (866) 927-1420

Eglin: 100 Veterans Way, Eglin AFB, FL 32542, (850) 609-2600, (866) 520-7359

Panama City: 140 Richard Jackson Blvd., Panama City, FL 32407, (850) 636-7000, (888) 231-5047

VA Relationship Skills Workshops/Retreats for Veteran Couples:

VA's Warrior to Soul Mate Program (W2SM) offers workshops and retreats to help Veterans and their spouses/significant others strengthen and/or rebuild their relationships. These free workshops are based on the Pairs Curriculum and led by VA staff. For dates, locations, and information on upcoming workshops across the Gulf Coast, contact VA Chaplain Service at (228) 523-5730.

For information about PAIRS see www.pairs.org

VA Vet Centers:

Vet Centers are part of the VA Health Care System and offer couples counseling for families of combat Veterans. Counseling for Military Sexual Trauma is also available.

Biloxi Vet Center: 288 Veterans Ave., Biloxi, MS 39531; (228) 388-9938

Mobile Vet Center: 3221 Springhill Ave., Bldg. 2, Suite C, Mobile, AL 36607
(251) 478-5906

Pensacola Vet Center: 4504 Twin Oaks Drive, Pensacola, FL 32506
(850) 456-5886 or (877) 927-8387

Okaloosa County Vet Center: 6 11th Avenue, Suite G 1, Shalimar, FL 32579,
(850) 651-1000 or (877) 927-8387

Bay County Vet Center: 3109 Minnesota Ave., Suite 101, Panama City, FL 32405,
(850) 522-6102 or (877) 927-8387

Other Locations: 1- 877-WARVETS (927-8387); <http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/index.asp>

VA Online Resources for Families:

Booklet on PTSD for free download:

http://www.mirecc.va.gov/VISN16/docs/Talking_with_Kids_about_PTSD.pdf

Online Parenting Skills Class: <http://www.veterantraining.va.gov/parenting/>

Parenting2go: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/parenting2go/id804311274?mt=8>

Life Guard: <http://www.mirecc.va.gov/apps/activities/lifeguard/#&panel1-1>

Warrior to Soulmate (W2SM)/PAIRS: <http://apps.pairs.com/>

Department of Defense Supported Family Programs

Alabama

Alabama National Guard Family Assistance Center:
1-800-231-2846, Mobile Bay area: (251) 287-9930

Florida

Eglin AFB Airman and Family Readiness Center:
Building 205, (850) 882-9060, 850-882-9061

Fleet and Family Support NAS Whiting Field:
Building 3025, (850) 623-7177

Fisher House Emerald Coast: Short-term lodging for families of Wounded Warriors
Eglin Air Force Base: (850) 883-2865, <http://www.fisherhouse.org>

Hurlburt Field Airman and Family Readiness Center:
220 Lukasik Ave., Bldg. 90213, (850) 884-5441

Mississippi

Fisher House: Short-term lodging for families of Wounded Warriors
(228) 377-8264, <http://www.fisherhouse.org>

Fleet and Family Support Center Naval Construction Battalion:
5200 CBC 2nd St., Gulfport, MS 39501-5000, (228) 871-2581

Focus Project: Provides resiliency training for active duty military service members and their families. NCBC Gulfport: (228) 822-5736
Keesler Air Force Base: (228) 822-5736, www.focusproject.org

Keesler Air Force Base Airman and Family Readiness Center:
Fisher Street, Rm. 110, Keesler Air Force Base, MS 39534, (338) 376-8728

Helpful Family Web Links:

Blue Star Families: <http://bluestarfam.org/>

Blue Star Salute: <http://www.bluestarsalute.org/>

Vietnam Veteran Wives: <http://www.vietnamveteranwives.org/>

Family of a Vet: <http://www.familyofavet.com/>

Family Caregiver Guide (families of patients with moderate or severe TBI):

http://www.dcoe.mil/Families/Support_for_Service_Members.aspx

7. Families - Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1(800) 799 SAFE (7233)

<http://www.thehotline.org/>, www.domesticshelters.org

Penelope House (Mobile Area) 24-hour crisis line: (251) 342-8994

<http://www.penelopehouse.org/services.htm>

Lighthouse (Baldwin County, Ala.) Crisis line: (251) 947-6008 or 1 (800) 650-6522.,

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

Favor House (Escambia County, Fla.) Crisis line: 1 (850) 434-6600,

<http://favorhouse.org/>

Shelter House (Okaloosa/Walton Counties): <http://www.shelterhousenwfl.org/>

Gulf Coast Women's Center for Non-Violence (Mississippi Coast):

(228) 435-1968, 1 (800) 800-1396, <http://www.gcwcfn.org/>

8. Health Care and Behavioral Health: Veterans and Active Duty

Veterans Health Administration

VA 24-hour Medical Advice Line: (800) 929-7690

VA 24-hour Behavioral Health Crisis Line: (880) 273-TALK (8255),

Press 1 for Veterans, or VA Crisis Web Chat: <http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

VA Crisis Text Chat: 838255

VA "My Health Vet" – Electronic Health Record, Prescription Refills, Secure Messaging with Providers: <https://www.myhealth.va.gov/index.html>

VA Pharmacy Automated Prescription refill line:

1 (228) 523-INFO (extension 4636) (local calls)

1 (877) 205-7368 (long-distance calls)

How to Obtain an Appointment for VA Medical Treatment:

Once enrolled in VA Health Care, Veterans schedule an appointment with our Primary Care Team for a basic exam. The Primary Care Team coordinates appropriate treatment. This could include referral for Specialty Clinic Services (for example, Orthopedics, Podiatry, Dermatology, Rehabilitative Medicine, Eye Clinic, Prosthetics, etc.) or to Behavioral Health. Our call center operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to help Veterans schedule initial and follow-up appointments.

Biloxi Facility: 400 Veterans Ave, Biloxi, MS 39531

(228) 523-5000, (800) 296-8872

Mobile Outpatient Clinic: 1504 Springhill Ave., Mobile, AL 36604
(251) 219-3900, (888) 201-0110

Joint Ambulatory Care Center: 790 Veterans Way, Pensacola, FL 32507
(850) 912-2000, (866) 927-1420

Eglin Outpatient Clinic: 100 Veterans Way, Eglin Air Force Base, FL 32542
(850) 609-2600, (866) 520-7359

Panama City Outpatient Clinic: 140 Richard Jackson Blvd., Panama City, FL 32407, (850) 636-7000, (888) 231-5047

How to Obtain VA Post Deployment Services for Returning Veterans:

If you are a recently discharged Veteran with service in a theater of combat operations, VA can provide you free medical care for five years from your discharge from active duty for conditions possibly related to your service, regardless of your income status. For more details contact the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System Transition and Care Management Team. The main office for the Transition and Care Management (TCM) OEF/OIF/OND Team is located in Bldg. 3, 1A103, 400 Veterans Ave., Biloxi, MS 39531. For more details see: <http://www.biloxi.va.gov/services/returning/index.asp>.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Care Management Staff:
(228) 523-4933; (228) 523-5965; (228) 523-5455; (228)523-4787

Mobile Bay Area Care Manager: (251) 219-3726

Northwest Florida Care Manager: (850) 912-2025

How to Obtain Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Services:

VA Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Services vary at each VA location and may include such services as Audiology and Speech Pathology; Blind Rehabilitation; Chiropractic Care; Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation; Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service; and Recreation Therapy. Special programs may include Polytrauma/Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) System of Care, Amputation System of Care, and Blind Rehabilitation Care Continuum. Often physical therapy referrals are a prerequisite prior to orthopedic referral depending on condition severity. Veterans can request referrals for Orthopedics, Physical Therapy, or Prosthetics Services from their Primary Care Team.

How to Obtain an Appointment for Audiology and/or Speech Pathology:

Each of the Gulf Coast VA facilities can provide comprehensive speech and hearing services. Audiology services include evaluation and management of hearing loss, tinnitus, and/or balance disorders. Speech Pathology provides screening, evaluation, treatment, and preventative services for speech, language, voice, fluency, swallowing, and memory/cognition disorders. Once enrolled in VA Health Care, Veterans can request referrals for Audiology (hearing) and/or Speech Pathology services from their Primary Care Team.

Biloxi Audiology and Speech Pathology (228) 523-5480

Mobile Audiology and Speech Pathology (251) 219-3923

Pensacola Audiology and Speech Pathology (850) 912-2226

How to Obtain Services for Veterans with Visual Impairment:

The Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST) Coordinator is a case manager who coordinates services for significantly visually-impaired Veterans and their families. The VIST Coordinator is often the entry point into the continuum of care for visually impaired Veterans. Duties include assessing needs and providing or arranging for the appropriate rehabilitation services and devices to enhance a blinded Veteran's functional level.

The Gulf Coast Blind Rehabilitation Center (GCBRC) provides instruction to Veterans and military personnel who are blind or visually impaired. The goal is to promote independence, self-care, and improve the overall quality of life through training in Orientation and Mobility, Living Skills, Manual Skills, Visual Skills, Computer Access Training, Recreational Therapy, and Wellness Education, in addition to adjustment counseling through group and individual sessions.

How to Obtain an Appointment with the VIST Coordinator:

Once enrolled in VA Health Care, Veterans can contact the VIST Coordinator at their VA facility to discuss services and schedule an appointment.

Biloxi VA Medical Center: 400 Veterans Ave, Biloxi, MS 39531
(228) 385-6762, (800) 296-8872, ext. 36762

Mobile VA Clinic: 1504 Springhill Ave., Mobile, AL 36604
(228) 385-6762, (800) 296-8872, ext. 36762

Joint Ambulatory Care Center: 790 Veterans Way, Pensacola, FL 32507
(850) 912-2552, (866) 927-1420, ext. 32552

Eglin Air Force Base VA Clinic: 100 Veterans Way, Eglin Air Force Base, FL 32542; (850) 912-2552, (866) 927-1420, ext. 32552

VA Panama City Beach Clinic West: 140 Richard Jackson Blvd. Panama City FL 32407, 1 (866) 927-1420, ext. 32552

How to Obtain VA Services for Women Veterans:

The Women Veterans Program provides services to meeting the unique needs of women Veterans. Services include, but are not limited to, Gynecological care, Maternity/Newborn Care, Menopause Evaluation and Treatment, Osteoporosis Screening and Treatment, Mammograms, Mental Health Counseling, referral to Community Resources, and more. For more information see www.womenshealth.va.gov; or contact

Women's Clinic Biloxi: (228) 523-4280

Women's Clinic Mobile: (251) 219-3982

Women's Clinic Pensacola: (850) 912-2000, (850) 912-2247

Women's Clinic Eglin/Ft. Walton: (866) 520-7359, (888) 231-5047

Women's Clinic Panama City: (850) 636-7110, (850) 636-7000

National Hotline for Women Veterans: 1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636)

How to Obtain VA Services for Mental Health or Substance Use:

Veterans in Emotional Crisis: Veterans in emotional crisis can go directly to the VA Emergency Department in Building 3, at 400 Veterans Ave., Biloxi Miss. Staff will help the Veteran consider admission to the Behavioral Health Acute Inpatient Unit. Veterans may also phone the crisis line at 1 **(800) 273-TALK (8255)** or for more immediate help, call **911**.

Veterans Not in Crisis: Begin the enrollment process by contacting VA eligibility staff at the nearest VA clinic business office. Once enrolled, VA staff will assist the Veteran in obtaining an appointment for screening and treatment.

Veterans Already Enrolled in VA: Veterans who are already enrolled in VA health care have the option of calling for an appointment or coming into one of the Behavioral Health Clinics and waiting to be seen as a walk-in.

Mobile Behavioral Health Clinic: 1504 Springhill Ave., Mobile, AL 36604, 6th floor, (251) 219-3981

Pensacola Behavioral Health Clinic: 709 Veterans Way, Pensacola, FL 32507, Kilo Section, (850) 912-2317

Eglin Behavioral Health Clinic: 100 Veterans Way, Eglin Air Force Base, FL 32542, (850) 609- 2650 or (850) 609-2630

Panama City Behavioral Health Clinic: 140 Richard Jackson Blvd., Panama City, FL 32407, (850) 636-7080

Biloxi Behavioral Health Clinic: 400 Veterans Ave., Biloxi, MS, 39531 Building 25, first floor, (228) 523-6038

VA Vet Centers

VA Vet Centers provide free professional readjustment counseling services and referrals to Veterans *exposed to combat or any form of military sexual trauma*. Support groups are available. Vet centers do not provide medication.

Biloxi Vet Center: 288 Veterans Ave., Biloxi, MS 39531, (228) 388-9938

Mobile Vet Center: 3221 Springhill Ave., Building 2, Suite C, Mobile, AL 36607 (251) 478-5906

Pensacola Vet Center: 4504 Twin Oaks Drive, Pensacola, FL 32506 (850) 456-5886 or (877) 927-8387

Okaloosa County Vet Center: 6 11th Avenue, Suite G 1, Shalimar, FL 32579, (850) 651-1000 or (877) 927-8387

Bay County Vet Center: 3109 Minnesota Ave., Suite 101, Panama City, FL 32405, (850) 522-6102 or (877) 927-8387

Other Vet Center Locations: 1 (877) WARVETS (927-8387); <http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/index.asp>

Helpful Health and Mental Health Links for Veterans:

VA Mental Health: <http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/>

National Center for PTSD: <http://www.ptsd.va.gov/>

After Deployment: <http://www.afterdeployment.org/>

Defense Veterans Brain Injury Center: <http://www.dvbic.org/>

BrainLine Newsletter: <http://www.brainline.org/>

Suicide Prevention: <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

Make the Connection: <http://maketheconnection.net/>

Vet Training Website: <http://www.veterantraining.va.gov/>

VA list of Smart Phone Apps: <http://mobilehealth.va.gov/appstore/all>
<http://www.militarymentalhealth.org/>

9. Health Care and Behavioral Health Facilities for General Public

Alabama

Alabama Department of Public Health: <http://www.adph.org/>

Mobile County Health Department: <http://www.mobilecountyhealth.org>

Mobile (Main): 251 N. Bayou St., Mobile, AL 36603; (251) 690-8158

Eight Mile: 4555 St. Stephen Rd., Eight Mile, AL 36610; (251) 456-1399

Newburn Clinic: 248 Cox St., Mobile, AL 36604; (251) 405-4525

Women's Center: 248 Cox St., Mobile, AL 36604; (251) 690-8935

Semmes Clinic: 3810 Wulff Rd E., Semmes, AL 36575; (251) 455-0582

Citronelle Clinic: 19250 Mobile St., Citronelle, AL 36522; (251) 866-9126

Baldwin County Health Department: 23280 Gilbert Drive, Robertsedale, AL 36567,
(251) 947-1910

Alta Pointe Health Systems: <http://www.altapointe.org>

Manages regional system of mental health, substance abuse and intellectual disability services in Southwest Alabama. Alta Pointe offers outpatient as well as inpatient services to residents of Mobile, Baldwin, and Washington counties. Main office: 2400 Gordon Smith Dr., Mobile, AL 36617; (251) 473-4423

To obtain help contact Access to Care Department: (251) 450-2211

Franklin Health Clinic: Nonprofit, federally qualified health center with multiple locations in Mobile, Baldwin, and Choctaw Counties. Main Clinic: 1303 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Mobile, AL 36603, (251) 432-4117. See website for service information and locations: <http://www.franklinprimary.org/>

HOPE Center: Clinic is a ministry of 3 Circle Church providing counseling, medical, and dental services at a low cost to people who are uninsured or under-insured across Baldwin County and surrounding area. 10274 Highway 104, Fairhope, AL 36532 (251) 990-3112, <http://3circlechurch.com/hope-center-2/>

Lifelines Counseling Services: 705 Oak Circle Drive East, Mobile, AL 36609
251-602-0909, <http://www.lifelinesmobile.org/>

Mobile Infirmary: <https://www.infirmaryhealth.org/>

Providence Hospital: <http://www.providencehospital.org/>

Springhill Medical Center: <http://www.springhillmedicalcenter.com/>

USA Medical Center: <http://www.usahealthsystem.com/usamc>

USA Psychology Clinic: 307 University Blvd. North, UCOM 2000, Mobile, AL 36688
Appointments and information: (251) 460-7149
<https://sites.google.com/a/southalabama.edu/psychologyclinic/>

Victory Health Partners: Faith based 501(c)(3) nonprofit healthcare organization provides affordable quality care for low-income, uninsured adults in the greater Mobile area. VHP does not accept insurance or any government funding. 3750 Professional Parkway, Mobile, AL 36609, (251) 460-0999, <http://www.victoryhealth.org/>

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy: Nonprofit (501(c)(3)) organization partners with local agencies to provide prescription assistance for needy residents of Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia counties in south Alabama. They can help provide long-term medications at a reduced cost or free to anyone who qualifies. 109 South Cedar Street, Mobile, AL 36602, (251) 432-4111; <http://www.ozanampharmacy.org/>

Florida

Baptist Hospital Lakeview Behavioral Health Services: 1221 W. Lakeview Ave., Pensacola, FL 32501, (850) 469-3500, <http://www.bhcopns.org/BehavioralHealth/>

Health and Hope Clinic: 1718 E. Olive Road, Pensacola, FL 32514
(850) 479-4456, <http://www.healthandhopeclinic.org/>

Health South-Emerald Coast Rehabilitation Hospital: 847 Florida Ave., Panama City, FL 32405, (850) 914-8600, <http://www.healthsouthpanamacity.com/>

Sacred Heart Health System: <http://www.sacred-heart.org/>

Twelve Oaks Drug and Alcohol Recovery: 2069 Healthcare Ave., Navarre, FL 32566
877-762-3758, <http://twelveoaks.crchealth.com/>

The Pavilion @ West Florida Hospital: 8383 North Davis Highway, Pensacola, FL 32514, (850) 494-4000, <http://westfloridahospital.com/service/behavioral-health>

Mississippi

Bethel Free Health Clinic: 1650 Carrol Drive, Biloxi, MS 39531
(228) 594-3640, <http://www.bethelfreeclinic.org/>

Merit Health Biloxi: 150 Reynoir St., Biloxi, MS 39530
(228) 432-1571, m.merithealthbiloxi.com

Coastal Family Healthcare: Community health center providing nonprofit health care at sites throughout the community. Call (877) 374-4991 for appointment. See website for details and locations: www.coastalfamilyhealth.com

Garden Park Medical Center: 15200 Community Road, Gulfport, MS 39503
(228) 575-7000, www.gpmedical.com

Gulf Coast Community Ministries:

General Operations: 3916 15th St., Gulfport, MS 39501, (228) 868-8202
Free Clinic: 3914 15th St., Gulfport, MS 39501, (228) 868-1936
<http://www.gulfcoastministry.net/>

Gulf Coast Mental Health Center: (Harrison, Hancock, Pearl River and Stone Counties) 1600 Broad Ave., Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 863-1132 or (800) 681-0798, Drug and Alcohol Services: (228) 248-0125
<http://www.gcmhc.com/services.html>

Mississippi Department of Health: <http://msdh.ms.gov/index.htm>

District 9 Office: 1141 Bayview Ave., Suite 102, Biloxi, MS 39530, (228) 436-6770
Gulfport Clinic: 1102 45th Ave., Gulfport, MS 39501, (228) 863-1036
Biloxi Clinic: 761 Esters Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39530, (228) 435-3641

Ocean Springs Clinic: 6912 North Washington Ave., Ocean Springs, MS 39564
(228) 872-4861

Bay St. Louis Clinic: 3062 Longfellow Rd., Building 25, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-4510

Memorial Hospital Gulfport:

(228) 867-4000, <http://www.gulfportmemorial.com>

Singing River Mental Health:

3407 Shamrock Ct., Gautier, MS 39533, (228) 497-0690
4507 McArthur St., Pascagoula, MS 39567, (228) 696-3030

10. Legal Help

VA Veterans Justice Outreach Program: <http://www.va.gov/homeless/vjo.asp>

The goal of the Veterans Justice Outreach Program (VJO) is to reduce unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration of Veterans by helping eligible Veterans in contact with the criminal justice system access VA Health Care, including mental health and substance abuse services.

VJO - Northwest Florida: (850) 607-1526, (850) 207-6880

VJO - Mobile Bay Area: (251) 348-9580

VJO - Mississippi Gulf Coast: (228) 243-7498

South Alabama Volunteer Lawyers Program:

(251) 438-1102 or toll-free (855) 997-2857, <http://vlp.publishpath.com/>

Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.:

118 South Baylen St., Pensacola, FL 32502, (850) 432-8222

Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project:

(601) 960-9577 or (800) 682-0047, <http://www.nmrls.com/mvlp.htm>

11. Homeless Prevention and Assistance

Veterans Administration Programs

VA – National Call Center for Homeless Veterans:

(877) 4AID VET; (877) 424-3838;

<http://www1.va.gov/HOMELESS/NationalCallCenter.asp>

VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF):

The Department of Veterans Affairs funds the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program to provide case management services that promote self-sufficiency and prevent homelessness. These local agencies receive VA funding for the SSVF Program:

SSVF at Housing First: 273 Azalea Road, Building 3, Suite 110, Mobile, AL 36609,
(251) 450-3345, www.hfal.org

SSVF at 90Works: Geographic area served: Northwest Florida and Escambia County
Alabama. 422 N. Baylen St., Pensacola, FL 32501
1 (855) 909-6757, www.90works.org

SSVF at Hancock Resource Center: 454 Highway 90, Suite B, Waveland, MS 39576
(228) 463-8887, www.hancockhrc.org

SSVF South Mississippi (Oak Arbor): Highway 49 South, Hattiesburg, MS 39401
(601) 545-2925 or (888) 291-0646
<http://www.southmsveteransresources.com/programs/supportive-services/>

Soldier On/Voice of Calvary Ministries

531 W. Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39203 (601) 969-3088, www.vocm.org

Community Funded Programs

National Coalition for Homeless Veterans: <http://www.nchv.org/>

Feeding the Gulf Coast (Bay Area Foodbank): <https://bayareafoodbank.org/>
Nonprofit organization partners with community groups to provide food assistance at numerous locations from the Mississippi/Louisiana border to Panama City, Fla., and as far north as Choctaw County in Alabama. For help in Alabama call (251) 653-1617; in NW Florida call (850) 626-1332; and for the Mississippi Gulf Coast call (888) 704-Food.

Alabama

Housing First: (The Homeless Coalition)

List of Service Providers: <http://www.hfal.org/service-providers/>

15th Place: Homeless Drop in Center, 279 B, N. Washington Ave., Mobile, AL 36603,
(251) 694-5061

McKemie Place: Women's shelter for single, unaccompanied women; provides shelter, dinner and counseling, (251) 432-1122

Salvation Army: Provides shelter, drug and alcohol treatment, financial assistance and other social services, (251) 438-7748

Volunteers of America Southeast (VOASE): Provides variety of services for homeless Veterans, including Eagle's Landing, a 38-unit, transitional housing community that receives VA funding. Eagle's Landing is open to Veterans who served in the active military, naval or air service and were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. Homeless veterans can participate in the program for up to two years while working with staff to develop and implement a plan for achieving stability in their life. For more information call (251) 300-3595.

Waterfront Mission: Men's shelter; faith-based recovery program for homeless people; rehabilitation services, (251) 433-1847
<http://www.waterfrontmission.org/men-srecovery-program>

Florida

Escarosa Coalition on the Homeless: <https://escarosa.wordpress.com/>

Street Survival Guide: <https://escarosa.files.wordpress.com/2011/12/2016ssg.pdf>

Alfred Washburn Center: (St. Vincent De Paul): <http://www.alfredwashburn.org/>
Provides food, showers, laundry facilities, clothing and Identification cards for the homeless, 31 Murphy Lane, Pensacola, FL 32505, for schedule call (850) 435-7427

Harbor House Group Home: 7801 N. Hilburn Road, Pensacola, FL 32514
(850) 473-9603, <http://www.harborhousegroupinc.org/>

Haven House Mission- Men of Valor: (Veterans Recovery Ministry)
356 Nellie Dr., Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459, (850) 622-3774, ext. 105
www.havenhousemission.net

Opportunity INC: Okaloosa/Walton Homeless Continuum of Care
305 Lovejoy Road, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548
(850) 200-4696, <http://okaloosawaltonhomeless.org/hvrp.html>

Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen: 257 E. Lee St., Pensacola, FL 32503
(850) 438-7616, <http://www.loavesandfishessoupkitchen.com/>

Volunteers of America of Florida: <http://voaflorida.org/>
1617 Blackwell Ln., Pensacola, FL 32514, (850) 462-7733

Waterfront Rescue Mission: 380 West Herman St., Pensacola, FL 32505
(850) 478-4027, toll free: (888) 853-8655, <https://waterfrontmission.org/>

Mississippi

Back Bay Mission: (Drop-in Center) 1012 Division St., Biloxi, MS 39530
(228) 432-0301, <http://www.thebackbaymission.org/>

Open Doors Homeless Coalition: 1975 Seaway Rd., Suite B220, Gulfport, MS 39503,
(228) 604-2048, <http://opendoorshc.org/>

The Salvation Army Mississippi Gulf Coast: <http://salvationarmyalm.org/msgulfcoast/>
Biloxi: 575 Division St., Biloxi, MS 39530, (228) 207-2761, (228) 374-8301
Gulfport: 2019 22nd St., Gulfport, MS 39501, (228) 868-1188
Pascagoula: 3217 Nathan Hale, Pascagoula, MS 39567, (228) 762-7222

12. Information and Referral for Aging Veterans

Apply for VA Aid and Attendance or Housebound Benefits:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/aid_attendance_housebound.asp
<http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isflash=1>

Learn about VA Home and Community Based Services:

http://www.va.gov/GERIATRICALS/Guide/LongTermCare/Home_and_Community_Based_Services.asp

Community Sponsored Assistance for the Elderly

Alabama: Area Agency on Aging

AGELINE: (800) 243-5463
<http://www.agingsouthalabama.org/services.html>

Florida: Northwest Florida Area Agency on Aging Inc.

Helpline: (850) 494-7100, toll free: (866) 531-8011, (800) 963-5337
<http://www.nwflaaa.org/>

Mississippi: Area Agency on Aging South Mississippi

Helpline: (228) 868-2311
<http://www.smpdd.com/departments/area-agency-on-aging.html>
<http://www.mississippigethelp.com>

13. Support Groups in the Community

ADDICTION SUPPORT GROUPS:

Alcoholics Anonymous: www.aa.org

Mobile Bay Area AA: (251) 479-9994, www.mobileaa.org, mesaico@bellsouth.net

Northwest Florida AA:

Pensacola, Escambia and Santa Rosa County: <http://aapensacola.org/>

Eglin Air Force Base, Walton and Okaloosa County:
<http://www.aadist14.org/District14/default.htm>

Panama City, Bay and Washington County: <http://panamacityaa.org/index.htm>

Mississippi Gulf Coast AA: (228) 575-9225, Email: aaio2@cableone.net

Celebrate Recovery (Hurts, Hang-ups and Habits): <http://www.celebraterecovery.com/>

Gamblers Anonymous: www.gamblersanonymous.org

Narcotics Anonymous: www.na.org

Veterans in Recovery: <https://www.facebook.com/VIR-Mobile-Alabama-536436839842707/>

OTHER SUPPORT GROUPS:

Al-Anon Family Groups: Alabama/NW Florida: <http://www.alnwfl-al-anon.org>

Al-Anon Family Groups: Mississippi: <http://www.msafg.org>

Divorce Care: <http://www.divorcecare.org/>

Mental Health America: <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/>

Mental Health Association of South Mississippi: <http://msmentalhealth.org/>

Mental Health Association of Okaloosa and Walton Counties:
http://www.mhaow.org/support_groups.html (lists groups for many issues)

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): www.NAMI.org

TBI Support Groups:

Alabama Head Injury Foundation: <http://www.ahif.org>

Brain Injury Association of Florida: <http://www.byyourside.org/support/support-groups/>

Brain Injury Association of Mississippi: <https://www.msbraininjury.org/page.html>

14. Other Community Resources

Alabama

211 in Alabama: Dial 2-1-1 or 1 (888) 421-1266

Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR):

Provides public assistance, social and protective services for families and children in Alabama: <http://www.dhr.alabama.gov>

Baldwin County: 22259 Palmer St., Robertsdale, AL 36567

(251) 945-2400; (866) 684-1575

After Hours/Child Protective Services (Baldwin County Sheriff's Office):

(251) 937-0202

Escambia County: 326 Evergreen Ave., Brewton, AL 36427

(251) 809-2000, Family and child services, child support information, food stamp information, AFDC (TANF) or JOBS information: (251) 809-2000

After Hours/Child Protective Services (Escambia County Sheriff's Office):

(251) 867-0304

Mobile County: 3103 Airport Blvd., Mobile, AL 36606

(251) 450-9100; TDD (251) 450-9400

Child Support: (251) 450-1700

Public Assistance and Jobs: (251) 450-1900

Food Stamps: Mobile (251) 450-4000; Prichard (251) 457-1232

Alabama Head Injury Foundation: Support services for individuals with traumatic brain injuries and their families/caregivers. Monthly support groups in Mobile and Baldwin Counties: (251) 246-5003, <http://www.ahif.org>

Alabama Medicaid Agency: Mobile District Office: Suite 105, 2800 Dauphin St., Mobile, AL 36606, (800) 362-1504, <http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov>

American Red Cross - Alabama Coast Chapter: <http://www.redcrossalcoast.org>

Regional Chapter Headquarters:

35 N. Sage Ave., Mobile, AL 36607, (251) 544-6100

North Baldwin Service Center:

300 N. Hoyle Ave., Bay Minette, AL 36507; (251) 937-3801

South Baldwin Service Center:

412 E. Laurel Ave., Foley, AL 36536, (251) 943-3844

West Escambia County Service Delivery Unit:

309 E. Ridgeley St., Atmore, AL 36502, (251) 368-3643

Monroe County Service Delivery Unit:

200 Sheffield Rd., Monroeville, AL 36461, (251) 743-3383

Child Advocacy Center: www.cacmobile.org

Equine Therapy Group: www.EquineTherapyGroup.com

36507 Cheval Aire Road, Bay Minette, AL 36507; (251) 680- 0783

Mission of Hope Ministries: <http://www.missionofhopeministries.net/>

Faith-based addiction recovery program with separate residences for men and women
14970 Mission Rd., Mobile, AL 36608-8686, (251) 649-0830

South Alabama Cares/Aids Alabama South: www.southalabamacares.org

2054 Dauphin Street, Mobile, AL 36606, (251) 471-5277

Women's Medical Care Center: (Baldwin County)

18555 Carolina St., Robertsdale, AL 36567, (251) 947-2111

<http://womenscaremedicalcenter.org/>

Women's Resource Center:

718 Downtowner Loop West, Mobile, AL 36609, (251) 344-HELP

1 (800) 395- HELP (4357); <http://www.wrcmobile.org>

Wings of Life: (drug and alcohol treatment facility)

800 St. Louis St., Mobile, AL 36603 (251) 432-5245

Florida

211 in Northwest Florida: (Escambia, Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, and Washington County): Dial 2-1-1 or (850) 595-5905

American Red Cross of Northwest Florida:

Escambia County:

222 N. Baylen St., Pensacola, FL 32502, (850) 432-7601

Crestview/Okaloosa County:

4100 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, FL 32536, (850) 423-1243

Milton Santa Rosa County:

5629 Byrom St., Milton, FL 32570, (850) 665-5331

Eglin Air Force Base:

310 West Van Matre St., Building 210, Room 167, Eglin Air Force Base, FL 32542, (850) 882-5848

Walton County:

312 College Ave., Defuniak Springs, FL 32435, (850) 396-8296

American Red Cross: Central Panhandle Chapter

Bay County: 430 E. 15th Street, Panama City, FL 32405, (850) 763-6587

Brain Injury Association of Florida: Traumatic Brain Injury Support Center
<http://www.byyourside.org/>, (800) 992-3442

Catholic Charities and Disaster Relief:

Pensacola: 1815 N. 6th Avenue, Pensacola, Florida 32503, (850) 436-8754

Ft. Walton Beach: 11 First Street, S.E., Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548, (850) 244-2825

Panama City: 3128 E. 11th Street, Panama City, Florida 32401, (850) 763-0475

Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers

(Child Abuse Prevention & services) <http://www.fncac.org/index.php?s=3060>

Florida Department of Health: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/>

Florida Department of Health Escambia County:

1295 West Fairfield Drive, Pensacola, FL 32501, (850) 595-6500

Florida Department of Health Okaloosa County:

221 Hospital Dr. NE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548, (850) 833-9246

Florida Department of Health Santa Rosa:

Gulf Breeze Office: 5840 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

(850) 934-4074

Milton Office: 5527 Stewart St., PO Box 929, Milton, FL 32572-0929, (850) 983-5200

Florida Department of Health Bay County:

597 West 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401-233, (850) 872-4455

Social Security Administration:

Pensacola: 411 W. Garden St., Pensacola FL 32502, (877) 505-4550

Panama City: 97 W. Oak Ave., Panama City FL 32401, (866) 348-5833

Mississippi

211 System for Mississippi: <http://211ms.com/> or dial (866) 472-8265

American Red Cross on the Coast: Service to the Armed Forces
612 E. Pass Road, Gulfport, MS 39507, (228) 896-4511, ext. 4558.

Catholic Charities and Social Services, Diocese of Biloxi:

Hancock and Pearl River Counties: (228) 467-2600

Harrison and Stone Counties: (228) 864-4221

Jackson, George and Greene Counties: (228) 567-0001

Other counties: (601) 261-5320, or <http://catholiccharitiesbiloxi.org/>

Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse:

2315 17th St., Gulfport, MS 39501, (228) 868-8686

Combat Wounded Veterans of South Mississippi: www.cwvsm.org

1636 Poppas Ferry Road #216, Biloxi, MS 39532, (228) 243-7272

Disability Connection: www.DisabilityConnection.org

Gulfport Main Office: 700 Pass Rd., Gulfport, MS 39501, (228) 604-4020,

Office@DisabilityConnection.org

Office in Ocean Springs City Hall:

1018 Porter Ave., Ocean Springs, MS 39564, (228) 870-7775 Jackson County

Gulf Coast Community Ministries:

3914 15th St., Gulfport, MS 39501, (228) 868-8202, <http://gulfcoastministry.net/>

Home of Grace Drug Rehabilitation Center:

14200 Jericho Road, Vancleave, MS 39565, (228) 826-5283

Faith-based addiction recovery program; download application or get more information:

<http://www.homeofgrace.org>

Jacob's Well Recovery Center:

45 Buford Lane, Poplarville, MS 39470, (601) 916-4944; (601) 463-0022

Faith-based addiction recovery program for women; download application or get more information: <http://www.jacobswellrecoverycenter.com/wp>

Mental Health Association: 4803 Harrison Circle, Gulfport, MS 39507

(228) 864-6274, www.msmentalhealth.org

United Way of South Mississippi: 11975 Seaway Rd., Ste. B170, Gulfport, MS 39503,

(228) 896-2213, <http://unitedwaysm.org>

15. Special Transportation

VA Handbook on Travel Pay: <http://vaww1.va.gov/vhapublications>

VA Travel Reimbursement: (228) 523-4915 (for VA appointments)

Disabled American Veterans: <http://www.dav.org>

Provides transportation between VA clinics and VA medical center in Biloxi (must schedule through VA clerk for respective Primary Clinic)

Biloxi VA Patient Lodging: (228) 523-5156

Alabama

BRATS (Baldwin Rural Area Transportation System):

Bus service: <http://www.co.baldwin.al.us>

Baldwin County Call Centers:

Eastern Shore: (251) 990-4636

Central/South Baldwin: (251) 972-6817

North Baldwin: (251) 937-0355

The Wave Transit System:

Bus service: <http://www.thewavetransit.com>

1224 West I-65 Service Rd., Mobile, AL 36609, (251) 344-5656; fax (251) 344-9395

Florida

Escambia County Area Transit (ECAT):

Bus Service: <https://goecat.com/>

1515 West Fairfield Dr., Pensacola, FL 32501, (850) 595-3228

Mississippi

Coast Transit Authority (CTA):

Bus service: <http://coasttransit.com>

333 DeBuys Road, Gulfport, MS 39507, (228) 896-8080; fax (228) 896-8081

16. Veterans Groups

Directory of Veterans and Military Service Organizations: <http://www.va.gov/vso/>

Local Veterans Service Organizations:

American Legion: <http://www.legion.org>

American Veterans: <http://www.amvets.org>

Buffalo Soldiers - 9th and 10th (HORSE) Cavalry Association Buffalo Soldiers:
<http://dccbuffalosoldiers.wix.com/9th-10th-bs#!about-us>

Buffalo Soldiers - 92nd Infantry (Tanks): <http://92ndinfantry.org/>

Disabled American Veterans: <http://www.dav.org>

Honor Flight: <https://www.honorflight.org/>

Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans of America: <http://iava.org/>

Military Officers Association: <http://www.moaa.org/>

Military Order of the Purple Heart: <http://purpleheart.org>

Montfort Pointe Marines Association: <http://www.montfordpointmarines.com/>

Korean War Veterans Association: <http://www.kwva.org/>

Native Americans Veterans Association: <http://www.navavets.com/>

Navy League of the United States: <http://navyleague.org/>

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society: <http://www.nmcrs.org/>

Paralyzed Veterans of America: <http://www.pva.org>

Society of Military Engineers: <http://www.same.org/>

South Alabama Veterans Council: <http://savc.net>

Tuskegee Airmen: <http://tuskegeeairmen.org/>

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks: <http://www.elks.org/vets>

The Gulf Coast Veterans Advocacy Council: <http://www.gcvacflalms.org>

Veterans of Foreign Wars: <http://www.vfw.org>

Vietnam Veterans of America: <http://www.vva.org>

Motorcycle Associations Friendly to Veterans:

Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club: <http://www.buffalosoldiersmc.net/>

Rolling Thunder: <http://www.rollingthunder1.com>

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association: <http://combatvet.org>

Patriot Guard Riders: www.patriotguard.org

Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club: <http://www.vnvmcfreedom.com>

VFW Riders: <http://www.vfwriders.org>

American Legion Riders: <http://www.legion.org/riders>

Leathernecks: <http://leathernecksmc.org/drupal>

Blue Knights (police officers): <http://www.blueknights.org>

Red Knights (firefighters): <http://www.redknightsmc.org>

Harley Davidson Owner Group (HOG): <http://www.harley-davidson.com>

Goldwing Association (Honda): <http://www.gwrra.org>

Christian Motorcyclists Association: <http://www.cmausa.org>

Recreation Based Veterans Groups:

VA Adaptive Sports Program: <http://www.va.gov/adaptivesports/>

The Department of Veterans Affairs awards grants to nonprofit organizations to develop community-based recreation opportunities for Veterans. Funded activities take place in local communities to help Veterans with the transition from active duty. See website for listing of organizations currently receiving VA funding for Adaptive Sports.

Alabama

Team Red White and Blue (Team RWB): <http://www.teamrwb.org/>

National nonprofit offers local fitness-based fellowship activities for Veterans, including hiking, running and social events. Mission: "Connecting veterans to their community through social and physical activities." New Team RWB Chapter forming in Baldwin/Mobile Counties. For details contact by email: rwb.southal@gmail.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/teamrwb.southal/>

Team River Runner: <http://www.teamriverrunner.org/>

National nonprofit offers health and healing for Veterans through paddle sports. Team River Runner South Alabama Chapter offers kayaking with adaptive resources. Contact by email: Mobile.AL@teamriverrunner.org, Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Team-River-Runner-South-Alabama-1622300774669200/>

Alpha Tribe Hunting Club: <https://www.facebook.com/ATHCSA/>
(new Veterans group being formed in Southern Alabama)

Florida

Heroes on the Water: <http://heroesonthewater.org/>

Local chapters of national nonprofit offer fishing and fellowship opportunities for Veterans. Assistance available for Veterans with combat injuries.

Emerald Coast Chapter: Contact by email, emeraldcoast@heroesonthewater.org
<http://heroesonthewater.org/chapters/emerald-coast-chapter/>

Panama City: Contact by email, panamacityfl@heroesonthewater.org
<https://www.facebook.com/Heroes-on-the-Water-Panama-City-Florida-Chapter-1723726407855165/>

Project Healing Waters: <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/>

National nonprofit offers local fishing and fellowship for Veterans. Assistance available for Veterans with combat injuries. Contact Panhandle Fly Fishers at florida@projecthealingwaters.org

Team Red White and Blue: <http://www.teamrwb.org/>

National nonprofit offers local fitness-based fellowship activities for Veterans, including hiking, running and social events. Mission: "Connecting veterans to their community through social and physical activities."

Team RWB Pensacola: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/teamrwbpensacola/>
Team RWB Ft. Walton: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TeamRWB Ft Walton/>
Team RWB Panama City: <https://www.facebook.com/teamrwbpcb/?fref=ts>

Mississippi

Combat Wounded Veterans of South Mississippi: <http://cwvsm.org/>

Local nonprofit offers kayaking, canoeing, and other fellowship opportunities for Veterans, 1636 Pops Ferry Rd., # 216, Biloxi MS 39532, (228) 243-7272
<https://www.facebook.com/CWVSM/?fref=nf>

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing: <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/>

National nonprofit offers fishing and fellowship opportunities for Veterans. Contact Mississippi Coast Fly Fishers at <http://gcflyfishers.org/> or send email to southcentral@projecthealingwaters.org

Other Veterans Groups Active on the Gulf Coast

Team Rubicon: <http://www.teamrubiconusa.org/>

Veteran Artist Program: <http://veteranartistprogram.org/>

Veteran History Project: <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>

17. Veterans Cemeteries

VA National Cemetery Administration: <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/index.asp>

How to Schedule Burial at a VA National Cemetery:

First, contact the National Cemetery Scheduling Office to submit eligibility documentation. Fax to 1 (866) 900-6417 or scan and email to NCA.Scheduling@va.gov. Next, select the cemetery and follow up with a phone call to 1 (800) 535-1117 to discuss details and schedule the burial. To locate the nearest National Veterans Cemetery see <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/listcem.asp>. Listed below are the nearest cemeteries located within the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System service area:

Barrancas National Cemetery: <http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/barrancas.asp>
Naval Air Station, 1 Cemetery Rd., Pensacola, FL 32508, (850) 453-4108

Biloxi National Cemetery: <http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/biloxi.asp>
400 Veterans Ave., Building 1001, Biloxi, MS 39531, (228) 388-6668
Fax: (228) 523-5784

Mobile National Cemetery: <http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/mobile.asp>
1202 Virginia St., Mobile, AL 36604, (850) 453-4846, Fax: 850-453-4635

How to Schedule Burial at a State Veterans Cemetery:

See http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/grants/veterans_cemeteries.asp

Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort, 34904 Alabama Highway 225, Spanish Fort, AL 36577, <http://www.va.state.al.us/spanishfort.aspx>
(251) 625-1338, Fax: (251) 626-9204

18. Volunteer Opportunities

Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System, Voluntary Service
400 Veterans Ave., Biloxi, MS 39531, Building 17, second floor, (228) 523-5786
790 Veterans Way, Pensacola, FL 32507, (850) 912-2057
<http://www.volunteer.va.gov>

Disabled American Veterans (DAV): Van drivers needed to help Veterans attend VA medical appointments. See website for local chapters: www.dav.org

19. Website for Further Information

National Resource Directory: (NRD) www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/nrd

Appendix A: Key Leisure Opportunities

Mobile Bay Area

Azalea Trail Run: (by Port City Pacers since 1978), <http://www.pcpacers.org/atr/>

Battle of the Bay Canoe and Kayak Race: (sponsored by South Alabama Volunteer Lawyers) <https://www.facebook.com/#!/BattleoftheBayCanoeandKayak?pnref=lhc>

Bay Area Runners: <http://bayarearunner.com/Schedule.php>

Bicycling: Mobilians on Bikes, <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/mobiliansonbikes/>

Blakely State Park: <http://www.blakeleypark.com/>

Bowling League: (can create Veteran teams), <http://amf.com/home>

Chickasabogue Park: http://www.mobilecountyal.gov/living/parks_chickasabogue.html

City of Mobile Parks and Recreation: <http://www.cityofmobile.org/parks/>

Downtown Alliance: <http://www.downtownmobile.org/>

Ft. Gaines: <http://dauphinisland.org/fort-gaines/>

Ft. Morgan: <http://fortmorgan.org/>

Dauphin Island: <http://dauphinisland.org/>

Disc Golf in Mobile: <http://madga.org/>

Dog River Clearwater Revival: <http://dogriver.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/dogriver/>

Dragon Boat Races: fuseproject.org/ <https://www.facebook.com/TheFuseProject>

Five Rivers - Alabama Delta Resource Center: Canoe and kayak rental, fishing, nature trails, exhibits, special events, <http://www.outdooralabama.com/5-rivers-alabamas-delta-resource-center/>

Graham Creek Nature Preserve: <http://www.grahamcreekpreserve.org/>

History Museum of Mobile: <http://www.museumofmobile.com/>

Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve: <http://www.magnoliabranch.com/>

Mardi Gras in Mobile: <http://themobilemask.com/>

Meaher State Park: <http://www.alapark.com/meaher-state-park>

Mobile Bay Kayak and Canoe Club: <http://www.baykayaker.blogspot.com/>

Mobile County Parks: <http://www.mobilecountyal.gov/living/parks.html>

Mobile Patriots: Wheelchair basketball for Veterans and some civilians. Contact team managers at (251) 554-1932 or (251) 554-1440. Email to stephjeansonne@aol.com or scottjanik@aol.com.

Mobile Ultimate Frisbee: Fast-paced disc game, <https://www.facebook.com/mobileultimatefrisbee>

Outdoor Adventures: (USA campus) <http://www.southalabama.edu/departments/campusrec/outdoor/>

Weeks Bay Reserve: <http://www.outdooralabama.com/weeks-bay-reserve>

NW Florida

- Bay County Parks:** <http://www.co.bay.fl.us/parks.php>
- Blackwater River State Park:** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Blackwater-River>
- Bicycling:** Pensacola Off Road Cyclists: <http://porc.org>
Niceville: <https://www.sites.google.com/site/emeraldcoastcyclists/about-ecc>
- City of Pensacola Parks:** <http://www.playpensacola.com/>
- City of Ft. Walton Beach Parks:** <http://fwb.org/parks/city-parks/>
- Emerald Coast Social Sports:** Dodge ball, Kick Ball, Volley ball- <http://ecssleague.com/>
- Ft. Pickens:** <http://www.nps.gov/guis/planyourvisit/fort-pickens.htm>
- Heritage Park and Cultural Center:** Indian Temple Mound: <http://fwb.org/museums/>
- John C. Beasley Park:** <http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/pw/parks/john-beasley>
- Panama City Parks and Recreation:** <http://www.panamacitybeachparksandrecreation.com/>
- Pensacola Ultimate Frisbee:** <http://pfl.teamopolis.com/league/default.aspx>
- Ponce Deleon Springs State Park:** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/ponce-de-leon-springs>
- Running clubs:**
- Fort Walton Beach: <http://www.ech3.com/>
 - Panama City: <http://www.panhandlerunners.com/>
 - Pensacola: <http://www.pensacolarunners.com/>
- St. Andrews State Park:** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/St-Andrews>

South Mississippi

- Bicycling:** Gulf Coast Bicycle Club: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gulfcoastbicycleclub/>
- Biloxi Parks and Recreation:** <http://www.biloxi.ms.us/residents/parks-recreation/contacts/>
- Biloxi Ultimate Frisbee:** <http://mississippi.sportsvite.com/cities/biloxi-ms/UltimeFrisbee>
- Buccaneer State Park:** <https://www.mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/ms-state-parks/buccaneer.aspx>
- Desoto National Forest:** http://www.stateparks.com/desoto_national_forest_in_mississippi.html
- Davis Bayou** (Ocean Springs): <http://www.nps.gov/guis/planyourvisit/davis-bayou-area.htm>
- Gulfport Department of Leisure Services:** www.gulfportls.com
- USM Institute for Disabilities Studies:** 730 East Beach Blvd., Long Beach MS 39560;
Free adventure therapy services are located in Gautier and open to the public. They include kayaking, ropes course, and rock wall climbing. Other free activities available upon request at various locations in Southern Mississippi. These include wheelchair basketball, wheelchair softball, adaptive kayaking, arts and crafts. Lending library of outdoor sports equipment is also available. Veterans Programs offered. For details contact (228) 214-3400.

Appendix B: Southeast Louisiana – Key Resources

Southeast Louisiana VA Health Care System: <http://www.neworleans.va.gov/>

Baton Rouge Vet Center: 7850 Anselmo Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 761-3140, (225) 761-3140

New Orleans Vet Center: 2200 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Suite 114, Kenner, LA 70062, (504) 565-4977, (504) 565-4977

QUADVETS: Quad Area Community Action Agency based in Hammond, Louisiana. Services available to veterans living anywhere in Louisiana. 1 (800) NEW-QUAD (1 (800) 639-7823), <http://quadvets.org/> Quad Area Vets House, and Winnie Sibley Veterans Village, Albany, LA, (225) 567-1961

Southwest Louisiana Workforce: <http://allianceswla.org/workforce-resource-guide>
Resource Guide (download 78-page guide for job seekers):
<http://allianceswla.org/Images/Interior/sasol%20workforce%20org%20online%207-14.pdf>

Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans: 4152 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 482-2130, <http://www.voagno.org/Services/Veterans-Services>

- Veterans Transitional Housing Program
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Unity of Greater New Orleans (download 40-page guide for Homeless or At Risk):
http://unitygno.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/UnityDirectory_web.pdf
www.unityhousinglink.org

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans: <http://www.ccano.org/>

New Orleans Family Justice Center: One-stop center for victims of family violence and their children. The center co-locates agencies to provide coordinated legal, law enforcement, social and health care services, (504) 592-4005, <http://www.nofjc.org/>

Greater Baton Rouge Area Resource Guide (download 60-page guide):
http://www.cahsd.org/PDFs/2012%20CAHSD%20Resource%20Guide_for%20web.pdf

Baton Rouge Senior Resource Guide:
<http://www.seniorsresourceguide.com/directories/BatonRouge/>

Heroes on the Water (Louisiana Chapter): <https://www.facebook.com/HeroesLA?fref=ts>

Student Veterans of America: For contact info on local chapters see:
<http://studentveterans.org/> and/or Facebook (Baton Rouge Community College, Loyola, Louisiana State University (LSU), Nichols State, Tulane)

National Veterans Cemeteries: <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/state.asp?STATE=LA>
Baton Rouge National Cemetery: 220 North 19th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 654-1988, Fax: (225) 654-1989

State of Louisiana Veterans Cemeteries: <http://www.vetaffairs.la.gov/Cemeteries.aspx>
Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, 34888 Grantham College Rd., Slidell, LA 70460, (adjacent to Camp Villere), (985) 646-6458

The National WWII Museum: <http://www.nationalww2museum.org/>

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DECEDENT AFFAIRS

Assisting Veterans' Families After the Loss of a Loved One

The Office of Decedent Affairs (Details Office) assists families after the loss of a loved one. We hope this information will help you through this difficult time.

THE FUNERAL

- Families should make funeral or cremation arrangements with a funeral or cremation provider. VA does not make funeral arrangements or perform cremations.
- Any item or service obtained from a funeral home or cremation office will be at the family's expense.

BENEFITS AVAILABLE FROM THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

- Burial benefits available at no cost to the family include a grave site in any of our National Cemeteries with available space, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a government headstone or marker and a burial flag.
- Cremated remains are buried or interred in National Cemeteries in the same manner and with the same honors as casketed remains.

VA BURIAL BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY

Questions about eligibility should be addressed by the VA Regional Office or local county Veterans Service Office. Contact the VA Regional Office at (800) 827-1000 or online at www.cem.va.gov/cem/burial_benefits.

REIMBURSEMENT OF BURIAL EXPENSES

- VA burial allowances are partial reimbursements of an eligible Veteran's burial and funeral costs. The amount of the reimbursement depends on a number of factors, such as: service- or nonservice-related death, whether or not the death occurred while hospitalized by VA, and if the burial will be in a National Cemetery or elsewhere. A detailed explanation of burial allowance benefits can be found at www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits.
- Families can apply for reimbursement by completing VA Form 21P-530, *Application for Burial Benefits*, which can be obtained online at www.va.gov/vaforms.

CERTIFIED COPIES OF DEATH CERTIFICATES

Copies of death certificates are usually available within a week to ten days following death. Your funeral director will obtain them for you.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Your funeral director will notify Social Security of the death. Death benefits are payable to the surviving spouse or dependent children only.

BENEFITS FOR SURVIVORS

Some surviving spouses may be eligible for a death pension or dependent indemnity compensation. Speak with a Veterans Benefits Counselor at (228) 523-4319 or 1-800-827-1000 or contact online at www.vba.va.gov/survivors.

WILLS, POWER OF ATTORNEY, GUARDIANS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Power of Attorney and guardianship cease at the time of death. For questions related to wills or probate court issues, contact your attorney for advice. VA does not provide legal aid or advice for probate court issues.

INSURANCE

Questions related to VA insurance policies can be resolved toll-free at 1-800-669-8477. All insurance companies require a certified copy of the death certificate.

ANATOMICAL GIFT PROGRAM

Available in advance

LOCAL CONTACTS:

Office of Decedent Affairs, Details Office
(228) 523-5122

Biloxi National Cemetery
(228) 388-6668

Medical Center Administrative Officer of the Day

For deaths after business hours, weekends and holidays, contact:
(228) 523-5341
or (228) 523-5342

For a copy of your DD214:
www.archives.gov



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