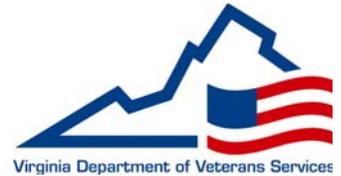


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Virginia Department of Veterans Services Roanoke Office Relocates

ROANOKE—The Roanoke Veterans Benefit Services Office operated by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) has relocated to 108 North Jefferson Street, Suite 303, Roanoke, VA 23016. The DVS office was previously located in the Poff Federal Building on North Jefferson Street. Mail to the new location must be sent to 116 N. Jefferson Street, Roanoke, VA 23016. Mail sent to the 108 address will not be delivered.

The DVS office was required to move when the federal government announced extensive renovations would be made to the Poff Building. “Our new location is just a short distance from the Poff Building,” said Benefits Service Director John Anderson. “Although this is a temporary move until renovations to the Poff Building are complete, we expect to be here for at least three years.”

Benefits service representatives at the Roanoke office, work one-on-one with veterans and their families helping them obtain benefits and entitlements on a local, state and federal level. Representatives help veterans apply for medical services, disability benefits due to disease or injury incurred during or aggravated by time-in-service or disability benefits due to secondary medical conditions resulting from a service connection. For example, Ischemic Heart Disease is presumptive by law to be associated with exposure to Agent Orange. Veterans exposed to Agent Orange should file a claim to obtain assistance.

DVS representatives also assist with other types of claims, such as veterans compensation and pension claims, dependency and indemnity compensation for widows/widowers and children of disabled

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veterans, widows' pensions, dependents' education, veteran home loans and death benefit claims. In short, DVS veterans service representatives are advocates for veterans and their family members. They help veterans with their paperwork, track the claim with the VA, and represent veterans if they need to appeal a claim.

Statewide, the Department of Veterans Services operates 20 benefit services offices where representatives assist veterans and their family members in filing claims for federal veterans benefits. DVS operates the Virginia Veterans Care Center (VVCC), a 240-bed long-term care center in Roanoke, and the 160-bed Sitter& Barfoot Veterans Care Center in Richmond. The agency coordinates the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program and also certifies that post-secondary educational institutions meet G.I. Bill funding and eligibility requirements. The agency operates three veterans cemeteries: the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia, the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, and the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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