

## News Release

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### *Danville Veterans Benefits Service Office Relocating*

DANVILLE—The Veterans Benefit Services Office operated by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is relocating to 139A Deer Run Road in Danville. Currently the DVS office is located at 2276 Franklin Turnpike Danville. The office will be open for business at the new location on January 3, 2011.

“Our new location is just three miles from the current location,” said Benefits Service Representative Nicole Crews. “However, our new space is more spacious and on the city bus route.”

To get to the new location from the current office, go southeast on VA-41S/Franklin Turnpike toward County Road 1512/Eagle Lane for 1.7 miles. Make a slight right at Piney Forest Road and go 1.6 miles. Turn right at Deer Run Road.

Benefits service representatives like Crews, work one-on-one with veterans and their families helping them obtain benefits and entitlements on a local, state and federal level. Crews helps 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, explained Crews.

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

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.

In addition to assisting veterans at the new Franklin Turnpike location, Crews is available to help veterans at the Community Based Outpatient Clinic, 705 Piney Forest Road, every Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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. The agency operates two veterans cemeteries: the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia and the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk. A third state veterans cemetery in Dublin will open in 2011. 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. DVS coordinates the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program. The agency also certifies that post-secondary educational institutions meet G.I. Bill funding and eligibility requirements, enabling veterans and family members to pursue educational opportunities.

For more information about the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, visit [www.virginiaforveterans.com](http://www.virginiaforveterans.com).

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