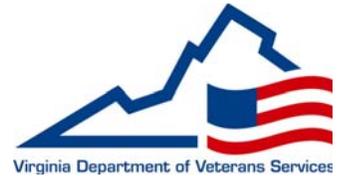


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Services available for Richmond area veterans at multiple locations

RICHMOND—Veterans living in Richmond and the surrounding counties have a choice of locations where they can meet with a veterans service representative for help with submitting claims for veterans benefits.

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services' (DVS) primary veterans service office in Richmond is located on the first floor of the McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond; however, service officers visit six other locations throughout the Richmond area each month as well as the wards at McGuire VAMC.

TOWN	SCHEDULE	LOCATION
Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center	Every 1 st Monday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	1601 Broad Rock Blvd Richmond, VA
VAMC – McGuire Wards	Every 1 st Monday, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	1201 Broad Rock Blvd Richmond, VA
Mechanicsville Department of Social Services	Every 2 nd Monday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	7374 Creighton Parkway Mechanicsville, VA
Virginia Employment Commission	Every 3 rd Monday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	8093 Elm Drive Mechanicsville, VA
Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia	Every 4 th Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	10300 Pridesville Road Amelia, VA
American Legion Richmond, VA	Every Tuesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	1708 Commonwealth Avenue Richmond, VA
Fort Lee	Every Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m.– 3:00p.m. (APPOINTMENTS ONLY) Please call (804) 675-6546 for appointment.	Soldier One Stop, Building 3400, Room 107A

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A detailed schedule of locations, addresses, and hours is available by visiting www.virginiaforveterans.com and clicking the tab for Locate Your Benefits Services Office in the upper right area of the screen.

“Our recently expanded schedule of remote locations takes our services directly to the veterans,” explained DVS Acting Director of Programs John Anderson. “We want to make our services available to veterans and their family members at multiple locations in the Richmond metro area.”

Veterans service representatives work one-on-one with veterans and their families helping them obtain benefits and entitlements on the 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.

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.

Statewide, the Department of Veterans Services operates 20 benefits offices where veterans can work with veterans service representatives. 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. DVS operates two long-term care facilities, the Virginia Veterans Care Center (VVCC) in Roanoke and the Sitter and Barfoot Veterans Care Center, adjacent to the McGuire Veterans Medical Center in Richmond. The agency operates two cemeteries for veterans: the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia and the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk. A third cemetery in Dublin, Virginia is under construction. The Virginia Wounded Warrior Program, also part of the agency, coordinates support services for veterans with stress-related and traumatic brain injuries resulting from service in a combat area. The program ensures that these veterans and their families receive timely assessment, treatment, and support.

For more information about the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, visit www.virginiaforveterans.com. To reach the Richmond office, call (804) 675-6546.