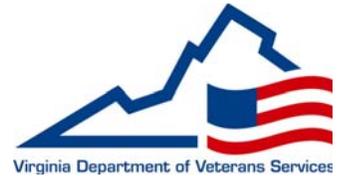


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## News Release

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### *Staunton Veterans Benefits Service Office Relocates*

STAUNTON—The Veterans Benefit Services Office operated by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) has relocated to the Greenbrier Office Complex, Building 1, Suite 17B, 1600 North Coalter Street, Staunton, Va. 24401. The move was completed on November 30, and the office is open for business at its new location. Phone and fax numbers remain the same (540-332-7840 phone; 540-332-7841 fax). The new office is just 2.6 miles from the former one.

Benefits service representatives like John Layman, who works at the Staunton office, work one-on-one with veterans and their families helping them obtain benefits and entitlements on a local, state and federal level. Layman 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, Diabetes Mellitus, type II, is presumptive by law to be associated with exposure to Agent Orange. Veterans exposed to Agent Orange should file a claim to obtain assistance in treating their diabetes,” explained Layman.

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.

*Serving those who served.*

In addition to assisting veterans at the new North Coalter Street location, Layman will be available to help veterans at VFW Post 632 in Harrisonburg and VFW Post 1499 in Lexington. He is at Post 632, located at 450 Waterman Drive, on the first and third Thursday of every month, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. He is at Post 1499, Route 60, West, the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, from 9 a.m. to 1 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 facility in Roanoke, and the Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center, a 160-bed long-term care center in Richmond. The agency also assists veterans and their families through the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program. And, DVS certifies that post-secondary educational institutions meet G.I. Bill funding and eligibility requirements, enabling veterans and family members to pursue educational opportunities.

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