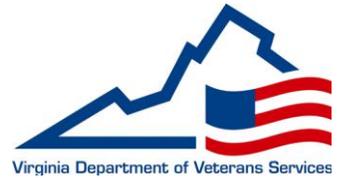


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Virginia Department of Veterans Services Benefit Offices to be Closed April 20-24th for Annual Training Event

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) ensures our staff is consistently trained to best serve our veteran community. As a result, all statewide veteran service representatives will be participating in an annual training event April 20th-24th, 2015. All 23 benefit service offices will be closed Monday April 20th through Friday April 24th. We look forward to resuming service on Monday, April 27th. For information regarding the benefit service office closest to you please click [here](#).

About Virginia's Department of Veterans Services (DVS):

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services operates 23 benefit services offices where representatives assist veterans and their family members in filing claims for federal veterans benefits. The agency operates three cemeteries for veterans: the [Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia](#), the [Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk](#) and the [Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin](#). DVS operates two long-term care facilities offering nursing and domiciliary care for veterans; [the Virginia Veterans Care Center \(VVCC\)](#) a facility which houses 240 beds in Roanoke and the 160-bed [Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center](#) in Richmond.

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 also launched the [Virginia Values Veterans \(V3\) Program](#) in 2012. This program's mission is to educate and train employers throughout the Commonwealth on the Value of Virginia's Veterans, and to help employers connect with these personnel assets to maximize the productivity of their workforce.

DVS also operates the [Virginia Wounded Warrior Program \(VWWP\)](#). The VWWP provides: comprehensive assessment of individual and family needs; direct linkages to needed services including behavioral healthcare, veteran's benefits, housing, employment and other public and private assistance programs. Direct support is provided by veteran peer specialists, resource specialists, family support specialists and clinicians. VWWP also provides peer and family support groups; resilience-focused training and events for veteran couples and families; and specialized outreach and assistance to particularly vulnerable veterans including homeless (or at risk) and incarcerated veterans preparing for reentry from local jails and state prisons.

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