

## VVFS VETERAN JUSTICE SPECIALIST (VJS)

The VVFS Veteran Justice Specialist (VJS) provides direct services to justice-involved veterans and service members interfacing with courts and diversion/veteran docket programs, during incarceration, and upon reentry to the community. The VJS identifies needs, develops a coordinated services plan, and connects the veteran/service member to community resources. The VJS also attends veteran resource fairs and other events for justice-involved veterans.

**For additional information on Veteran Justice Specialists, please contact the DVS VVFS Criminal Justice Director at (804) 225-4734.**

## VA VETERAN JUSTICE OUTREACH SPECIALIST (VJO)

The purpose of the Health Care for Re-entry Veterans (HCRV) Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) program is to avoid the unnecessary criminalization/incarceration of Veterans who are suffering from mental health and substance use disorders, and are at risk of becoming homeless. This will be accomplished by ensuring that eligible justice involved Veterans have timely access to Veterans Health Administration mental health and substance use disorder treatment and services when clinically indicated. Linkage to other services and benefits will also be provided as appropriate to both VA Medical Center and non-VA Medical Center community and state providers.

**Use the link below to find the location of the VJO that serves your area.**  
<https://www.va.gov/homeless/vjo.asp#contacts>

To learn more about how we can serve you, download the DVS app from Google Play or iTunes by searching for “Virginia Veterans”



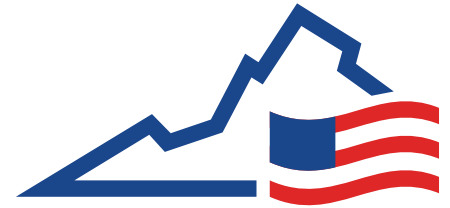
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[www.dvs.virginia.gov](http://www.dvs.virginia.gov)

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# Veterans in the Criminal Justice System

## Identify, Support and Connect

*A Resource Guide for Jail Staff*



# IDENTIFY

**Ask the question: *Have you ever served in the U.S. Military?***

Ask the question during booking, pre-trial, or jail intake.

## **Use the VA Veterans Reentry Search Service (VRSS) System**

The VRSS system is a free web-based tool developed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that allows jail and prison staff to quickly identify incarcerated individuals with a record of military service.

For more information contact the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) Criminal Justice Director at **(804) 225-4734** or Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS) Justice Involved Services email address at **[justice.vvfs@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:justice.vvfs@dvs.virginia.gov)**.

# SUPPORT

- Help secure DD-214s for veterans
- Start a Veteran dorm
- Create Veteran programming
- Host Veteran-specific resource fairs
- Start a Veteran support group
- Help secure benefits for Veterans
- Track veteran-specific jail data
- Educate your jail staff about the needs of veterans
- Create a resource book for veterans
- Obtain a copy of the *Reentry Roadmap for Incarcerated Veterans Guide*

For more information on the VA Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) program go to **[www.va.gov/homeless/vjo.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/vjo.asp)**



# CONNECT

- Contact VA Veteran Justice Outreach (VJO) Specialists for VA healthcare eligibility information and veteran verification
- Contact DVS VVFS Justice Involved Services (JIS) program for assistance with connecting justice-involved veterans to community resources
- Contact outside providers and Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) to provide support for veterans.