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### **BENEFITS SERVICES**

To find your local DVS Benefits Services office, visit www.dvs.virginia.gov/benefits | (804) 482-8539

**VIRGINIA VETERAN AND FAMILY SUPPORT (VVFS)** 

(804) 371-4675, (877) 285-1299 (toll free)

# **VETERANS EDUCATION, TRANSITION, AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS**

G.I. Bill Programs - State Approving Agency (804) 225-2298

Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program (804) 371-2683

Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Transition Program (804) 786-8060

Military Medics and Corpsmen (MMAC) Program (804) 482-8528

**Virginia Military Survivors & Dependents Education** Program (VMSDEP) (804) 225-2083

## **CARE CENTERS**

## Virginia Veterans Care Center

4550 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24017 (540) 982-2860, (800) 220-8387 (toll free)

## **Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center**

1601 Broad Rock Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23224 (804) 371-8000

## **CEMETERIES**

Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery

5310 Milners Road, Suffolk, VA 23434; 855-4VA-VETS (855-482-8387)

Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery

5550 Bagging Plant Road, Dublin, VA 24084; 855-4VA-VETS (855-482-8387)

**Virginia Veterans Cemetery** 

10300 Pridesville Road, Amelia, VA 23002; 855-4VA-VETS (855-482-8387)

## **VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL**

621 S. Belvidere Street, Richmond, VA 23220; (804) 786-2060

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES **HEADQUARTERS** 

(804) 786-0286

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# THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES (DVS)

is organized into seven service delivery sections: benefits; veteran and family support; education; transition and employment; care centers; cemeteries; and the Virginia War Memorial.

### **BENEFITS SERVICES**

The DVS Benefits Services division advocates for Virginia veterans and connects them to benefits and services they have earned. Information on current federal, state and local veterans' programs, entitlements and referral services is available in Virginia through a network of 34 benefit service offices. All services are provided free of charge.

## **VIRGINIA VETERAN AND FAMILY SUPPORT (VVFS)**

The Virginia Veteran and Family Support program monitors and coordinates behavioral health, rehabilitative, and supportive services through an integrated, and responsive system of care. VVFS provides peer and family support and care coordination services to Virginia veterans, members of the Virginia National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves, and their families with a special emphasis on those affected by stress related conditions or traumatic brain injuries resulting from military service.

# EDUCATION, TRANSITION, AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

The VETE directorate promotes Virginia's economic development by supporting veterans and their families with increased access to and attainment of education, employment and entrepreneurship opportunities. Veterans Education, Transition, and Employment programs ensure that every veteran or eligible person has a full and fair opportunity to reach his or her fullest potential through access to the G.I. Bill approved post-secondary educational, training/licensure/certification, entrepreneurial institutions, V3 certified employers, and Virginia Colleges and Universities.

The State Approving Agency (SAA) ensures access and quality instruction, appropriate administration, and fair and equitable practices for every veteran (and eligible person) who enters a Virginia SAA-approved educational or training program. The Virginia SAA has over 900 facilities approved for G.I. Bill benefits. These schools include vocational schools, and on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs. Contact (804) 225- 2298 or saa@dvs.virginia.gov for more information.

The Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP) waives tuition and mandatory fees at Virginia's public colleges and universities for spouses and children of a qualified military service member who, during direct involvement in covered military combat,

was killed, missing in action, or became a prisoner of war, or of a qualified veteran who, as a direct result of such service, has been rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as totally and permanently disabled or at least 90 percent permanently disabled and have been discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. Contact (804) 225-2083 or vmsdep@dvs.virginia.gov for more information.

The Virginia Military and Education Workforce Initiative (MEWI) uses a three-pronged approach to assist transitioning veterans that have chosen educational institutions as their preferred path to employment. Identifying and promoting employment pipelines, creating internship and fellowship opportunities, and highlighting community service initiatives are three methods used by the Military Education & Workforce Initiative to support Virginia's veterans on their path to employment. Contact MEWI@dvs.virginia.gov for more information.

The HIREVETS NOW FELLOWSHIP Program (HVNFP) provides transitioning service members the opportunity to network with veteran Certified employers offering 6-12 week internships to eligible applicants, with commander approval, up to six months prior to separation. Participation in a fellowship program while still serving in the military allows service members the opportunity to gain marketable skills and experience to enhance their civilian career opportunities. Contact hvnfellowship@dvs.virginia.gov for more information.

The Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program educates and trains employers on why it is a strong business decision to recruit, hire, and retain veterans, and helps those committed companies meet their hiring goals. If you are an employer looking for veteran talent in the Commonwealth, join the V3 Programs network of employers by registering online at: www.dvsV3.com.

The Military Medics and Corpsmen (MMAC) Program provides recently discharged service members with specialized medical training, an opportunity for employment at major Virginia healthcare systems, and a pathway to licensure and long-term medical careers. Contact us at (804) 482-8509 or mmac@dvs.virginia.gov for more information.

The Virginia Values Veterans Transition (V3T) Program assesses, coordinates, and disseminates opportunities for members of the armed forces and their spouses transitioning from military to civilian life by providing a pathway to employment, education, and entrepreneurship. Contact (804) 786-8060 or V3Transition@dvs.virginia.gov for more information.

## The Virginia Women Veterans Program (VWVP)

provides access to community resources to educate, unify, and empower Virginia's women veterans, who have served in the military in all eras; by ensuring they receive timely yet appropriate transition and benefits support/employment and education outreach; health and community advocacy. Contact womenvet@dvs.virginia.gov for more information.

The Virginia Military Spouse Liaison serves as the commonwealth's military spouse advocate. The liaison conducts outreach and provides advocacy for military spouses and their families. The liaison also works with key stakeholders within federal, state, local government, military installations, and the private sector to develop and implement a resource system to provide access to education, employment, benefits, and community resources. Contact milspouse@dvs.virginia.gov for more information.

### **CARE CENTERS**

DVS Veterans Care Centers provide affordable, long-term nursing, memory care and short term rehabilitation for Virginia's veterans. Conveniently located in two locations, Richmond (Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center) and Roanoke (Virginia Veterans Care Center), each first-class facility is designed to enhance quality of life with a clean, caring and dignified setting appropriate for those men and women who have served our country with honor.

### **CEMETERIES**

Virginia's three veterans cemeteries provide a final resting place for veterans and eligible dependents—a place of honor, dignity, respect, and remembrance. These cemeteries include the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia, and the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

#### VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL

The Virginia War Memorial is the Commonwealth of Virginia's monument to honor the memory of Virginia's men and women who demonstrated a willingness to serve and fight to defend our way of life from World War II to the present. It is heralded by many as the preeminent state memorial in the United States. The Virginia War Memorial honors our fallen heroes by passing their extraordinary stories of sacrifice forward to future generations through many outreach and on-site educational programs.