Resources

Active Military

At Military OneSource, we have one mission — to connect you to your best MilLife

https://www.militaryonesource.mil

The American Legion Family Support Network:

www.legion.org/familysupport

Homeless Veterans

The U.S. Department of <u>Veterans Affairs</u> has established a toll free National VA Homeless Hotline at (877) 424-3838.

VA <u>Website</u> for Homeless Veterans http://www.va.gov/homeless/

Florida Department of Children and Families http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/homelessness

Florida Council on Homelessness http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/homelessness/council

Homeless Veterans Coalition: www.nchv.org

VA Homeless Programs: www.va.gov/homeless/

HUD Homeless Assistance Programs:

https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/programs_offices?comm_planning/homeless/programs

On-Call:Handbook for Homeless Veterans and Service Provides: www.legion.org/publications/168493/homless-veterans-handbook

The American Legion Family Support Network:

www.legion.org/familysupport

American Legion Auxiliary Veterans Creative Activities Action Guide, www.ALAforVeterans.org

National Veterans Creative Arts Festival: www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov

PTSD

1-800-273-8255 - National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Suicide Prevention and Warning Signs - ADAA page

Support and Resources - ADAA page

Talk Saves Lives - ADAA webinar

Suicide - ADAA public statement

My Suicide Notes - ADAA blog post

Suicide Rates Rising Across The U.S. - CDC Report

About Suicide - AFSP page

<u>Is Suicide Preventable?</u> - US News article

<u>U.S. Suicide Rates Are Rising Faster Among Women Than Men</u> - NPR article <u>How Cognitive Behavior Therapy May Help Suicidal People</u> - New York Times article

<u>How To Actually Reach Out If Your Friend Is Struggling With Their Mental Health</u> - Refinery29 article

Why Grief Over Celebrity Deaths Like Anthony Bourdain's Feel So Painful - Refinery29 article

<u>It Doesn't Matter That Kate Spade Seemed "Happy</u> - Refinery29 article <u>What Not to Say When Talking About Suicide</u> - <u>CBS News</u>

Returning Veterans

VA Website for Returning Service Members http://www.oefoif.va.gov/

VA Website for Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/registry.asp

Post 9/11 Vet Newsletters

https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/publications/oef-oif-ond/newsletter-archive.asp

Returning Service Members Mental Health Support http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/returningservicevets.asp

Vets Centers http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/

Employ Florida Vets https://veteran.employflorida.com/

Florida Veterans Employment Program http://www.floridajobs.org/office-directory/division-of-workforce-services/workforce-programs/veterans-employment-program

Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW to Hire Heroes Act) http://benefits.va.gov/vow/

Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/

Women Veterans

VA Hotline on Health Care and Benefits for Women Veterans 1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636)

VA Center for Women Veterans http://www.va.gov/womenvet/

Women Veterans Issues https://www.benefits.va.gov/PERSONA/veteran-women.asp

Women Veterans Health Care http://www.womenshealth.va.gov

Homeless Women Veterans http://www.va.gov/homeless/for_women_veterans.asp

Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation http://www.womensmemorial.org/About/welcome.html

V-WISE – Women Veterans Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship http://vets.syr.edu/education/v-wise

U.S. Department of Labor Website for Women Veterans http://www.dol.gov/vets/womenveterans/

Florida's Veteran Service Organizations

American Gold Star Mothers http://www.goldstarmoms.com

American Legion http://floridalegion.org/

Amvets http://www.amvetsfl.org/

Disabled American Veterans http://www.davmembersportal.org/fl/

Florida County <u>Veterans Service</u> Officer Association http://www.flcvsoa.com/

Korean War Veterans Association http://dfl.kwva.org/

Military Officers Association of America http://www.moaafl.org/

Military <u>Order</u> of the Purple Heart http://www.floridapurpleheart.org/

Paralyzed Veterans of America http://www.pva.org/

Veterans of Foreign Wars http://vfwfl.org

Vietnam Veterans of America http://vvafsc.org/

Gold Star Families

Florida Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) http://fl.ng.mil/services/Pages/Survivor-Outreach-Services.aspx

Navy Gold Star Program http://www.navygoldstar.com

American Gold Star Mothers http://www.goldstarmoms.com/

Gold Star Awareness www.goldstarawareness.com

Tampa Gulf Coast North Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers http://agsmtampa.com/

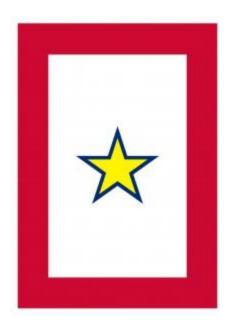
Gold Star Wives http://www.goldstarwives.org/

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors http://www.taps.org/

Military OneSource http://www.militaryonesource.mil/

Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation honoring Gold Star Families

http://hwwmohf.org/monument-overview.html



VetRelief

PROJECT: VetRelief provides support for active duty military, our veterans, and their families who reside in the state of Florida.

• Telephone # <u>407-270-9204</u>

Guidelines

- Support is available for active duty military, our veterans, and their families.
- Service members must be classified as having an honorable discharge or honorable separation, or general under honorable conditions.
- Applicants must show income sustainability
- Must be a Florida resident for at least 120 days.
- Membership in The American Legion is **NOT** required to receive assistance.
- Currently, funding can only be provided to offset necessities for shelter, food, utilities, and some emergency transportation, and critical health expenses.

Additional Resources

How to Organize a Job Fair for Veterans and/or Military and Spouses

- www.uschamber.com/hiringourheroes
- www.ementorprogram.org/militaryspouse-ementor/
- The American Legion and Habitat For Humanity Volunteer involvement toolkit— www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/habitat.pdf
- VA Caregiver Support www.caregiver.va.gov/
- Elizabeth Dole Foundation- www.elizabethdolefoundation.org
- Military and Veteran Caregiver Peer Support Network milvetcaregivernetwork.org

Other Resources/And Patterns

- Other "How to Sheets" can be found at www.alaforveterans.org
- Quilts of Valor: www.qovf.org
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- http://www.warriorgateway.org