

# 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](http://www.legion.org/familysupport)

## Homeless Veterans

The U.S. Department of [Veterans Affairs](#) has established a toll free National VA Homeless Hotline at (877) 424-3838.

VA [Website](#) 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](http://www.nchv.org)

VA Homeless Programs: [www.va.gov/homeless/](http://www.va.gov/homeless/)

HUD Homeless Assistance Programs:

[https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/programs\\_offices?comm\\_planning/homeless/programs](https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/programs_offices?comm_planning/homeless/programs)

On-Call: Handbook for Homeless Veterans and Service Providers:

[www.legion.org/publications/168493/homeless-veterans-handbook](http://www.legion.org/publications/168493/homeless-veterans-handbook)

The American Legion Family Support Network:

[www.legion.org/familysupport](http://www.legion.org/familysupport)

American Legion Auxiliary Veterans Creative Activities Action Guide,

[www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)

National Veterans Creative Arts Festival: [www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov](http://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

[Is Suicide Preventable?](#) - US News article

[U.S. Suicide Rates Are Rising Faster Among Women Than Men](#) - NPR article

[How Cognitive Behavior Therapy May Help Suicidal People](#) - New York Times article

[How To Actually Reach Out If Your Friend Is Struggling With Their Mental Health](#) - Refinery29 article

[Why Grief Over Celebrity Deaths Like Anthony Bourdain's Feel So Painful](#) - Refinery29 article

[It Doesn't Matter That Kate Spade Seemed "Happy"](#) - Refinery29 article

[What Not to Say When Talking About Suicide](#) - CBS News

## **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](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 [Veterans Service](#) Officer Association

<http://www.flcvsoa.com/>

Korean War Veterans Association

<http://dfl.kwva.org/>

Military Officers Association of America

<http://www.moaaf1.org/>

Military [Order](#) 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](http://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 # [407-270-9204](tel:407-270-9204)

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

### **Other Resources/And Patterns**

- Other "How to Sheets" can be found at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)
- Quilts of Valor: [www.govf.org](http://www.govf.org)
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- <http://www.warriorgateway.org>