

Monmouth County Office of Veteran's Services **Veteran's Resource Guide**

As of March 1, 2013

Community Veterans Coordinators:

Long Branch: Michael Winnick, Municipal Bldg, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ 07740; 732-222-7000 x5270; e-mail: usused@comcast.net

Counseling:

Vet Centers: 1255 Route 70, Unit 32N, Parkway 70 Plaza, Lakewood, NJ 08701; 732-905-0327 or 877-927-8387; Fax: 732-905-0329

Congress established the Vet Center Program in 1979 out of recognition that a significant number of veterans were still experiencing readjustment problems. Vet Centers are community based and part of the Department of Veterans Affairs. In April 1991, in response to the Persian Gulf War, Congress extended the eligibility to veterans who served during other periods of armed hostilities. Those other periods of armed hostilities are identified as World War II, Korea, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Iraq and the Global War On Terrorism (GWOT). The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach and referral services FREE of charge to eligible veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life. Services provided include: Individual Counseling, Group Counseling, Military Sexual Trauma Counseling, Marriage and Family Counseling, Alcohol/Drug Counseling & Referral, and Bereavement Counseling.

NJ Veterans Help Line: 866-838-7654; <http://www.njveteranshelpline.org/>

The NJ Veterans Help Line is a 24/7 helpline coordinated by UCDMJ-University Behavioral Healthcare. The helpline features peer counseling, clinical assessments, and assistance to family members. The helpline provides NJ veterans and their families with access to a comprehensive support network of mental health professionals who specialize in issues specific to veterans returning to civilian life. Returning home can produce feelings of excitement and anxiety and getting back to normal can be a challenge. If you are having trouble reconnecting with your work and family life, or find that once you have settled into being a civilian again, the "let-down" feeling is getting you down, call the Veterans Hotline to help you get back to living the life you remember.

Education:

Monmouth University: Jeff Hood, Coordinator of Veterans Services, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ 07764; 732-263-5258

Brookdale Community College, Veteran Services Group, 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738; 732-224-2095

Rutgers University, Office of Veterans Services, 14 Lafayette St., New Brunswick, NJ 08901; 848-932-VETS (8387); www.veterans.rutgers.edu

Operation College Promise: NJ Association of State Colleges & Universities (NJASCU), 150 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608; 609-989-1100; info@operationcollegepromise.com

“Operation College Promise” is dedicated to helping veterans understand their education benefits and select a regionally accredited institution that enables them to maximize their benefits and achieve their goals. Whether it is on-line or in a classroom, New Jersey’s nine state colleges and universities offer outstanding undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs that will enable veterans and their families to start the next chapter of their lives.

Fairleigh Dickerson University: Veterans Launching Ventures Program: Office of Veterans Services, 100 River Road, Mail Stop H-DH1-06, Teaneck, NJ 07666; Contact: Ariel ("AJ") Luna, Director; 201-692-7085; <http://view.fdu.edu/default.aspx?id=7063>

Veterans who are current or aspiring entrepreneurs can enroll in the Veterans Launching Ventures program. This unique program combines in-person instruction with online education, and active mentorship to provide skills and support so that you can and launch and/or grow your business. Download the brochure at: <http://view.fdu.edu/files/2011veteransbrochure.pdf>.

Employment:

ClearanceJobs.com: <http://www.clearancejobs.com/>

The **ClearanceJobs Cleared Network** gives security-cleared job seekers and employers a unique and powerful new way to connect, interact, and exchange knowledge, ideas, and opportunities. Benefits for Job Seekers: See the faces behind the job postings by establishing one-to-one, direct connections with the defense industry recruiters responsible for hiring; create a dynamic, valuable business network by following both defense industry companies and their recruiters and receive real-time updates; and maintain your network connections and communications in one convenient place.

Edward Jones F.O.R.C.E.S. Program; www.edwardjones.com/forces

For those transitioning from the military, we are excited to introduce the FORCES program that provides a comprehensive training and on-boarding program to ensure a successful start at a new career helping individual investors reach their personal and financial goals. No prior financial services experience is necessary – the program is designed specifically for people who do not have a financial services background but possess the skills and competencies we look for at Edward Jones. The training and compensation are designed to help military professionals successfully transition their skills and competencies to the Financial Advisor career at Edward Jones. Plus, candidates can earn OJT benefits while going through the training program.

HERO2Hired: <https://h2h.jobs/>

Hero2Hired (H2H) was created to make it easy for Reserve Component service members to connect to and find jobs with military-friendly companies. H2H also offers career exploration tools, military-to-civilian skills translations, education and training resources, as well as a mobile app. Support for H2H is provided through the Department of Defense’s Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

G.I. Go Fund, Veteran's Transition Center, 920 Broad Street, Room B28

Newark, New Jersey 07102; 973-802-1614;
<http://www.gigofund.org/transitioncenter.html>

The G.I. Go Fund is a 501(c)(3) organization which assists our returning veterans with their transition back to civilian life by providing employment and educational opportunities as well as providing a direct path to their benefits.

Glasseal Products, Inc.: 485 Oberlin Avenue South, Lakewood, New Jersey; 732-370-9100; www.ametek.com

Glasseal is a division of AMETEK. AMETEK, Inc. is a leading global manufacturer of electronic instruments and electromechanical devices with annual sales of \$3.3 billion. The Company has approximately 13,700 colleagues working at more than 100 manufacturing facilities and more than 100 sales and service centers in the United States and around the world. AMETEK consists of two operating groups: Electronic Instruments – a leading manufacturer of advanced monitoring, testing, calibrating and display instruments for the process, aerospace, power and industrial markets worldwide, and Electromechanical – a differentiated supplier of electrical interconnects, technical motors and systems, and electric motors for floor care and other applications. Glasseal produces engineered materials, interconnects and packaging.

Jobs 4 Jersey: <http://jobs4jersey.com/jobs4jersey/jobseekers/veteran/>

The NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development believes that those who stood first in line to defend their country should also be first in line to reap the benefits of freedom: a fair chance for a good education, a good job and a good life. Veterans receive first priority referral to all jobs and training opportunities for which they are qualified. In the One-Stop Career Center, there is a Veterans Representative who specializes in helping veterans find the jobs and opportunities for which they qualify. In addition to priority referrals to jobs, vets can enroll in free job search workshops, find help developing a resume, learn about career training programs and get help understanding the network of veterans' benefits available through the Veterans Administration, state and local governments.

One Stop Career Center (State Employment Office), 60 Taylor Ave, Neptune, NJ 07753; 732-775-1566; www.MyNextMove.org/vets

Vital Voice and Data: 505 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ 07740; (732) 733-2353; <http://www.vitalvoiceanddata.com/>

A leader in managed IT services, hosted PBX, and Carrier Network Access consulting. Successful candidates will report directly to the owners and be responsible for acquiring new business and serving existing clients in several capacities. Sales experience OR equivalent life experience is essential. Military personnel are encouraged to apply.

Home Repairs:

Allen Robinson, ASR Architecture, 2548 Stearns Drive, Wall, NJ 08736; 732-528-1597; www.asrarchitecturenj.com

Will provide very low cost or free design services for home modifications for combat wounded disabled veterans and will provide construction contractor referrals.

Salvation Army: Care House Shelter, 433 State Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey; 732-826-7040;

http://www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www_use_nj.nsf/vw-sublinks/0636F5D753699237852574960057038D?openDocument

Housing - Temporary:

VA Homeless Coordinator, 908-647-0180 ext. 4485

Veteran's Haven, 301 Spring Garden Road, Winslow, NJ 08095; 609-561-0269 / 609-567-5806; www.state.nj.us/military/vetshaven

The Transitional Housing Program for homeless veterans occupies one large building on state property in Winslow Township. The program is divided into three phases: treatment; self-reclamation; and community reintegration. Each phase lasts three to six months and is tailored to individual treatment needs and vocational interests. Eligible veterans are referred from a VA Medical Center after receiving a medical evaluation. To be admitted into the program, the veteran must agree to a long-term program focusing on psychological, social and vocational rehabilitation. The program is drug and alcohol free, and has a staff comprised of professionals in the fields of mental health, addictions, social work, vocational rehabilitation and nursing.

Housing - Permanent:

VA Homeless Coordinator, 908-647-0180 ext. 4485

ID Cards: (call before visiting for appointment and information on documents needed)

Active Duty & Retiree ID Cards:

Naval Weapons Station – Earle (Waterfront), Navy Operational Support Center,
Bldg R-4A, 801 Rte 36, Leonardo, NJ 07737; 732-866-7288

Fort Dix Military Personnel Division – ID, 5418 South Scott Plaza, Fort Dix, NJ
08640; 609-562-2177

Veterans Administration ID Cards:

VA Healthcare System – East Orange, Office of Eligibility, 385 Tremont Avenue
East Orange, NJ 07018; 973-676-3434 or 1455

VA Healthcare System – Lyons, Office of Eligibility, 151 Knollcroft Road, Lyons, NJ
07939; 908-647-0180

VA Tinton Falls Community Based Outpatient Clinic, The Atrium, 55 North Gilbert
St., 1st Floor Suite 4101, Tinton Falls, NJ 07701; 732-842-4751

VA James J. Howard Community Clinic. 970 Rte 70, Brick, NJ 08724; 732-206-8900

Monmouth County Veterans ID Cards:

Monmouth County Clerk's Office, 33 Mechanic St., Freehold, NJ 07728; 732-431-
7324; <http://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?ID=125>

Monmouth County Connection, 3544 Rte 66 (next to Home Depot), Neptune, NJ
07753; 732-303-2828; <http://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?ID=125>

Job Training:

**One Stop Career Center (State Employment Office), 60 Taylor Ave,
Neptune, NJ 07753; 732-775-1566; www.MyNextMove.org/vets**

Recreation:

**Suneagles Golf Course, 2067 Tinton Ave, Fort Monmouth, NJ 07703;
(732) 389-4300**

The 18-hole "Sun Eagle's" course at the Sun Eagle's Golf Course At Fort Monmouth facility in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey features 6,357 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72 . The course rating is 70.7 and it has a slope rating of 121. Designed by A.W. Tillinghast, the Sun Eagle's golf course opened in 1940. Discounted memberships and reduced rates and fees are available for active and retired military; a valid military ID card must be presented.

Monmouth County Beaches:

Superstorm Sandy had a devastating impact on many Jersey Shore beach communities. For some, it may be several years before they recover; others will have partial services available for the 2013 season; some had little damage and may be fully operational. Prior to Sandy, many Monmouth County beaches had access for disabled veterans and some offered discount passes to active and retired military. The Monmouth County's Accessible Beach Guide gives the locations and phone numbers of last year's accessible beaches <http://co.monmouth.nj.us/documents/1111%5C2012AccessibleBeachGuide.pdf>). The new guide will be released and posted to the www.visitmonmouth.com prior to Memorial Day weekend. It is recommended you call to see if it is open.

Re-Entry:

**Spring Reins of Life (Horses, Humans & Healing); 917-275-7765, 347-886-2798; www.springreinsoflife.org; Christianna E. Capra, Co-Founder & Director of Equine Services, cecapra@springreinsoflife.org;
Psychotherapy & Life Skills Learning**

Spring Reins of Life is a non-profit 501c3 organization. We are an **EAGALA** (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association) model program offering Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (**EAP**) and Equine Assisted Learning (**EAL**) which incorporates the use of horses for therapeutic intervention toward promoting emotional growth and healing. *Spring Reins of Life* provides services to those populations who have the least access to equine therapy yet are the same individuals who would derive the greatest benefit. Currently, we offer our services to the military and their families, bereaved children, at-risk youth and addiction recovery.

Printmaking Center of NJ, 440 River Road, Branchburg, NJ 08876; 908-725-2110; www.printnj.org/combat-paper/; Dave Keefe, Director, Combat Paper NJ; combatpaper@printnj.org

Combat Paper is a veteran-led program that uses art as a tool to heal. First and foremost, Combat Paper provides a safe and comfortable place where veterans can come together to talk every Sunday. This weekly drop-in session held at a local arts center, uses the ancient art of handmade papermaking to help veterans heal from the physical, psychological and emotional effects of war. Participation is free to all veterans and no registration is necessary. The handmade paper is made out of old combat fatigues. Some vets use their own fatigues and others use uniforms donated by

community members. The uniforms are cut into small pieces and beaten into pulp using the art center's papermaking equipment.

Vets 4 Warriors: 855-838-8255; <http://www.vets4warriors.com/index.html>

We are here to help. Our team of Veteran peers have all served in uniform for the United States Military. We share similar experiences and understand what it means to serve our country in peacetime and in times of increased conflict. The daily stresses of a Service member are unique and we are here to offer an ear to listen and resources in your local community to help alleviate any stressors you may be facing. We are a confidential peer support service and do not discuss your calls with the military, the VA, or anyone else and, if you choose, you may remain anonymous. Our deal is to partner with you on your quest and do our best to help you succeed.

**Voices of Valor: Music For All Seasons, Inc., 336 Park Avenue, Suite 2R,
Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076-1100; 908-322-6300;
<http://www.voicesofvalor.org>.**

"Voices of Valor" is a program sponsored by Music for All Season. Music for All Seasons fosters human interaction and healing through the art of live musical performance for people who, for health economic or social reasons, are unable to attend concerts. By facilitating the performance of live musical events in a wide range of institutions, MFAS helps aid the healing process, physical, mental and spiritual. "Voices of Valor" offers a unique opportunity for veterans to work with songwriters to create a song based on their experiences and reflecting who they are - no musical experience is required! The program is designed to honor the veteran's experiences and help him or her use music to ease the transition from military to civilian life.

Shopping:

Many national and regional store chains as well as many local businesses offer discounts to active and/or retired military personnel (including members of the National Guard and Reserves), service connected disabled veterans, and some family members. It is recommended that you always ask if there are any discounts available for you and that you carry your ID with you. This site provides a fairly comprehensive listing of discounts available to include Monmouth County merchants who provide discounts; military ID is required: www.militaryconnection.com/deals.asp

Taxes:

Annual Property Tax Deduction for Veterans:

Up to \$250 deduction from taxes due on real estate or personal property of qualified war veterans and their unmarried surviving spouse/civil union/domestic partner. Contact your local municipality.

Property Tax Exemption for 100% Disabled Veterans:

Full exemption from property taxes on a principal residence for certain totally and permanently disabled war veterans and their unmarried surviving spouse/civil union/domestic partner. Unmarried surviving spouse/civil union/domestic partner of

service persons who died on wartime active duty may also qualify. Contact your local municipality.

Transportation:

Monmouth County Division of Transportation: SCAT (Special Citizens Area Transportation), 250 Center Street, Freehold, NJ 07728; 732-431-6485

Veteran's Services: Servicing Lyons, Brick and East Orange Veteran's Hospital/Clinic. Pickup starting at 6 A.M. and returns at 1 P.M. This service is available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, every other week. Please call for schedule.

Viet Nam Veterans of America: VVA Chap. 12 Shore Area Chapter, P.O. Box 276, Allenhurst, NJ 07711; 732-245-5552; vva12p@verizon.net

VVA 12 will transport veterans to VA clinics on an exceptional or emergency basis only.

Veteran Burial:

New Jersey's Mission of Honor for Cremains of American Veterans:

www.njsmissionofhonor.org/

The purpose of the New Jersey's Mission of Honor for Cremains of American Veterans is to locate, identify and inter the orphaned and abandoned cremains of American veterans through the joint efforts of Veteran Organizations throughout New Jersey. To provide honor and respect to those who have served this country in time of peace and conflict.

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery: 14 Chesterfield Arneytown Road, Wrightstown, NJ 08562; 609-738-2400; www.state.nj.us/military/cemetery/

Free interment and perpetual care, in the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, is available to veteran residents of New Jersey, their spouses and dependant children. Eligibility: Applicant to be interred must be a legal resident of the state of New Jersey at the time of death or have lived at least 50% of his or her life within the state. New Jersey residents who are eligible must be one of the following: Service members who died while on active duty; Veterans whose last active service ended under other than dishonorable or undesirable conditions; Members of any reserve component of the Armed Forces (Army National Guard, Air National Guard or the Reserve Officers Training Corps of the Army, Navy and Air Force) who died under honorable conditions while on active duty for training or performing full-time service; Members of a reserve component who has attained 20 years of service creditable for retired pay; Certain World War II Merchant Marines and those who have attained veteran status; and The spouse, widow, or dependent child of any eligible New Jersey veteran. Eligible children must be unmarried and under the age of 21 or be an unmarried adult child who became incapable of self support before reaching the age of 21 because of mental or physical impairment.

Veterans Administration Clinics:

VA Healthcare System – East Orange, 385 Tremont Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07018; 973-676-3434 or 1455

VA Healthcare System – Lyons, 151 Knollcroft Road, Lyons, NJ 07939; 908-647-0180

VA Tinton Falls Community Based Outpatient Clinic, The Atrium, 55 North Gilbert St., 1st Floor Suite 4101, Tinton Falls, NJ 07701; 732-842-4751

VA James J. Howard Community Clinic. 970 Rte 70, Brick, NJ 08724; 732-206-8900

Veterans Organizations:

American Legion: www.njamericanlegion.org/

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest veterans organization, committed to mentoring and sponsorship of youth programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

Keyport: 81 Front St, Keyport, 07735; 732-264-9450

Leonardo: Rte 36, Leonardo, 07737; 732-291-9579

Manalapan: 11 Sanford St, Manalapan, 07726; 732-446-9872

Middletown: 515 Middletown Rd, Middletown, 07748; 732-615-9449

Neptune: 12 Gully Rd, Neptune, 07753; 732-922-9714

Union Beach: 321 Front St, Union Beach, 07735, 732-888-0861

Disabled American Veterans, Regional Office, Newark, NJ 973-297-3378;

www.dav.org

The DAV is dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. This is accomplished by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

Lamberson/Sunchuck DAV Unit 20, 1810 Lanes Mill Rd, Brick, NJ 08724; 732-206-0544

Jewish War Veterans of the USA, 135 West Hanover St, Trenton, NJ

08618; 609-396-2508; www.jwv-nj.org/

Citizens of the United States of America, of the Jewish faith, who served in the Wars of the United States of America, in order that they may be of greater service to their country and to one another, associate together for the following purposes: To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to foster and perpetuate true Americanism; to combat whatever tends to impair the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions; to uphold the fair name of the Jew and fight his or her battles wherever unjustly assailed; to encourage the doctrine of universal liberty, equal rights, and full justice to all men and women; to combat the powers of bigotry and darkness wherever originating and whatever their target; to preserve the spirit of comradeship by mutual helpfulness to comrades and their families; to cooperate with and support existing educational institutions and establish educational institutions, and to foster the education of ex-servicemen and ex-

servicewomen, and their members in the ideals and principles of Americanism; to instill love of country and flag, and to promote sound minds and bodies in their members and their youth; to preserve the memories and records of patriotic service performed by the men and women of the Jewish faith; to honor their memory and shield from neglect the graves of their heroic dead.

Military Order of the Purple Heart: 888-668-1656; www.purpleheart.org/

Chartered by Congress in 1958, the Military Order of the Purple Heart is comprised of military men and women who received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat. Although membership is restricted to the combat wounded, MOPH supports all veterans and their families with a myriad of nation-wide programs by Chapters and National Service Officers.

MOPH Chapter 527, 1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth, NJ 07758; 732-671-3559; springrr@aol.com

Marine Corps League: www.njmcl.org/

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

Freehold: Det. 203 CPL Philip A. Reynolds, 50 Waterworks Rd., Freehold, NJ 07728; 732-308-9509; info@NJMarines.com

Long Branch: Det. 1313 Jersey Shore Leathernecks, P.O. Box 2303, Long Branch, NJ 07740; 732-618-9031; info@NJMarines.org

Manasquan: Det. 1053 Four Seasons – Wall, 1569 Tanner Ave, Manasquan, NJ 08736; 732-292-1569; wfburnsmd@optonline.net

Manasquan: Det. 1319 Jersey Shore Marines, P.O. Box 505, Manasquan, NJ 08736; 732-921-7411; shoremarines@gmail.com

Keansburg: Det. 198 Phillip K. Dorn, P.O. Box 115, Keansburg, NJ 07734; 732-583-5617; johnfoos@phillipkdorn.org

Navy League: The Central Jersey Council of the Navy League of the United States, <http://www.cjnlus.com/>

The Navy League of the United States (NLUS) was founded in 1902 with the encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt. The Navy League has provided a powerful voice for a stronger sea service to Congress and to the American people. The Navy League has grown into the foremost citizens' organization to serve, support, and stand with all the sea services – U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine. The Navy League is comprised of 46,000 civilians in more than 250 councils around the world working to support sea service members and their families. We do this through a variety of education programs that remind our fellow citizens that the United States is a maritime nation whose national economic and security interests are inextricably tied to the freedom of the seas. The League has three missions: to enhance the morale of active duty personnel and their families; to inform Congress and the American public on the importance of strong sea services; and to support youth through programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Junior ROTC and Young Marines that expose young people to the values of our sea services.

Veterans of Foreign Wars: Veterans of Foreign Wars of New Jersey, <http://www.njvfw.com/>

MISSIONS: To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts; to serve our veterans, the military, and our communities; to advocate on behalf of all veterans. VISION: Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

Aberdeen Post, Cliffwood & Hawthorne Aves, Aberdeen Twp, NJ 07747; 732-566-9725

Asbury Park Post 1333, 701 Lake Ave, Asbury Park, NJ 07712; 732-988-3440

Atlantic Highlands Post 6902, 331 Bay Ave, Atlantic Highlands, 07716; 732-872-2944

Freehold Post, P.O. Box 484, Waterworks Rd, Freehold, 07728; 732-462-4896

Hazlet Post 4303, 18 Davern Ave, Hazlet, 07730; 732-787-9696

Highlands Post 6902, 331 Bay Avenue, Highlands, NJ 07732; 732-872-2944

Keansburg Post 2179, 1 Veterans Lane, Keansburg, 07734; 732-787-0999

Keyport Post 4247, 3 Waverly St, Keyport, 07735; 732-264-8391

Long Branch Post 2140, 255 Willow Ave, Long Branch, 07740; 732-870-2224

Manasquan Post 1838, 30 Ridge Avenue, Manasquan, NJ 08736; 732-292-0200

Middletown Post 2179, 1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth, NJ 07758; 732-787-0999

Neptune Post 2639, 1515 Rte 33, Neptune, 07753; 732-774-6240

Oakhurst Post 2226, 212 Norwood Ave, Oakhurst, 07755; 732-531-7795

Viet Nam Veterans of America: www.vva.org/

Founded in 1978, Vietnam Veterans of America is the only national Vietnam veterans' organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA's goals are to promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change public perception of Vietnam veterans.

VVA Chap. 12 Shore Area Chapter, P.O. Box 276, Allenhurst, NJ 07711; 908-902-8789; vva12p@verizon.net

**VVA Chap. 200, P.O. Box 203, Brick, NJ 08723; 732-505-0235;
www.vvachapter200.org**

Veteran Service Officers - State and National:

**NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs - Monmouth County: 630
Bangs Avenue, Suite 320, Asbury Park, NJ 07712-6904; 732-775-7009**

NJ Commission on Women Veterans: Karen Argabright, USAF (Ret); 908-670-0235

**VSOs located with the Veterans Administration at 20 Washington Pl,
Newark, NJ 07102:**

American Legion: 973-297-3377

AMVETS: 973-297-3376

Catholic War Veterans: 973-843-9177

Disabled American Vets: 973-297-3378

Eastern Paralyzed Veterans: 973-297-3387

Jewish War Veterans: 973-297-3388

Military Order of the Purple Heart: 973-297-3389

Veterans of Foreign Wars: 973-297-3226

Vietnam Veterans of America: 973-297-3227

Veterans Services Offices - County:

**Morris County: Veterans Service Officer, Department of Human Services,
340 West Hanover Ave, Morris Township, NJ 07963; 973-285-6883**

**Ocean County: Veterans Service Bureau, 1027 Hooper Ave, Bldg #2, P.O.
Box 2191, Toms River, NJ 08754; 732-929-2096**

**Passaic County: Department of Senior Services, Disability and Veterans
Affairs, 930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200, Totowa, NJ 07512; 973-569-
4090**

**Somerset County: Office of Veterans Service, P.O. Box 3000, 27 Warren St,
Somerville, NJ 08876; 908-704-6357**

**Union County: Office of Veterans Affairs, Administration Bldg, Elizabeth,
NJ 07207; 908-659-7407, Toll Free: 866-640-7115**

Other:

**Blue Star Mothers: Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. Chapter #1, State of
New Jersey, PO Box 1248, Lakewood, NJ 08701; 609-489-1360; [BSM-
Nj@att.net](mailto:BSM-Nj@att.net)**

U.S. Code: Title 36; Section 943: The purposes of the corporation shall be: to perpetuate the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., and the memory of all the men and women who have served our country as members of the Armed Forces; the further object of this organization shall be patriotic, educational, social, and for service; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States; to educate our members and others not to divulge military, naval, or other Government information; to assist in veterans' ceremonies, to attend patriotic rallies and meetings; to foster true democracy; to care for the unsupported mothers who gave their sons to the service of the Nation; to aid in bringing about recognition of the need of permanent civilian defense for each community and to ever be alert against invasion of un-American activities; to uphold the American institutions of freedom, justice, and equal rights, and to defend the United States from all enemies.

**Gold Star Mothers: Gold Star Mothers, Department of New Jersey,
President: Judith Tapper: H: 856-809-0790; C 856-220-2167**

Shortly after World War I the American Gold Star Mothers Inc. was formed in the United States to provide support for mothers who lost sons or daughters in the war. The name came from the custom of families of servicemen hanging a banner called a Service Flag in the window of their homes. The Service Flag had a star for each family member in the United States Armed Forces. Living servicemen were represented by a blue star, and those who had lost their lives were represented by a gold star. Gold Star Mothers are often socially active but are non-political. Today, membership in the Gold Star Mothers is

open to any American woman who has lost a son or daughter in service to the United States.

New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation, 1 Memorial Lane, P.O. Box 648, Holmdel, NJ 07733; 732-335-0033; www.njvvmf.org/

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation offers a meaningful and engaging experience that recognizes the sacrifices, courage and valor of Vietnam veterans and that encourages and fosters a thorough understanding of the Vietnam Era including the political, historical, social, cultural and military aspects which affected the United States, and especially New Jersey.

Veterans Foundation of America, Century Office Park, 200 Craig Rd, Suite 104, Manalapan, NJ 07726; 732-683-1000 x13; www.veteransfoundationofamerica.org/index.htm

In 2008, The Veterans Foundation of America, Inc. ("VFA") was founded by Victor Iannelli, who served as an Airborne Infantry officer with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Viet Nam. The VFA is a 501(c)(3) public charity, all donations are tax deductible. The purpose of the VFA is twofold: 1.) Provide a central repository, providing contact information on services available to veterans that are offered by governmental, nongovernmental, non-profit, or for profit organizations. Currently no such service exists making it difficult if not impossible for a veteran to easily locate the service provider/services he or she is seeking. 2.) Provide funding for those needs unfunded or inadequately funded by the government, non-government and non-profit organizations.

Veterans Community Alliance, 8 Shady Lane, Freehold, New Jersey 07728; 732-682-0944; <http://vcanj.com/>

The Veterans Community Alliance exists to serve the men and women of the United States Armed Forces, Veterans and their families. We educate the public on veteran's issues through various fund raising activities and the sponsorship of public events. We provide immediate monetary assistance to help with a variety of needs. The assistance can take many forms such as scholarships, grants to attend career training, home improvements or payment of bills. By being a helping hand to our veterans in their time of need, we hope to improve their quality of life and make them aware that the community stands behind them and is grateful to them for their service to our United States of America.

New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial/Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center: 1 Memorial Lane, P.O. Box 648, Holmdel, NJ 07733; 732-335-0033; <http://www.njvvmf.org/overview.html>.

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, dedicated May 7, 1995, strives to encourage and foster patriotism and provide for recognition of the sacrifices, courage and valor of the New Jersey veterans of the Vietnam era. The Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center, dedicated in September 1998, strives to encourage and foster a thorough understanding of the Vietnam era, including the political, historical, social, cultural and military aspects that affected the United States, especially New Jersey. Mission: The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation offers a meaningful and engaging experience that recognizes the sacrifices, courage and valor of Vietnam veterans and that encourages and fosters a thorough understanding of the Vietnam Era including the political, historical, social, cultural and military aspects which affected the United States, and especially New Jersey. Vision: To be regarded as the premier educational source to remember those who served, to heal from the turbulent Vietnam era and its lingering effects, and to honor those who sacrificed