

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

EMPLOYMENT, HOMELESSNESS & EDUCATION RESOURCES

The following will provide a summary of most veteran related resources to guide and inform our Post, County and Department leaders and members, in support of all veterans. The Department Employment & Education Committee is available for assistance, but after our members and respective chairpersons pursue the help needed. The individual veteran must also take the necessary steps to help themselves.

See associated "Employment & Education Guidelines, Job Opening & Homeless Cases" for guidelines to manage jobs and homelessness, dated 11/14/16.

- **New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) -** <http://www.state.nj.us/military/>. This State Department provides total support to our National Guard and all veterans in NJ. This includes but is not limited to all state benefits, links to federal benefits and support, and all related veteran assistance. State and local certified Service Officers are available to assist and consult with all services.
 - New Jersey Service Officers: <http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/state-service-offices/>.
 - County Service Officers: <http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/county-service-offices/>.

- **Request for Military Records**

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs maintains and archives many military records of current and former members of the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard. Additionally, the Department maintains and archives numerous discharge records of former Service Members of Active Duty and Reserve Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force who were residents of the State of New Jersey upon discharge from the military. A copy of a Service Member's discharge records are normally sent to the State that the Service Member called home on the day after his/her discharge. The State from where a Service Member was born, trained and/or discharged from does not guarantee that the Department would have these records. Please note that the Department did not start receiving these discharge records until after 1995 or later. See for additional information - <http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/>.

For further information see - <http://www.state.nj.us/military/iasd/military-records-requests/>. Also visit the National Personnel Records Center website for your records request. You can also call 866-272-6272, or write The National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

- **NJVET2VET** – Total NJ Hotline for all subjects. Call 866-838-7654. See - http://ubhc.rutgers.edu/call_center/peer_support/vet2vet.html.
 - A PowerPoint presentation is available for additional information.
 - **Veteran Peer Support** - Veteran Peer Support does not fix anything, but it offers an opportunity for a Veteran caller to normalize and relate. At times, it is seen that sharing can foster the insight to others strengths as a basis for the peer support experience.
 - **Family Support** - The helpline offers support to family members that may be experiencing a difficult situation. For example, a family member who experiences a loved returning home from a combat deployment may be confused of how to go about supporting their loved. Veteran Peers are available who have participated in overseas deployments.
 - **Case Management** - Four steps are involved in reciprocal peer support which are: connection, information gathering, case management, and affirmation and praise. Case management pertains to individuals looking to be linked to community resources. Once linked, we like to keep in touch to see if the resource was helpful and what are the goals.
 - **SUICIDE** - If you see any veteran that is having a hard time coping with their normal daily lives and/or cannot “fit” or adjust to society, or is actually saying they want to take their life, please call the VA’s Military and Veterans Confidential Help Line at 1-800-273-8255, PRESS 1! Or text 838255. For all other non-life threatening veteran affairs matters call the NJ’s funded VET2VET Confidential Peer Support at 1-866-838-7654, staffed by veterans 24/7.

- **VA (Veteran Administration) Services –**
 - East Orange: 973-676-1000; <http://www.newjersey.va.gov/>.
 - Lyons: 908-647-0180; <http://www.newjersey.va.gov/>.
 - Philadelphia: 800-949-1001; <http://www.philadelphia.va.gov/>.
 - Wilmington: 800-461-8262; <http://www.wilmington.va.gov/>.
 - Community Based Outpatient Clinics: A Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) is a VA-operated clinic or a VA-funded or reimbursed health care facility or site that is geographically distinct or separate from the parent medical facility.
 - Brick: <http://www.newjersey.va.gov/locations/brick.asp>.

- Cape May:
http://www.wilmington.va.gov/locations/Cape_May_County_Community_Based_Outpatient_Clinic.asp.
 - Camden:
http://www.philadelphia.va.gov/locations/Camden_NJ_Community_Based_Outpatient_Clinic_CBOC.asp.
 - Elizabeth: <http://www.newjersey.va.gov/locations/Elizabeth.asp>.
 - Hackensack: <http://www.newjersey.va.gov/locations/Hackensack.asp>.
 - Hamilton: <http://www.newjersey.va.gov/locations/Hamilton.asp>.
 - Jersey City: <http://www.newjersey.va.gov/locations/JerseyCity.asp>.
 - Marlton:
http://www.philadelphia.va.gov/locations/Burlington_County_VA_Clinic.asp.
 - Morristown: <http://www.newjersey.va.gov/locations/Morristown.asp>.
 - Northfield:
http://www.wilmington.va.gov/locations/Atlantic_County_Community_Based_Outpatient_Clinic.asp.
 - Paterson: <http://www.newjersey.va.gov/locations/Paterson.asp>.
 - Piscataway: <http://www.newjersey.va.gov/locations/Piscataway.asp>.
 - Sewell:
http://www.philadelphia.va.gov/locations/Gloucester_County_NJ_Community_Based_Outpatient_Clinic_CBOC.asp.
 - Tinton Falls: http://www.newjersey.va.gov/locations/Tinton_Falls.asp.
 - Vineland:
http://www.wilmington.va.gov/locations/Cumberland_County_Community_Based_Outpatient_Clinic.asp.
 - Vineland:
<http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=5265&dnum=All>.
- **Vet Centers** - are community-based counseling centers that provide a wide range of social and psychological services including professional readjustment counseling to Veterans and families, military sexual trauma counseling, and bereavement counseling for families who experience an active duty death.
 - Bloomfield:
<http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=943&dnum=All>.
 - Ewing:
<http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=5094&dnum=All>.
 - Lakewood:
<http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=5935&dnum=All>.
 - Secaucus:
<http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=5304&dnum=All>.
 - Ventnor:
<http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=5015&dnum=All>

- **Employment –**

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Employment Related Partners include:

- Department of New Jersey web site - <http://njamericanlegion.org/joblistings.html>.
- Sansone Auto Group - <http://www.sansoneauto.com/careers.cfm>. Sansone has a concentrated military and veteran ex-offender training, internship, job shadowing, and hiring program. See – <http://sansonemilitaryprogram.com/>.
- GIGO Fund – GI Go Fund aids all military veterans, with a focus on veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan, by helping them find employment, access housing, and secure their education and health benefits. See - <https://www.gigo.org/how-we-help/index.html>.
- Bridging the Gap –An organization that seeks to assist military veterans and their spouses by introducing them to a Patriot Fellowship Program to all veteran-friendly employers. The goal of the program is to provide preferential hiring treatment, allowing all veterans the chance to test drive their dream careers and receive mentoring during a critical stage of their life. See - <http://bridgingthegap.vet/>.

- **Homelessness & Financial Assistance -**

- Community Hope – Hotline 855-483-8466, e-mail ssvfjn211.org. See - <http://www.communityhope-nj.org/>.
- Veterans Haven South – Call 609-561-0269 or 609-567-5806. See - <http://www.nj.gov/military/vetshaven/>.
- Veterans Haven – North – Call 877-648-0091. See - <http://www.nj.gov/military/veteranshavennorth/>.
- Soldier On - Call 866-406-8449. See - <http://www.wesoldieron.org/>.
- Camden Catholic Charities – Call – 856-342-4100. See - <http://catholiccharitiescamden.org/veteran-services/>.
- Paterson Catholic Charities – Hotline 855-767-8387. See http://www.catholiccharities.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=163:veterans-services&catid=34:cc-paterson&Itemid=141.

- North Hudson Action Corp. Call - 201-366-8443. See - <http://nhcac.org/supportive-services-for-veterans-families-2/>.
- Veterans Multi-Service Center. Call - 215-923-2600. See - <http://www.vmcenter.org/>.
- VOA – Call – 856-854-0651. See - <http://www.voadv.org/home-for-the-brave>.
- **NJ Attorney Generals' Offices of Division of Civil Rights(DCR) and Consumer Affairs (DCA).** DCR seminars started several years ago, and the first DCA “table top” took place at the Business Workshop in Camden County. Veterans have separate and distinct civil rights. See <http://www.nj.gov/oag/dcr/index.html>, or call 609-984-3136 (Trenton), 856-614-2563 (Camden), 973 648-4826 (Newark). See <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/>, or call 800-242-5846 for any consumer affairs matters.

For God and Country,

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