

# **RESOURCE GUIDE FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES**



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## **Federal Resources**

### **Providence Regional Office of the Veterans Benefits Administration**

380 Westminster Street

Providence, RI 02903

Phone: 1-800-827-1000

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/providence/>

Responsible for the management of most non-medical benefits provided by the Veterans Benefits Administration, including compensation, pensions, vocational rehabilitation, and counseling. The office coordinates the local benefit activities associated with education, home loan guarantees, and veterans' life insurance.

### **Veterans Crisis Line**

Phone: 988 Press 1

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

### **Women Veterans Program at the VA Providence Healthcare System**

830 Chalkstone Avenue, T-32 Room 1

Providence, RI 02908

Phone: 401- 273-7100 ext 16191, 1-855-VA WOMEN

<https://www.providence.va.gov/services/women/index.asp>

Provides full spectrum health care for Women Veterans such as, gynecological care, maternity care, birth control, infertility treatment, cancer screenings, management of depression, anxiety, treatment for Military Sexual Trauma, domestic violence help, and assistance with alcohol & drug dependence.

## **Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center (PVAMC)**

830 Chalkstone Avenue

Providence, RI 02908

Phone: 401-273-7100 or 1-866-363-4486 or 1- 877-222-8387

<https://www.providence.va.gov/>

Provides comprehensive outpatient and inpatient healthcare to veterans residing in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts. Case management for housing and homelessness issues.

Phone Directory

[https://www.providence.va.gov/contact/phone\\_directory.asp](https://www.providence.va.gov/contact/phone_directory.asp)

### **Quick reference numbers:**

Patient Call Center 401-457-3336 or 401-273-7100 x13336

Pharmacy Call Center 401-273-7100 x13641

Caregiver Support Program 401-273-7100 x13283

Community Care Office 401-273-7100 x13015

Homeless Outreach 877-424-3838

HUD VASH Housing 401-265-4114

Patient Advocate Office 401-457-3093

Patient Records & Release of Information 401-273-7100  
x13481 or x13482

Patient Transportation 401-273-7100 x13550

Transition & Care Management (post 9/11) 401-273-7100  
x16137 or x14262

Women Veterans Program Office 401- 273-7100 x16191

### **Middletown Community Based Outpatient Clinic**

One Corporate Place  
Middletown, RI 02842  
Phone: 401-847-6239

<https://www.va.gov/providence-health-care/locations/middletown-va-clinic/>

Provides comprehensive primary healthcare to veterans residing in Newport, Bristol, and Washington counties.

### **PVAMC OEF/OIF/OND Clinic**

Phone: 401-273-7100 x6401 or ext. 6137

<http://www.vets.ri.gov/includes/benefits/counseling/pvamcoefifond.php>

Veterans who served in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn (OEF/OIF/OND) are eligible for enhanced VA health care for five years after discharge.

### **The Vet Center**

2038 Warwick Ave  
Warwick, RI  
Phone: 401-739-0167

<https://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

The Vet Center provides information on wellness programs, health care services, hospitalization, substance abuse and addiction treatment, readjustment counseling, bereavement counseling and counseling for harassment. Family members and/or significant others are eligible for support regarding military-related issues. The office also hosts the Center for Women Veterans & the Homeless Assistance Program.

## **State Resources**

### **Rhode Island Office of Veterans Services**

560 Jefferson Blvd

Warwick, RI 02886

Phone: 401-921-2119

<http://www.vets.ri.gov/>

Resources include but are not limited to:

- Easy to navigate benefits finder
- Benefits counseling.
- Referral to community support services.
- Services for homeless veterans.
- Burial services at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery in Exeter.

### **RI Serves**

Phone: 401-921-2119

<https://riserves.org/>

RI Serves is a coordinated network of organizations that serve Rhode Island Veterans, Military members and their families.

### **Veterans Inc**

860a Waterman Ave. Suite 6

East Providence, RI 02914

<http://www.veteransinc.org/about-us/>

Veterans Inc. provides case managers who address the "total veteran". Their daily function is to assist with housing, employment and education.

### **RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery**

301 South County Trail

Exeter, RI 02822

Phone: 401-268-3088

<http://www.vets.ri.gov/includes/benefits/memorial/rivmc.php>

Eligible veterans, spouses and dependent children may be buried at the RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Burials for Veterans are free, burials for spouses and dependents incur a fee.

### **Air National Guard Airman & Family Readiness**

1 Hercules Dr

North Kingstown, RI 02852

Phone: 401-267-3196

<https://www.ang.af.mil/airmanandfamilyreadiness/>

A resource and benefit office for all members (active & retired) and their families of the RI Air National Guard.

### **Rhode Island National Guard Soldier & Family Assistance Center**

705 New London Ave Cranston, RI 02920

Phone: 401-275-1242 or 401-275-1249 or 401-275-1241

<https://ri.ng.mil/Family-Programs/>

Email: [ng.ri.riarng.mbx.sfac@army.mil](mailto:ng.ri.riarng.mbx.sfac@army.mil)

The center offers social service referrals, family readiness programming, and events to the RI National Guard community.

## **Veteran Service Organizations**

### **American Legion**

<https://www.legionri.org/contact>

<https://www.legionri.org/>

The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

### **American Veterans (AMVETS)**

Phone: 401-223-3702

<https://amvets.org/>

AMVETS exists to enhance the quality of life for all veterans, their families and survivors. Membership in AMVETS is open to anyone who honorably served or is currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves.

### **Blinded Veterans Association (BVA)**

Phone: 401-678-6506

<https://bva.org/rhode-island-southeastern-massachusetts-regional-group/>

BVA is dedicated to providing assistance to disabled and blinded veterans, as well as their spouses, children, and friends. Our support comes in a variety of forms, from awarding scholarships to completing paperwork.

## **Disabled American Veterans (DAV)**

1 Capitol Hill Level G

Providence, RI 02908

Phone: 401-272-4804

<https://www.dav.org/find-your-local-office/>

Offers a variety of services to disabled Veterans in Rhode Island, including help with filing VA claims, appealing claims decisions and transportation to VA medical appointments\*.

\*Veterans Transportation Network provides trips to the PVAMC by volunteer drivers in donated DAV mini-vans. Call 401-457-3387 M-F between 5:30am-7am.

\*Special Mode Travel requires service connected disability rating of 30% or greater. Call 401-273-7100

## **Italian American Veterans of RI**

Phone: (401) 677-9VET

Email: [itamri4vets@gmail.com](mailto:itamri4vets@gmail.com)

<https://italianamericanwarvets.org/>

Provides free help to all veterans, families, and dependents to understand & apply for federal and state benefits Membership in the organization is not required.

## **Jewish American Veterans of RI**

<https://www.jwv.org>

## **Marine Corp League**

<https://www.mclnational.org/>



## **Military Women Across the Nation of RI**

Phone: 401-212-6377

Email: abndora@aol.com

<http://www.milwomen.org/home.html>

## **Military Order of the Purple Heart**

<https://www.purpleheart.org/findachapter>

<https://www.purpleheart.org/>

Provides help to ALL Veterans, their dependents, widows and orphans to process veterans' claims for benefits.

## **Student Veterans of America of RI**

<https://studentveterans.org/>

## **Team RWB RI**

Chapter Contact: Tom Orifice,

[thomas.orifice@teamrwb.org](mailto:thomas.orifice@teamrwb.org)

Team RWB's mission is to enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity.

## **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)**

Phone: 401-574-8161

<https://vfwri.org>

The VFW is a nonprofit veterans service organization of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces.

## **Vietnam Veterans of America RI State Council**

One Capitol Hill, Level G

Providence, RI 02908

Phone: 401-741-3718

<https://vva.org/chapter/vva-ri-state-council-01/>

VVA RI State Council welcomes all our brothers and sisters who served in Vietnam between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975, or in any duty location between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975. Joining VVA allows you to connect with other veterans, stay up with the latest on special events.

## **Community Based Organizations**

### **Beachwood Center for Well Being**

Phone: 401-788-9110

Beachwood uses Integrative Équine Therapy (IET) for anxiety, trauma, and other stress related illness.

### **The Currahee Project**

438 Main Rd

Middletown, RI 02842

Phone: 401-324-5165

<https://curraheeproject.org/>

Provides information and resources to prevent Veteran Suicide & Veteran homelessness.

### **Dare to Dream Ranch**

12 Snagwood Rd

Foster, RI 02825

<https://www.daretodreamranch.org/>

Dare to Dream Ranch, Inc. is a holistic and alternative military retreat for service members, veterans and their families.

### **Dogs on Deployment**

Phone: 631-335-4973

<https://www.dogsondeployment.org/>

Dogs on Deployment provides volunteers willing to board pets while deployed, fulfilling service commitment or receiving medical help.

### **Habitat for Humanity Veterans Build -West Bay**

Phone: 401-732-6407

<https://www.habitatriwestbay.org/>

West Bay Habitat for Humanity offers a program to help maintain and preserve homes and make them more energy-efficient and affordable including critical home repairs to military veteran homeowners.

### **Honor Flight**

PO Box 28132

Providence, RI 02908

Phone: 401-354-7905

<https://www.rihonorflight.com/#apply>

The RI Fire Chiefs Honor Flight offers WWII and Korean War Veterans a free trip to visit the memorials in Washington, DC.

### **New Englanders Helping Our Veterans (NEHOV)**

1515 Douglas Pike

Burrillville, RI 02830

Phone: 401-649-2548

<https://www.nehov.org/>

NEHOV assists Veterans in need to give them easier access to help. Veterans need to provide proof of serving our country, apply in writing via email or postal mail.

## **Operation Stand Down Rhode Island**

1010 Hartford Avenue

Johnston, RI 02919

Phone: 401-383-4730

<https://osdri.org/>

Serves homeless and disabled veterans. Assistance includes social services, counseling, and emergency and permanent housing, job training.

## **R.I. Veterans Action Center**

685 Cranston Street

Providence, RI 02917

Phone: 401-521-6711

<https://ofccp-apps.dol.gov/node/324010>

The RI Veterans Action Center is a community-based veterans service organization providing improved opportunities for RI's veterans by assisting with benefits, housing, and basic needs.

## **USA Veterans & Military Support Foundation**

Phone: 401-648-6655

<https://usavmsf.org/about/>

The mission is to provide programs, services and goods that help meet critical needs and enhance quality of life for Veterans, active-duty Military and their families.

**YWCA Gateway to Independence**

164 Delaine St, Providence, RI 02909

Phone: 401-351-2279

<https://tari.myresourcedirectory.com/index.php/component/cpx/?task=resource.view&id=4388361>

50 bed men's veteran shelter. The veteran must be homeless, clean and sober for at least 30 days and had been honorably discharged from the military. He must not ever have been convicted of a sex crime.

## **Education Resources**

### **GI Bill and other VA Education Benefits**

<https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>

This website will help you find out how to apply for the GI Bill and other VA education benefits as a Veteran, service member, or qualified family member.

### **Disabled Veterans Tuition Waiver (DAV Waiver)**

<http://www.vets.rh.gov/includes/benefits/education/dvtw.php>

Rhode Island residents with a VA service-related disability of at least 10 percent may apply for a Disabled Veterans Tuition Waiver to receive free tuition at a RI state college.

### **VetSuccess on Campus**

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/vsoc.asp>

The VSOC program aims to help Veterans, Servicemembers, and their qualified dependents succeed by providing a coordinated delivery of on-campus benefits assistance and counseling, leading to completion of their education.

### **Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR & E)**

380 Westminster St

Providence, RI 401-223-3611

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp>

Provides help with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job seeking skills coaching.

## **Community College of Rhode Island**

Veteran Service Office

Knight Campus Room 0034

Flanagan Campus Room 2312

Liston Campus Room 2220

Newport Campus Room 204

Email: [Veteranservices@ccri.edu](mailto:Veteranservices@ccri.edu)

<https://www.ccri.edu/vso/>

## **RI Department of Labor & Training – Veterans Services**

1511 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, RI 02920

Phone: 401-462-8700

<https://dlt.ri.gov/individuals/jobseeker-resources/resources-veterans>

Priority job placement assistance, résumé help, career training, and connections to employers who hire veterans.

## **Hire Heroes USA** (national but serves RI)

<https://www.hireheroesusa.org/>

Free job search training, career counseling, and networking for veterans and military spouses.

## **The World War II Foundation**

Phone: 401-644-8244

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

Multimedia documentary & educational resources for all ages about WWII.



**Rhode Island College**

600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue

Providence, RI 02908

Phone: 401-456-8449

<http://www.ric.edu/studentveterans/Pages/default.aspx>

Veteran Affairs and Military Programs Student Union /  
Military Resource Center

**University of Rhode Island Veteran Affairs and  
Military Programs** <https://web.uri.edu/veterans/>**Bristol Community College**

Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center 777 Elsbree St.

Fall River, MA 02720

Phone: 774-357-2227

<http://www.bristolcc.edu/student-services/resources/veteranscenter/>

**Providence Clemente Veterans Initiative**

203 Rochambeau Ave

Providence, RI 02906

Phone: 401-480-6664

<https://clementecourse.org/about-us/veterans/providence-clemente>

The Providence Clemente Veterans' Initiative provides an opportunity to experience a college classroom and earn transferable college credits at no cost, and without using any VA benefits. All books and instructional materials are provided free to participants.

## **Legal Resources**

### **RI Legal Services**

56 Pine St, 4th floor

Providence, Ri 02903

Phone: 401-274-2652

And

50 Washington Square, Newport, RI 02840

Phone: 401-846-2264

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

RILS offers a wide array of legal services to eligible individuals.

### **RI Bar Association Armed Forces Legal Services Project**

Phone: 401-421-7799

This program provides help for a variety of legal issues to military members and their family.

### **Veterans Justice Outreach Program**

<https://www.va.gov/homeless/vjo.asp>

The mission of the Veterans Justice Programs is to identify justice-involved Veterans and contact them through outreach, in order to facilitate access to VA services at the earliest possible point.

## **Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Resources**

### **Veterans Crisis Line**

Phone: 1-800-273-8255 Press 1

Text 838255

Chat <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat>  
<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

For TTY users: Use your preferred relay service, or dial 711 then 1-800-273-8255. Confidential 24/7/365 support available for ALL Veterans, Service members, National Guard & Reserve, and their family members and friends.

### **BH Link**

975 Waterman Ave

East Providence, RI

Phone: 401-414-5465

Under 18 call 1-855-543-5465

<https://www.bhlink.org/>

BH Link provides immediate assistance to a person in crisis due to a mental health issue or experiencing a substance use disorder emergency.

## **General Addictions Resources**

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Phone: 1-800-439-8860

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

### **Alcoholics Anonymous in Rhode Island**

Phone: 401-438-8860

E-mail: [RICS@Rhodelsland-AA.org](mailto:RICS@Rhodelsland-AA.org)

### **Southern Rhode Island Intergroup**

Phone: 401-739-8777

E-mail: [SRIntergroup@Rhodelsland-AA.org](mailto:SRIntergroup@Rhodelsland-AA.org)

### **AA Oficina Intergupal**

Phone: 401-621-9698

### **Area 61 (Rhode Island)**

Phone: 401-739-8777

### **Narcotics Anonymous**

Phone: 1-818-773-9999

Meeting lists can be printed out

### **The Greater Providence Area of NA**

Phone: 1-866-624-357

### **Gamblers Anonymous**

Phone: 1-888-GA-HELPS (1-888-424-3577)

### **RI Problem Gambling Helpline**

Phone: 1-877-9-GAMBLE (1-877-942-6253)

### **Compulsive Hoarding**

Phone: 401-455-6484

## **Long Term Care Information for Veterans**

### **VA Aid & Attendance Benefit**

<https://www.va.gov/pension/aid-attendance-housebound/>

Veterans, their spouses, and dependents who are eligible for a VA pension and require the help of another person, or are homebound, may be eligible for additional payments if they meet specific conditions.

### **VA Caregiver Support Program at the PVAMC (CSP)**

Phone: 401-273-7100 x13283

[www.caregiver.va.gov](http://www.caregiver.va.gov)

Staff provide Caregivers with navigation assistance with VA programs, assessment of CSP program eligibility, benefit counseling, resources, education and support.

### **VA Geriatrics and Extended Care at the PVAMC (GEC)**

[https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/Long\\_Term\\_Services\\_and\\_Supports\\_Overview.asp](https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/Long_Term_Services_and_Supports_Overview.asp)

GEC programs include but aren't limited to: Adult Day Health Care, Home-based Primary Care, Homemaker, and Home Health Aide Services, Hospice and Palliative Care and Respite.

## **RI Hospice Veteran Partnership**

Phone: 401-256-2741

A collaboration of all of the hospices within RI to provide education in the community for Veterans and their families.

## **RI Elder Info**

Phone: 401-585-0509

<https://rielderinfo.com/>

RI Elder Info provides comprehensive, expert-curated, multilingual, resources and information. 1:1 information, community education and professional trainings are available.

## **RI Veterans Home Community Living Center**

480 Metacom Avenue

Bristol, RI 02809

Phone: 401-253-8000

<https://vets.ri.gov/find-your-benefits/ri-veterans-home>

Provides quality nursing and residential care to Rhode Island war veterans in need. Social, medical, nursing, and rehabilitative services are also provided to veterans.

Eligibility:

Honorable discharge.

Veterans with 90-days (active) service during wartime.

RI resident for 2 consecutive years prior to the date of application OR joined the service from RI. The Rhode Island Veterans Home will accept any Veteran they are licensed to accept, however, the Medical Director has the authority to approve or disapprove any Veteran's diagnosis for admission to the Home.

Documentation Required:

DD-214.

Medical records from Primary Care Physician (at least 2 previous years).

Copy of Guardianship or Power of Attorney for Health Care/Finances forms if applicable.

## **Congressional Delegation**

### **Senator Jack Reed**

1000 Chapel View Boulevard Suite 290

Cranston, RI 02920

Phone: 401-943-3100

[www.reed.senate.gov](http://www.reed.senate.gov)

### **Senator Sheldon Whitehouse**

170 Westminster St., Ste. 200

Providence, RI 02903

Phone: 401-453-5294

<http://www.whitehouse.senate.gov>

### **Congressman Gabe Amo**

10 Charles St., Ste. 200

Providence, RI, 02904

Phone: 401-732-9400

<http://amo.house.gov/>

### **Congressman Seth Magaziner**

935 Jefferson Blvd

Warwick, RI, 02886

Phone: 401-244-1201

<https://magaziner.house.gov/>