

Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

Blind / Low Vision Resources

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Blind Rehabilitation Services – U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Outpatient Blind Rehabilitation Clinic

202-745-8000 (V)

DC VA Medical Center

50 Irving Street, NW

Washington, DC 20422

www.rehab.va.gov/blindrehab/index.asp

Support blind and low vision veterans and active duty servicemembers in regaining their independence and quality of life to enable their successful integration into family and community life. Support family and significant others to better understand visual impairment and foster the provision of appropriate support, to assist in enhancing home environments and to reduce caregiver burden. The Blind Rehabilitation Centers (BRC) are residential inpatient programs that provide comprehensive adjustment to blindness training and serve as a resource to a geographic area usually comprised of several states. BRCs offer a variety of skill courses designed to help blinded veterans achieve a realistic level of independence. These skill areas include: orientation and mobility; communication skills; activities of daily living; manual skills; visual skills; computer access training; and social/recreational activities. The veteran is also assisted in making emotional and behavioral adjustments to blindness through individual counseling sessions and group therapy meetings.

Blinded Veterans Association (BVA)

E-mail: bva@bva.org

1-800-669-7079 (Toll Free)

www.bva.org

BVA Veterans Services for the Blind Resource Center

1-844-250-5180 (Toll Free)

125 N. West Street, 3rd Floor

Hours: Monday through Friday,

Alexandria, VA 22314

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., EST

E-mail: fieldservice@bva.org

Organization of blinded Veterans helping blinded Veterans. Offer service programs, regional groups, resources, and advocacy. There is no charge for any service and membership is not a prerequisite to obtain help. All legally blinded Veterans are also eligible for BVA's assistance whether they become blind during or after active duty military service. Produce the BVA Bulletin that focuses on issues and events relating to blinded veterans and includes general topics on veterans. Audiocassette versions are sent to members. **Field Service Representatives** assist blind veterans in the development of benefit claims for the Department of Veterans Affairs. This includes compensation, pension, death benefits (for widows), housing adaptation grants, automobile grants, etc. **Operation Peer Support** program designed to support the hundreds men and women who are returning to the US blinded or experiencing significant visual impairment in connection with their service fighting the Global War on Terror; Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). **Volunteer Service Program** is designed to support men and women who are blinded or experiencing significant visual impairment by providing programs and support through volunteerism.

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind – Veteran Services

8757 Georgia Avenue, Suite 805

301-589-0894 (V)

Silver Spring, MD 20910

E-mail: info@clb.org

www.clb.org

Offer an employment/ training program for veterans and returning warriors who are blind or vision impaired. The program will supply high quality, effective workforce development training services to ensure that they are "job ready". Services include career assessments, assistive technology assessments and training, resume writing, interviewing, job development training (training internship program), job development placement and retention, computer training, orientation and mobility training, independent living skills, and case management. Also offer rehabilitation programs, orientation and mobility training, independent living skills, and Braille instruction.

Low Vision Clinics – VA Maryland Health Care System

www.va.gov/OPTOMETRY/Low_Vision_Rehabilitation.asp

Baltimore VA Medical Center

10 North Green Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

www.va.gov/maryland-health-care/locations/baltimore-va-medical-center

410-605-7000 (V)

Loch Raven Advanced Low Vision Clinic

3901 The Alameda

Baltimore, MD 21218

www.va.gov/maryland-health-care/locations/loch-raven-va-medical-center

410-605-7650 (V)

Services include support groups, advanced low vision comprehensive rehabilitation, comprehensive blind rehabilitation, in-home or in the Advanced Low vision clinic rehabilitation, ongoing case management, comprehensive evaluations for magnification, appropriate lighting, talking watches, talking clocks, computer accessibility, orientation and mobility, kitchen safety and all other areas of daily living, and evaluation for eligibility for VA and community resources and benefits. To be eligible for any of these services you must be honorably discharged from the military and be enrolled in the VA for care.

Mid-Atlantic Regional Group Blind Veterans Association

National Field Service Training Coordinator

1722 I Street, NW

Washington, DC 20421

www.margbva.org

202-530-9286 (V)
1-800-669-7079 x 6002 (Toll Free)

Baltimore Maryland VA Medical Center

Sonya Morris, VIST Coordinator

William Lange, Blind Rehabilitation Outreach Specialist

10 North Greene Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

410-605-7000 (V)
410-605-7000 x 5124 (Sonya Morris)
410-605-7000 x 5160 (William Lange)

Washington D.C. VA Medical Center:

Lillie Kennedy, VIST Coordinator

Cecilia Rose, Blind Rehabilitation Outreach Specialist

50 Irving Street NW

Washington, DC 20422

202-745-8000 (V)
202-745-8621 (Lillie Kennedy)
202-745-8000 x 5007 (Cecilia Rose)

Dedicated to serving our country's blind and visually impaired Veterans. Information on activities around the regional area, legislative news, and veterans benefits. The **Field Service Representative** is responsible for assisting blinded veterans in the development of benefit claims for the Department of Veterans Affairs. This includes compensation, pension, death benefits (for widows), housing adaptation grants, automobile grants, etc. They provide any assistance to other services i.e. the Visual Impairment Services Team(VIST) program and any other state agencies for blinded veterans as required.