

Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

Volunteer Organizations

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Armed Services YMCA of the USA

7405 Alban Station Court, Suite B215
Springfield, VA 22150
E-mail: info@asymca.org
www.asymca.org

1-800-597-1260 (Toll Free)

Offers junior-enlisted (paygrades E5 and below) personnel and their families low cost programs in a variety of areas, including childcare, hospital assistance, spousal support, computer training classes, food services and holiday meals. The ASYMCA provides educational, recreational, social and religious support services to service members and their families across the nation. For military children, ASYMCA coordinates summer camps, recreation groups specifically oriented to teens, and after-school enrichment activities. ASYMCA's Operation Hero aids children from six to twelve years of age who are experiencing temporary difficulty in school, both socially and academically. The semester-long program combines after-school tutoring and mentoring assistance from certified teachers in a small group structure. ASYMCA also provides supplemental healthcare and medical assistance to personnel and their families, including access to discount vision service/free eye exams and babysitting for parents to attend medical appointments, together with non-medical advice and support on the base to military spouses needing information about infant childcare.

Blinded Veterans Association

125 North West Street, 3rd Floor
Alexandria, VA 22314
E-mail: bva@bva.org
www.bva.org

202-371-8880 (V)
1-800-669-7079 (Toll Free)

Operate a field service program comprising of blinded veterans who travel around the United States finding and counseling blinded veterans and their families. These field service representatives link veterans with medical and rehabilitation services, job training and placement, and other benefits. BVA also produces the BVA Bulletin, a quarterly publication containing profiles of member accomplishments, legislative updates, and other news of interest to members. Through funding from the Kathern F. Guber Scholarship program, BVA annually awards scholarships to spouses and dependent children of blinded veterans. BVA's regional offices offer blinded veterans and their families opportunities for recreation, social activities, and support groups.

Disabled American Veterans

National Service and Legislative Headquarters
807 Maine Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20024
www.dav.org

202-554-3501 (V)

Provides free professional assistance to veterans and their families to help them secure government benefits. DAV's Voluntary Services Program operates a comprehensive network of volunteers who provide veterans free rides to and from VA medical facilities and improve care and morale for sick and disabled veterans.

Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

The Cooper Center
18251 Quantico Gateway Drive
Triangle, VA 22172
E-mail: mtff@toysfortots.org
www.toysfortots.org

703-640-9433 (V)

Collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. Local Toys for Tots Campaign Coordinators conduct an array of activities throughout the year, which include golf tournaments, foot races, bicycle races and other voluntary events designed to increase interest in Toys for Tots, and concurrently generate toys and monetary donations.

National Military Family Association

3601 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 425
Alexandria, VA 22304
E-mail: info@militaryfamily.org
www.militaryfamily.org

1-800-260-0218 (Toll Free)

Educate uniformed services families on the benefits and services available to them and to inform them of the issues that affect their lives. Programs include Operation Purple Camps, which are free summer camps for the children of soldiers deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Operation Purple Camps aims to give kids the coping skills and support networks of peers to better handle these issues. Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships are awarded to spouses of uniformed service members (active duty, National Guard and Reserve, retirees, and survivors) to obtain professional certification or to attend post secondary or graduate school.

Operation Homefront

E-mail: info@operationhomefront.net
www.operationhomefront.net

1-800-722-6098 (Toll Free)

Provide financial assistance, emergency food, emergency home repairs, critical baby items: formula, food and diapers, home and appliance repair, furniture and household items, local moving assistance, community events, and Wounded Warrior Transitional Family Housing. Operation Homefront Village allows returning service members disabled from injuries to live rent free while they go through the transition process. Operation Homefront Village - Bethesda is located in Gaithersburg, MD and serves those primarily being treated at Bethesda Naval Medical Center.

Operation Stars & Stripes

E-mail: info@operationstarsandstripes.org
www.operationstarsandstripes.org

770-509-1156 (V)

Not-for-profit organization seeks to support active duty personnel, reservists, national guardsmen, veterans, and their families by offering support and encouragement through individualized correspondence and care packages while he or she works under difficult and dangerous conditions overseas and assistance domestically to enhance the quality of life of service members, veterans, and their families.

Silver Star Families of America

E-mail: stevenewton69@hotmail.com
www.silverstarfamilies.org

The organization issues a Silver Star Service Banner and certificate to every wounded and ill Soldier that meets qualifications, and requests one. The hospice program provides Prayer Blankets to Veterans palliative care and has a game, food, card and letter writing team program.

United Spinal Association

E-mail: info@unitedspinal.org
www.unitedspinal.org

1-800-404-2898 (Toll Free)

VetsFirst program advocates for all generations of veterans, including individuals living with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries. VetsFirst's network of National Service Officers provides free assistance, resources, and representation for veterans struggling to navigate the intricate and often confusing VA claims process.

USO

www.uso.org

1-888-481-3876 (Toll Free)

The USO offers a variety of programs and services that support the morale, welfare, social and entertainment needs of American service men and women and their families. The USO delivers its programs and services at more than 130 centers located worldwide. Each center provides programs and services geared to the needs of the community it supports, whether it be airport centers, family and community centers or Mobile USOs which reach out to troops in remote and sometimes unstable locations. Such programs and services include free Internet and e-mail access, libraries and reading rooms, housing assistance, family crisis counseling, support groups, game rooms, nursery facilities, cultural education, and recreational activities. USO celebrity entertainment tours provide concerts, comedy shows, sports clinics and celebrity handshake tours to entertain, lift morale and express the gratitude and support of the American people.

Wounded Warrior Project

www.woundedwarriorproject.org

1-877-832-6997 (Toll Free)

Wounded Warrior Project™ (WWP) exists to honor and empower Wounded Warriors who incur service-connected wounds, injuries, and illnesses on or after September 11, 2001. The Backpack Program provides comfort items in male and female versions as the severely wounded arrive at military trauma centers in the United States. A compact version is provided in Iraq and Afghanistan. WWP benefits counselors identify government benefits and services for patients in their communities and to re-enter civilian life. The Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project offers snow skiing, water skiing, canoeing, golf, cycling, and rock climbing to injured service members and their families, helping develop a positive self-image and outlook and combat depression and alienation. WWP Outdoors allows veterans to be outdoors and active while hunting, fishing, shooting, camping, and boating, so they build friendships and have a feeling of empowerment in their healing process. Warriors to Work finds occupational direction and possible employment based on injured service members' skill sets, interests, and employment opportunities. With outside groups, WWP develops tools for disabled applicants and employers. Two-day "Coping with Combat Stress" seminars help disabled and able-bodied service members deal with the effects of combat stress while reintegrating into civilian life. The Wounded Warrior Service Excellence Scholar Program offers severely-injured veterans a stipend for living expenses during college while helping other injured service members.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

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Washington, DC 20037
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www.vvmf.org

202-393-0090 (V)

Host ceremonies on Father's Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and during the Christmas holidays, which allow the public throughout the year to remember and pay tribute to friends and loved ones whose names are inscribed on the Memorial. Maintain the In Memory program that sets aside a day each year to honor those who served in Vietnam and died prematurely as a result of that service, but whose deaths do not fit the Department of Defense criteria for inclusion on The Wall. This includes deaths that may have resulted from exposure to Agent Orange or PTSD-induced suicides. Website also contains the Virtual Wall, which features a page for every person whose name is on the Memorial.