

# Veterans Network Directory - Montgomery County, MD

## Deaf / Hard of Hearing

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## For more Deaf resources, please visit: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Resources/Files/A%26D%20Docs/DND/DNDDeafResources.pdf

For more Hard of Hearing resources, please visit: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Resources/Files/A%26D%20Docs/DND/DNDHardOfHearing.pdf

## Hearing Aids – Prosthetic & Sensory Aids – U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Washington DC VA Medical Center 50 Irving Street, NW Washington, DC 20422

**Baltimore VA Medical Center** 

10 North Greene Street Baltimore, MD 21201

To receive hearing aids through VA, you must first register at the health Administration/enrollment section of the VA Medical Center of your choice. The following documents are usually needed at the time of registration: a copy of the Veteran's DD214, driver's license and health insurance (if available). There are several ways to enroll:

- In person at any VA Medical Center or Clinic
- Online by filling out the Form 10-10EZ
- By mailing completed Form 10-10EZ to the Medical Center of your choice (please be sure to sign your application or it cannot be processed for enrollment)

Once registered (or if already registered), you may schedule an appointment at the Audiology and Speech Pathology Clinic for an evaluation of your hearing. The audiologist will make a clinical determination on the need for hearing aids and/or other hearing assistive devices. If hearing aids are recommended and fit, the hearing aids, repairs, and future batteries will all be at no charge to you, as long as you maintain VA eligibility for care.

## Hearing Loss – U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs

The VA provides hearing services that include screening and prevention, treatment of hearing loss and balance disorders, tinnitus education and management, and auditory rehabilitation services to optimize residual hearing at VA sites of care. It is VA <u>policy</u> that all veterans enrolled in VA health care are eligible for medical services that include diagnostic audiology. Many veterans are also eligible to receive hearing aids from VA.

VA veterans with hearing loss, particularly when caused by their military service, may be eligible for disability benefits. These benefits are determined by the VA's disability rating system, which assesses the severity of the hearing loss and its impact on daily life.

## **Eligibility and Service Connection:**

- Veterans must have a diagnosis of hearing loss from an audiologist.
- Demonstrate that the hearing loss is service-connected, meaning it was caused or worsened by their time in service.
- The VA uses specific tests, like pure tone audiometry and speech discrimination tests, to evaluate hearing loss severity.

202-745-8000 (V)

410-605-7000 (V)

#### Hearing Loss Association of America

6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 320 Rockville, MD 20852 Email: <u>inquiries@hearingloss.org</u> www.hearingloss.org/get-involved/veterans/

Offer complimentary digital membership or a one-year complimentary non-digital membership to veterans. Membership includes their bi-monthly Hearing Loss Magazine, a helpful resource on the latest in technology, medical issues, legislation, personal stories, and more. Veterans of military service may qualify for assistance with hearing aids and other rehabilitative services. Veterans Across America Virtual Chapter (VAAVC) meets online every 3rd Tuesday of the month, providing nationwide connection and peer support.

#### **Heroes with Hearing Loss**

#### https://heroeswithhearingloss.org

Program is open to the entire veteran and active service community interested in learning more about the effects of hearing loss and its impact on overall health outcomes, solutions, treatments, emerging research as well as medical and technological advances in the field. Join the program for access to their growing library of resources including articles, blogs, infographics and videos, as well as other educational materials. Certified Veterans Service Officers or hearing healthcare professionals may certify any veteran with a qualified hearing loss to receive a no-cost Hamilton CapTel captioned telephone by completing the Certificate of Hearing Loss/Order Form online.