

Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

Disability Supports

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Blinded Veterans Association

E-mail: bva@bva.org
www.bva.org

202-371-8880 (V)

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. Operation Peer Support connects combat-blinded veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam with newly blinded veterans who have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. BVA 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.

Computer/Electronic Accommodation Program (CAP)

E-mail: cap@mail.mil
www.cap.mil

703-614-8416 (V)
571-384-5629 (Videophone)

CAP provides needs assessments, assistive technology, and training to our nation's wounded service members throughout all phases of recovery and the transition to employment. CAP works with medical providers, therapists, case managers, and military liaisons at military treatment facilities (MTFs) to increase awareness and availability of assistive technology (AT). Once the appropriate AT has been identified, CAP provides the solutions, free of charge, to support a service member's medical recovery and rehabilitation.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) – Transportation Network

Department of Maryland

Tommie L. Hawkins, State TN/Service Coordinator
101 N. Gay Street, Rm. B
Baltimore, MD 21201

410-539-1310 (V)

Baltimore VAMC

Rosaria Ann Thompson, Hospital Service Coordinator
10 N. Greene St., Rom. 1D161
Baltimore, MD 21201

410-605-7000 x 6733 (V)

www.dav.org

The DAV also operates a fleet of vehicles around the country to provide free transportation to VA medical facilities for injured and ill veterans. Local transportation coordinators are listed above.

Driver Rehabilitation Program – VA Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Services

1-800-463-6295 x 5804 (Toll Free)

The Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) Service provides professional evaluation and instruction in the safe, competent utilization of special add-on equipment, and mastery of specific skills and techniques to effectively drive a motor vehicle, independently, and in accordance with State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) regulations for all eligible Veterans with disabilities and certain military personnel at 48 Certified Driver Training Programs across VHA.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

EFMP is a military program that identifies active duty military families with a member who had special medical needs and/or special education needs. The program is available to service members in the Army, Navy and Air Force, and seeks to ensure that there are suitable services available for family members within the region. Staff assist the service member in identifying available services at their next assignment, confirm the availability of medical and educational support at overseas locations, and identify the need for assignment within major medical areas. Enrollment is mandatory and required immediately upon identification of a special need. The required forms for enrollment are:

- [DD Form 2792, Exceptional Family Member Medical Summary](#) for medical issues only
- [DD Form 2792-1, Exceptional Family Member Special Education/Early Intervention Summary](#) for educational issues

For more information, contact your nearest military facility:

Army

Walter Reed Army Medical Center 202-782-0453 (V)
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW, Building 17
Washington, DC 20307

Fort G. Meade 301-677-5590 (V)
Army Community Service
4217 Roberts Avenue
Fort Meade, MD 20755

Fort Detrick
Army Community Service 301-619-3385 (V)
1520 Freedman Drive
Fort Detrick, MD 21702

Air Force

1565 AF Pentagon 703-693-9460 (V)
Room 5C1049
Washington, DC 20330

Marine Corps

807 Hoeffcker Avenue 843-228-7752 (V)
Building #807, Room #2
Beaufort, SC 29904

Navy

Fort G. Meade
Fleet and Family Support center 301-677-9014 (V)
Building 2212 Chisholm Avenue
Fort Meade, MD 20755

Coast Guard

Rhonda Creecy 202-372-4088 (V)
2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
CG-11, Office 5P24-00
Washington, DC 20593
E-mail: Rhonda.L.Creecy@uscg.mil

Paralyzed Veterans of America

801 Eighteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
E-mail: info@pva.org
www.pva.org

1-800-424-8200 (Toll Free)
1-866-734-0857 (Benefits Helpline)
1-800-232-1782 (Healthcare Helpline)

Colonial Chapter

356 E. Main Street, Suite 103
Newark, DE 19711
E-mail: colonialpva@gmail.com
www.colonialpva.org

302-861-6671 (V)

Membership is free and open to qualified individuals. You must be a citizen of the United States, a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces whose discharge was other than dishonorable. An individual who has suffered a spinal cord injury as a result of trauma or disease, which results in paralysis of more than one limb. The injury or disease onset could have occurred after discharge/retirement from military service.

The **Veterans Benefits Department (VBD)** provides free, comprehensive benefits assistance and advocacy. The advocacy program offers up-to-date disability rights information and resources on their website. The VBD staff works through a national network of National Service Offices to provide services to paralyzed veterans, their families, and disabled veterans. These services range from bedside visits to guidance in the VA claims process to legal representation for appealing denied claims.

Medical Services: PVA has a team of experienced registered nurses, physicians, and support staff to monitor and respond to inquiries from across the country regarding spinal cord injury and disease (SCI/D). Support can be accessed by calling the Healthcare Helpline. In addition, the team conducts routine on-site visits to review the quality of medical care provided to our members.

Colonial Chapter board, general membership, executive committee and other committee meetings are held at the Elkton VFW, 208 W. High Street, Elkton, MD 21921. The **Accessibility Needs Program** provides financial assistance for aids such as ramps, wheelchair home and bathroom modifications, vehicle modifications, wheelchairs, walkers and more for those who are disabled and meet financial guidelines. You do not need to be a veteran to receive assistance through this program. Must be a resident of Delaware or Maryland. For those who can afford the cost of an aid, they may provide financial assistance in locating a contractor to build one.

Phoenix Computers

11910-G Parklawn Drive
Rockville, MD 20852
E-mail: phoenixcomputers.questions@gmail.com
www.phoenixcomputers.info

301-881-4500 (V)
Hours: Mondays and Wednesday,
10:00am to 5:00pm (Call ahead of time)

Local all volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit that serves the Washington DC area. Provides low cost refurbished computers to low-income families and individuals with disabilities. Work with the VA locally to help veterans return to the work place and communicate with their health care providers and support teams in the VA. Referral is needed in order to obtain a computer. Referrals can be obtained from the VA support staff or from another organization.

Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Services - Department of Veterans Affairs

Washington DC VA Medical Center
50 Irving Street, NW
Washington, DC 20422
www.prosthetics.va.gov

202-745-8000 (V)

Comprised of national programs for: Audiology and Speech Pathology; Blind Rehabilitation; Chiropractic Care; Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation; Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service; and, Recreation Therapy. Special programs include Polytrauma/Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) System of Care, Amputation System of Care, and Blind Rehabilitation Care Continuum.

TRICARE Extended Care Health Option (ECHO)

TRICARE North Region

1-877-874-2273 (Toll Free)

www.tricare.mil/Plans/SpecialPrograms/ECHO.aspx

Provide financial assistance only for active duty family members with specific qualifying mental or physical conditions (view link for eligibility requirements). Provide benefits not available through the basic TRICARE program, such as coverage for assistive services, durable equipment (including adaptation and maintenance), expanded in-home medical services through TRICARE ECHO Home Health Care (EHHC), medical and rehabilitative services, in-home respite care services, training to use assistive technology devices, institutional care when a residential environment is required, special education, and transportation under certain limited circumstances.

U.S. Department of Justice - Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section

950 Pennsylvania Avenue

DRS-NYA

Washington, DC 20530

www.ada.gov

1-800-514-0301 (ADA Information Line)

1-800-514-0383 (TTY)

ADA: Know Your Rights -- Returning Service Members with Disabilities -

www.ada.gov/servicemembers_adainfo.html

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

www.va.gov

1-800-827-1000 (V)

VA can pay additional compensation to a veteran who, as a result of military service, incurred the loss of or loss of use of specific organs or extremities. **Fact Sheet: Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) for Serious Disabilities:**

www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/serviceconnected/smc.pdf

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

www.eeoc.gov/laws/types/disability.cfm

Information on Veterans with service-connected disabilities in the workplace and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).