



## Veterans Network Directory - Montgomery County, MD

### Homelessness

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#### Bethesda Cares

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

301-907-9244 (V)

**Veterans Rapid Rehousing Program:** Bethesda Cares is fully committed to ensuring that all homeless veterans are immediately placed into housing. Participate in a county-wide program called the Veterans Rapid Rehousing Program. When an outreach workers uncovers a homeless veteran, they expedite their case and swiftly find them housing. They then provide their first month's rent and an ongoing monthly subsidy to keep them housed. At the same time, they work with them as case managers and counselors, helping them with government benefits, career searches, and counseling.

**Housing Initiative Program:** A tool designed to keep formerly homeless clients in permanent supportive housing. These individuals, once chronically homeless and now living in permanent supportive housing units, receive home visits from our staff as often as six times a month. Help them access medical care, social services and counseling, and guide them through the transitory process of leaving homelessness behind, and once again becoming fully functional community members.

**Housing Stabilization Program (eviction/utility shut-off prevention):** Assist county-wide keeping area residents safe in their homes with their utilities turned on. Collaborate with a large network of local providers and partner to package grant assistance to county residents under severe financial distress. Eviction Prevention Manager reviews each request from an individual requesting rent support. After an individual undergoes an approval process, a grant is sent directly to the appropriate landlord/utility company. A critical safety-net program, this assistance has helped thousands of low-income residents of our county avoid homelessness or the loss of their utilities.

**Meal Program:** Weekday lunch program takes place Monday through Friday at the Church in Bethesda, located at 5033 Wilson Lane, between the hours of 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Saturday lunch program takes place each Saturday at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, located at 7601 Clarendon Road between 11 a.m. and noon. On Sunday we serve dinner at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 7500 Pearl Street, from 5 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.

**Drop-In Center:** Located at 7728 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Offer a wide range of services: access to Outreach Team for people experiencing homelessness; eviction and utility shut-off prevention; referrals to clothing closet; sign up for shower program; information about daily meal program (details below); mail service; a phone for your use; hot coffee and a snack; a bathroom; psychiatric assistance; limited medical prescription assistance; and always a warm welcome.

## Compensated Work Therapy – U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

[www.va.gov/health/cwt](http://www.va.gov/health/cwt)

### Baltimore VA Medical Center

10 North Green Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

410-642-2441 x 25725 (V)

[www.va.gov/maryland-health-care/locations/baltimore-va-medical-center/](http://www.va.gov/maryland-health-care/locations/baltimore-va-medical-center/)

### Washington DC VA Medical Center

50 Irving Street, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20422

202-745-8000 (V)

[www.va.gov/washington-dc-health-care/locations/washington-va-medical-center/](http://www.va.gov/washington-dc-health-care/locations/washington-va-medical-center/)

Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) is a clinical vocational rehabilitation program that provides evidence based and evidence informed vocational rehabilitation services. The VA has partnerships with business, industry and government agencies to provide veteran candidates for employment and veteran labor, and employment supports to veterans and employers. CWT programs strive to maintain highly responsive long-term quality relationships with business, government agencies, and industry promoting employment opportunities for Veterans with physical and mental health challenges. CWT programs are located within all VA medical centers.

## Disabled American Veterans (DAV) - Homeless Veterans Initiative

DAV National Service Office  
Phil Surace, National Service Officer  
VARO Federal Building  
Rm 1229, 31 Hopkins Plaza  
Baltimore, MD 21201

410-230-4440 (V)

[www.dav.org/veterans/outreach-programs/homeless-veterans](http://www.dav.org/veterans/outreach-programs/homeless-veterans)

Promote the development of supportive housing and necessary services to assist homeless veterans become productive, self-sufficient members of society. Counsel individuals on the many VA benefits for which they may be entitled.

## Easterseals DC | MD | VA – Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP)

1420 Spring Street  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
Email: [veterans@eseal.org](mailto:veterans@eseal.org)

301-588-8700 (V)

[www.easterseals.com/DCMDVA/our-programs/military-veteran-services/veterans-employment.html](http://www.easterseals.com/DCMDVA/our-programs/military-veteran-services/veterans-employment.html)

Help veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness reintegrate into the labor force. Prepare male and female veterans for stable, long-term employment. HVRP addresses their complex needs, helping them enroll in local support services. Dedicated case managers work with veterans to create an Individualized Employment Plan (IEP). The IEP details employment goals, strategies, and outcomes so that the veterans we serve can successfully reintegrate into the labor force and community. Services include personalized assessment and career planning; employment counseling; funds for in-demand job training and certifications; job placement services and follow ups; and referrals to supportive services (housing, health, legal, transportation). Serve veterans throughout Washington, DC; Maryland; and Virginia.

To qualify for the program, a veteran must meet the following criteria:

- Homeless or at risk of homelessness (includes homeless within the last 60 days; imminent risk of homelessness; enrolled in HUD-VASH or SSVF RRH; transitioning from incarceration; or low-income families who are losing their housing)
- Veteran status (with proof: DD214)
- Active-duty service & discharge other than dishonorable

\* If you are a veteran and do not qualify for Easterseals Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, please contact Easterseals Veteran Staffing Network via email at [careercoach@eseal.org](mailto:careercoach@eseal.org) or visit [www.veteranstaffingnetwork.org](http://www.veteranstaffingnetwork.org).

## Final Salute

Jas Boothe, Founder/President

703-224-8845 (V)

Email: [leadership@finalesaluteinc.org](mailto:leadership@finalesaluteinc.org)  
[www.finalesaluteinc.org](http://www.finalesaluteinc.org)

The **Housing Outreach Mentorship Encouragement (H.O.M.E.)** program provides transitional housing, on-site case management, food, clothing, transportation, childcare subsidy/assistance, employment support and other essential supportive services to homeless women Veterans and their children. The program focuses on integrating women veterans back into their local communities and providing vast, safe and suitable residential areas to choose from. The program is a collaboration with our resource partners that includes targeted supportive services to assist women veterans in reaching their goals. Also assist with permanent placement once veterans are ready to transition from residential facilities.

The **Savings Assessment and Financial Education (S.A.F.E.)** program helps to prevent homelessness by providing emergency financial assistance. Program recipients also receive resources on saving, budgeting and living on a fixed income. S.A.F.E. eases financial hardships by providing assistance with past due rent, new lease deposit and utility assistance. The program is open to women veterans and members of the U.S. Military Reserve and Guard component forces, regardless of their location.

## Friendship Place – Veterans First

Email: [vfscreen@friendshipplace.org](mailto:vfscreen@friendshipplace.org)

202-658-9599 (V)

<https://friendshipplace.org/programs-outreach/veterans-first/>

Staff provide case management services aimed at housing stability. These services may include assistance with locating and moving into a permanent housing unit, connecting with benefits, employment assistance, connecting with medical and mental health care, budgeting, and other needs identified during intake.

To participate in the Veterans First program, you must be a single veteran or a household that includes a veteran who has served on active duty in the military, naval, or air service\* and not have been given a dishonorable discharge, have an income below the 50% median income for their area, and be homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

The Veterans First program serves Washington D.C., Prince George's, Montgomery, and Frederick Counties in Maryland, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, and Arlington Counties in Virginia, as well as the City of Alexandria, Virginia. Friendship Place is a recipient of the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Eileen Devine, LCSW, National Director of HCHV

503-957-3360 (Work Cell)

Email: [eileen.devine@va.gov](mailto:eileen.devine@va.gov)

1-877-4AID-VET (Toll Free Hotline)

[www.va.gov/homeless/hchv.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/hchv.asp)

Program offers outreach, exams, treatment, referrals, and case management to homeless Veterans at more than 135 sites where trained, caring VA specialists provide tools and support necessary to get your life on a better track. HCHV staff conduct outreach to identify homeless Veterans encountered in encampments, shelters, drop-in centers, and other community locations. The intent of outreach is to provide Veterans with information on resources such as housing assistance, medical and psychiatric inpatient and outpatient treatment programs, other community-based residential programs or social services and encourage Veterans to participate in the assessment of and engagement with these services. HCHV works to lower barriers and maintain easy access for Veterans to receive services in VA and the community.

## Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc. – Veterans Legal Assistance

201 N. Charles Street, Suite 1104  
Baltimore, MD 21201

410-685-6589 (V)

[www.hprplaw.org/veterans-legal-assistance](http://www.hprplaw.org/veterans-legal-assistance)

### Satellite Office Serving Montgomery and Prince George's Counties

1111 Spring Street, Suite 110  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Offers legal assistance to homeless or low-income veterans in Maryland. Assistance includes service-connected disability benefits, non-service connection pension, and discharge upgrades.

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## Homeless Programs & Initiatives - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Benefits Administration  
31 Hopkins Plaza  
Baltimore, MD 21201

1-800-827-1000 (Toll Free)  
1-877-424-3838  
(National Call Center for Homeless Veterans)

[www.va.gov/homeless/hchv.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/hchv.asp)

### Permanent Housing Assistance for Veterans - HUD-VASH Supported Housing Program

[www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp)

This collaborative program between HUD and VA combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help Veterans who are homeless and their families find and sustain permanent housing. Through public housing authorities, HUD provides rental assistance vouchers for privately owned housing to Veterans who are experiencing homelessness. VA case managers may connect these Veterans with support services such as health care, mental health treatment and substance use counseling to help them in their recovery process and with their ability to maintain housing in the community. Among VA homeless continuum of care programs, HUD-VASH enrolls the largest number and largest percentage of Veterans who have experienced long-term or repeated homelessness.

### Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

[www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/index.html](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/index.html)

For very low-income Veterans, SSVF provides case management and supportive services to prevent the imminent loss of a Veteran's home or identify a new, more suitable housing situation for the individual and his or her family; or to rapidly re-house Veterans and their families who are homeless and might remain homeless without this assistance. Through referrals and direct outreach, nonprofit agencies and community cooperatives use SSVF funding to quickly house Veterans and their families who are homeless and keep others from slipping into homelessness by providing time-limited supportive services that promote housing stability. Case management includes help securing VA and other benefits such as educational aid and financial planning.

### Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation and Treatment Programs (MH RRTP) - Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans (DCHV) Program

[www.va.gov/homeless/dchv.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/dchv.asp)

The MH RRTPs are designed to provide state-of-the-art, high-quality residential rehabilitation and treatment services for Veterans with multiple and severe medical conditions, mental illness, addiction, or psychosocial deficits. The MH RRTP identifies and addresses goals of rehabilitation, recovery, health maintenance, improved quality of life, and community integration in addition to specific treatment of medical conditions, mental illnesses, addictive disorders, and homelessness. The residential component emphasizes incorporation of clinical treatment gains into a lifestyle of self-care and personal responsibility. Treatment intensity, environmental structures, milieu, and type of supervision vary based on population served, and need to be relevant to the diversity of the population, e.g., age, ethnicity, and culture.

## Homeless Veteran Care - VA Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC)

Denneze Nelson, Homeless Veterans Coordinator  
Email: [denneze.nelson@va.gov](mailto:denneze.nelson@va.gov)

202-745-3012 x 53653 (Denneze Nelson)  
202-948-6176 (Denneze Nelson - Work Cell)

Fatmata Kamara, VA Outreach Social Worker  
Email: [fatmata.kamara@va.gov](mailto:fatmata.kamara@va.gov)

202-256-9261 (Fatmata Kamara)  
202-745-3012 ext. 8 (Homeless Veteran Care Main Line)

Leah Lyons, VA Outreach Social Worker  
Email: [leah.lyons@va.gov](mailto:leah.lyons@va.gov)

1500 Franklin Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20018

[www.va.gov/washington-dc-health-care/health-services/homeless-veteran-care](http://www.va.gov/washington-dc-health-care/health-services/homeless-veteran-care)

Help veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless due to financial hardship, unemployment, addiction, depression, or transition from jail. Get help with immediate food and shelter, including both transitional and permanent housing; job training, life skills development, and education; support with justice system navigation and community re-entry from jail; financial support to prevent homelessness; treatment for addiction and depression; and health and dental care.

**Homeless Veterans Dental Program** is sponsored by the VA Office of Dentistry and works in partnership with internal and external groups that serve the needs of homeless Veterans. Dental eligibility for veterans who are in certain VA-sponsored rehabilitation programs is available through the VA.

## Homeless Veterans Community Employment Services (HVCES) – U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

### Maryland HVCES

Wendy Brown-Hasaj, Community Employment Coordinator  
[wendy.brown-hasaj@va.gov](mailto:wendy.brown-hasaj@va.gov)

### District of Columbia HVCES

Will Hightower, Community Employment Coordinator  
[will.hightower@va.gov](mailto:will.hightower@va.gov)  
[www.va.gov/HOMELESS/HVCES.asp](http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/HVCES.asp)

Permanent, stable housing is the benchmark of efforts to end homelessness among Veterans, but housing alone may not be enough. In these and other ways, employment can be a key element in helping Veterans climb out of homelessness or avoid it all together:

- Improve quality of life and community integration after homelessness
- Increase self-confidence and independence
- Decrease reliance on institutional care

VA created Homeless Veterans Community Employment Services (HVCES) to improve employment outcomes for Veterans who have experienced homelessness. HVCES has deployed more than 150 Vocational Development Specialists who serve as Community Employment Coordinators (CECs), at most VA Medical Centers across the country. CECs are part of the VHA homeless program teams and are a bridge to community employment resources and employers ready to hire Veterans exiting homelessness. CECs benefit employers in the following ways:

- Pre-screen Veterans with a variety of skill sets and from all educational levels
- Refer job-ready Veteran candidates who are ready to work from day one for open positions
- Help facilitate hiring and onboarding
- Assist Veterans in applying their military experiences to civilian employment
- Help in meeting diversity and inclusion goals

CECs increase veterans' likelihood of employment success by connecting them to job-related resources and career opportunities and a range of supports from VA and the community, including health care, housing and social services. They also collaborate with VA and non-VA partners - Compensated Work Therapy, VR&E, American Job Centers, Department of Labor homeless Veteran grantees, workforce agencies, and faith-based and community organizations - to identify gaps in competitive employment services for homeless Veterans.

CECs welcome opportunities to engage with community partners and local employers on efforts to end and prevent homelessness among Veterans.

## Housing Counseling Services, Inc.

2410 17th Street, NW, Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20009

202-667-7366 (V)

Email: [ssvfprogram@housingetc.org](mailto:ssvfprogram@housingetc.org)  
<https://housingetc.org/veterans>

With the support of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, provide short, intensive case management and temporary financial assistance (TFA) to address a host of factors that affect the housing stability of veteran families (joblessness, limited income, disability, mental illness, credit/budget issues, etc.) and link veterans to the following services: housing counseling; assistance with paying rental arrears; security deposit/1st month's rent; moving expenses; health care; daily living; personal financial planning; transportation assistance; fiduciary and payee services; legal services; and child care.

**Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)** program provides services to very low-income veterans who are homeless or face potential homelessness. Basic eligibility requirements: Must be a veteran who was not dishonorably discharged from the military; Must reside in the HCS SSVF service area (DC, Prince George's County, Montgomery County, Fairfax County, the City of Alexandria and Arlington County); Must be at imminent risk of homelessness or homeless as defined by the VA; and must meet income requirements for very low income.

## HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program – U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

### DC VA Community Resource and Referral Center

Denneze Nelson, Homeless Veterans Coordinator  
1500 Franklin Street NE  
Washington, DC 20018  
Email: [denneze.nelson@va.gov](mailto:denneze.nelson@va.gov)

202-745-3012 (Denneze Nelson)  
202-745-3012 Ext. 8 (Homeless Veterans Program)

### Baltimore VA Community Resource and Referral Center

Craig Cook, LCSW-C, Homeless Veterans Coordinator  
209 W. Fayette Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
Email: [craig.cook@va.gov](mailto:craig.cook@va.gov)

443-833-4419 (Craig Cook)  
410-637-3246 (Homeless Veterans Program)

[www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/hcv/vash](http://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/vash)

The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program combines HUD's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VA provides these services for participating Veterans at VA medical centers (VAMCs), community-based outreach clinics (CBOCs), through VA contractors, or through other VA designated entities.

## Maryland Center for Veterans Education & Training (MCVET)

301 North High Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
Email: [info@mcvet.org](mailto:info@mcvet.org)  
[www.mcvet.org](http://www.mcvet.org)

410-576-9626 (V)

Provide homeless veterans and other veterans in need with comprehensive services that will enable them to rejoin their communities as productive citizens. Short-term and long-term housing and supportive services include a day drop-in facility, emergency housing, transitional housing, single room occupancy, case management and substance abuse and mental health counseling, and education and employment services.

## Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) of the USA

Lee Brown, Homeless Veterans Officer  
Email: [homelesscoordinator@purpleheart.org](mailto:homelesscoordinator@purpleheart.org)  
[www.purpleheart.org/HomelessVeteranProgram](http://www.purpleheart.org/HomelessVeteranProgram)

904-999-7701 (V)

Assist in identifying and helping homeless veterans. Assist all veterans, their dependents, widows and orphans in working with the VA and filing claims for the many benefits that are available. You do not need to be a member to seek assistance. Provide veterans' benefits experts at various veterans administration regional offices, hospitals, vet centers, and state and county veteran facilities. Process veterans' claims for compensation, pension, medical care, education, job training, employment, veterans preference, housing, death and burial benefits. Educate veterans on their benefits and entitlements. Provide quality and professional representation for veterans whose benefits have been denied at the local VA regional office.

## Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless

2301 Research Boulevard, Suite 200  
Rockville, MD 20850  
Email: [mcch@mcch.net](mailto:mcch@mcch.net)  
[www.mcch.net](http://www.mcch.net)

301-217-0314 (V)

**Emergency Men's Shelter:** The County's only 24/7 emergency shelter serving approximately 750 men annually. Services include case management; support with local housing; medical, psychiatric and dental care in a private space; employment lab with an employment specialist; breakfast, lunch and dinner in a dedicated eating area; bathrooms and showers; laundry facilities; beds in pods of six; and an outdoor space.

**Permanent Support Housing (PSH):** MCCH operates ten permanent supportive housing (PSH) programs to connect people who have experienced homelessness to stable, permanent housing along with the services they need to ensure they never experience homelessness again. Each year, MCCH serves nearly 800 men, women, and children, including veterans, living in 400+ households throughout Montgomery County.

All PSH clients receive two critical types of support in order to remain in stable housing:

- Rental Assistance — PSH clients pay 30% of their income towards rent, regardless of the source or amount of their income. The balance of their rent is paid through vouchers or MCCH funding.
- Ongoing Supportive Services — Each PSH client receives ongoing support from a dedicated case manager to address the issues that led to their homelessness and connect them to resources they need to remain stably housed.

**Coalition Homes:** An affiliate of Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH), Coalition Homes (CH) is the only developer of permanent supportive housing projects in Montgomery County. CH acquires, develops and manages permanent supportive housing to meet the needs of the most vulnerable populations with disabilities. Coalition Homes currently owns and manages 186 units spread geographically across Montgomery County urban centers, primarily in Silver Spring, Takoma Park, Bethesda, Germantown and Clarksburg. CH tenants include single adults and families, who are living in scattered single and multi-family dwellings, duplexes, condominiums, and townhomes. CH provides 24/7 property management services in coordination with support services from MCCH.

### National Call Center for Homeless Veterans – U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

[www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp)

1-877-424-3838 (Toll Free)

Free and confidential 24/7 access to trained VA counselors. Assist veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and their families, VA Medical Centers, federal, state and local partners, community agencies, service providers and others in the community. Information about VA homeless programs and mental health services in your area.

### National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV)

1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 840  
Washington, DC 20036

Email: [info@nchv.org](mailto:info@nchv.org)

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

202-546-1969 (V)

1-800-838-4357 (Toll Free Referral Line)

Resource and technical assistance center for a national network of community-based service providers and local, state and federal agencies that provide emergency and supportive housing, food, health services, job training and placement assistance, legal aid and case management support for hundreds of thousands of homeless veterans each year. NCHV also serves as the primary liaison between the nation's care providers, Congress and the executive branch agencies charged with helping them succeed in their work. Our successes include strengthening and increasing funding for virtually every federal homeless veteran assistance program in existence today. We enhance the work of service providers across the country through direct trainings on how best to integrate employment assistance into their housing programs. Agency does not provide housing or case management.

### Operation Renewed Hope Foundation (ORHF)

P.O. Box 10142  
Alexandria, VA 22310

<https://operationrenewedhopefoundation.org>

703-887-8117 (V)

Provide a range of services assisting veterans and breaking their cycle of homelessness or preventing veterans from becoming homeless. Work with landlords and rental agencies throughout the Metro DC area finding suitable places for veterans and their families and to secure a stable housing environment. ORHF partners with community organizations and citizens in the DC area, picking up donated furniture and household items delivering directly to the veteran's home. Assist veterans by providing bus, taxi or metro fare, and when possible, donated vehicles. With this donated transportation aid, veterans are able to search for employment and remain employed. Partners with many groups in the community and other homeless veteran organizations to provide the wrap around services our veterans need to get back on their feet.

## Silver Spring Vet Center

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Silver Spring, MD 20910  
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301-589-1073 (V)

[www.va.gov/silver-spring-vet-center](http://www.va.gov/silver-spring-vet-center)

**Hours:** Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays.

Walk-ins are permitted during these hours, but appointments are requested. After hours appointments as needed. Veterans must show proof of service. The center provides benefits counseling and assistance with navigating the VA and paperwork, as well as employment counseling, counseling on PTSD and sub-PTSD, substance abuse counseling, family and marital counseling, psychological counseling related to readjustment, coordination and referral with doctors, employment related issues, assistance with basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing, medical and legal referrals, homeless assistance and will work with Montgomery County to find shelter placement, sexual trauma counseling, community outreach, bereavement counseling, and more. All services are provided at no cost to the veteran and their family. Veterans do not need to be enrolled with the Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Centers to use the Vet Center. Veterans do not need a disability rating or service connection for injuries from either the Department of Veteran Affairs or the Department of Defense, to use the Vet Center. View Vet Center Eligibility Criteria. If you live outside of Montgomery County view a list of other locations that may be closer to you. Directions: The Silver Spring Vet Center is located near the intersection of Seminary Road/Capitol View Avenue. You can also take the #5 Ride On Bus from either the Silver Spring Metro Station or the Twinbrook Metro Station and be dropped off at the Capitol View Avenue stop.

## Stand Downs – U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

[www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp)

Stand Downs are typically one to three-day events providing services to homeless veterans such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, VA and Social Security benefits counseling, and referrals to a variety of other necessary services, such as housing, employment and substance abuse treatment. Stand Downs are collaborative events, coordinated between local VAs, other government agencies, and community agencies who serve the homeless.

## U.S. VETS – Supportive Services to Veterans Families

Peter Irvine, Housing Programs

202-839-1021 (V)

Email: [pirvine@usvets.org](mailto:pirvine@usvets.org)

<https://usvets.org/locations/washington-dc/>

**Transitional Housing:** Provides veterans with transitional housing programs as a stepping stone to permanent supportive housing or independent living. Our residential sites offer housing in a supportive, therapeutic community, with wraparound care including career, mental health and wellness, and case management services to help veterans address the challenges of transition from military life into the civilian community.

**Permanent Housing:** Veterans who are economically self-sufficient and enjoy living in a community with fellow veterans can lease housing on U.S. VETS campuses. Supports and amenities may include rental assistance, sobriety support, individual and group counseling, peer support and job assistance.

Serving Prince George's and Montgomery Counties in Maryland, Arlington, Alexandria, and Fairfax Counties in Virginia, and Washington, DC.

## Veteran Housing Programs – Sheppard Pratt Health System

340 N. Potomac Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

410-938-4357 (V)

Email: [veterans@sheppardpratt.org](mailto:veterans@sheppardpratt.org)

[www.sheppardpratt.org/care-finder/veterans-housing](http://www.sheppardpratt.org/care-finder/veterans-housing)

**Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program:** Helps veterans to get meaningful employment, through industry-recognized certification programs, training, job placement, and other resources that address underlying barriers to employment.

**Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF):** Help veteran families and individuals to secure permanent housing. SSVF provides a short, intensive period of case management to link families to benefits and sometimes provides

temporary financial assistance with housing or moving expenses. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Services may include financial assistance for rent payments, moving costs, or security deposits; help finding housing; referrals to legal services; referrals to health care services; childcare support; and transportation assistance. Eligible veterans: At least one day of active military service, and discharge other than dishonorable or bad conduct discharge due to Grand Court Martial, and very low income, and must be at risk of becoming homeless or currently homeless.

**North Point Veterans' Home:** A clinically intensive transitional housing program for homeless male veterans with a mental health and/or substance use disorder diagnosis. Funded by a VA grant, North Point provides transitional housing with a goal of increased income and permanent housing. For up to 24 months, help veterans get re-established in the community with employment support; financial counseling, such as money management education; help securing VA benefits; support for mental illness, substance abuse, or both; recovery-oriented services designed to support veterans with a substance use disorder; and training and assistance in developing independent living skills. North Point provides meals, laundry services, and activities. Residents participate by completing chores and paying a monthly, income-based program fee.