



## Virginia Department of Veterans Services

THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES (DVS) is organized into seven service delivery sections: benefits; veteran and family support; education, transition, and employment; care centers; cemeteries; and the Virginia War Memorial.

### BENEFITS SERVICES

The DVS Benefits Services division advocates for Virginia veterans and connects them to benefits and services they have earned. Information on current federal, state and local veterans' programs, entitlements and referral services is available in Virginia through a network of 35 Veterans field offices. All services are provided free of charge.

### VIRGINIA VETERAN AND FAMILY SUPPORT (VVFS)

The Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS) Program monitors and coordinates behavioral health, rehabilitative, and supportive services through an integrated, and responsive system of care including Federal, State, and local service providers. VVFS provides peer and family support and care coordination services to Transitioning Service Members, Veterans, members of the Virginia National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves, and their caregivers and families. The VVFS team also includes the Suicide Prevention and Opioid Addiction (SOS) program which provides training, education, and grant funding to enhance prevention, treatment, and recovery support services across the Commonwealth. *To request VVFS services, fill out the request form at <https://vesa.dvs.virginia.gov> or call (877) 285-1299. Services are available in person, by phone and virtually statewide.*

### EDUCATION, TRANSITION, AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

**The VETE directorate** promotes Virginia's economic development by supporting veterans and their families with increased access to and attainment of education, employment and entrepreneurship opportunities. Veterans Education, Transition, and Employment programs ensure that every veteran or eligible person has a full and fair opportunity to reach his or her fullest potential through access to G.I. Bill® approved post-secondary education, training/licensure/certification, entrepreneurial institutions, V3 certified employers, and Virginia Colleges and Universities.

**The State Approving Agency (SAA)** ensures access and quality instruction, appropriate administration, and fair and equitable practices for every veteran (and eligible person) who enters a Virginia SAA-approved educational or training program. The Virginia SAA has over 900 facilities approved for G.I. Bill® benefits. These schools include colleges, universities, vocational and technical schools, preparatory programs, and on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs. *Contact (804) 225-2298 or [saa@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:saa@dvs.virginia.gov) for more information.*

**The Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP)** waives tuition and mandatory fees at Virginia's public colleges and universities for spouses and children of a qualified military service member who, during direct involvement in covered military combat, was killed, missing in action, or became a prisoner of war, or of a qualified veteran who, as a direct result of such service, has been rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as totally and permanently disabled or at least 90 percent permanently disabled and has been discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. *Contact (804) 225-2083 or [vmsdep@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:vmsdep@dvs.virginia.gov) for more information.*

**The Virginia Military and Education Workforce Initiative (MEWI)** uses a three-pronged approach to assist transitioning veterans that have chosen educational institutions as their preferred path to employment. Identifying and promoting employment pipelines, creating internship and fellowship opportunities, and highlighting community service initiatives are three methods used by MEWI to support Virginia's veterans on their path to employment. *Contact [MEWI@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:MEWI@dvs.virginia.gov) for more information.*

**The Virginia SkillBridge Program** provides transitioning service members the opportunity to network with veteran Certified employers offering 6-12 week internships to eligible applicants, with commander approval, up to six months prior to separation. Participation in a fellowship program while still serving in the military allows service members the opportunity to gain marketable skills and experience to enhance their civilian career opportunities. *Contact [VASkillbridge@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:VASkillbridge@dvs.virginia.gov) for more information.*

**The Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program** educates and trains employers on why it is a strong business decision to recruit, hire, and retain veterans, and helps those committed companies meet their hiring goals. The program assesses, coordinates, and disseminates V3 opportunities for members of the armed forces, dependents, and their spouses transitioning from military to civilian life by providing a pathway to employment, education, and entrepreneurship. If you are an employer looking for veteran talent in the Commonwealth, join the V3 Programs network of employers by registering online at: [www.dvsV3.com](http://www.dvsV3.com) or contacting (804) 371-2683 for more information. *If you are a transitioning service member, spouse, or dependent seeking employment opportunities, contact (804) 786-8060 or [V3Transition@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:V3Transition@dvs.virginia.gov).*

**The Military Medics and Corpsmen (MMAC) Program** provides healthcare employment opportunities to TSMs, Veterans, and military spouses who are trained and educated in the healthcare field. These employment opportunities are provided by all Virginia healthcare systems around the Commonwealth. *Contact (804) 357-3664 or [mmac@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:mmac@dvs.virginia.gov) for more information.*

**The Virginia Women Veterans Program (VWVP)** provides access to community resources to educate, unify, and empower Virginia's women veterans, who have served in the military in all eras; by ensuring they receive timely yet appropriate transition and benefits support/employment and education outreach; health and community advocacy. *Contact [womenvet@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:womenvet@dvs.virginia.gov) for more information.*

**The Virginia Military Spouse Liaison** serves as the Commonwealth's military spouse advocate. The liaison conducts outreach and provides advocacy for military spouses and their families. The liaison also works with key stakeholders within federal, state, local government, military installations, and the private sector to develop and implement a resource system to provide access to education, employment, benefits, and community resources. *Contact [milspouse@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:milspouse@dvs.virginia.gov) for more information.*

## CARE CENTERS

DVS Veterans Care Centers provide affordable, long-term nursing, memory care and short-term rehabilitation for Virginia's veterans. Conveniently located in Richmond (Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center), Roanoke (Virginia Veterans Care Center), Virginia Beach (Jones & Cabacoy Veterans Care Center – opening November 2023), and Fauquier County (Puller Veterans Care Center – opening 2024), each first-class facility is designed to enhance quality of life with a clean, caring and dignified setting appropriate for those men and women who have served our country with honor.

## CEMETERIES

Virginia's three veterans cemeteries provide a final resting place for veterans and eligible dependents—a place of honor, dignity, respect, and remembrance. The Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery is in Suffolk, the Virginia Veterans Cemetery is in Amelia, and the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery is in Dublin.

## VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL

The Virginia War Memorial is the Commonwealth of Virginia's monument to honor the memory of Virginia's men and women who demonstrated a willingness to serve and fight to defend our way of life from World War II to the present. It is heralded by many as the preeminent state memorial in the United States. The Virginia War Memorial honors our fallen heroes by passing their extraordinary stories of sacrifice forward to future generations through many outreach and on-site educational programs.

## CONTACT US

**BENEFITS SERVICES** To find your local DVS Benefits Services office, visit [www.dvs.virginia.gov/benefits](http://www.dvs.virginia.gov/benefits) | (804) 786-0595

**VIRGINIA VETERAN AND FAMILY SUPPORT (VVFS)** (804) 371-4675, (877) 285-1299 (toll free)

### VETERANS EDUCATION, TRANSITION, AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

G.I. Bill Programs - State Approving Agency (804) 225-2298

Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program (804) 371-2683

Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Transition Program (804) 786-8060

Military Medics and Corpsmen (MMAC) Program (804) 482-8528

Virginia Military Survivors & Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP) (804) 225-2083

### CARE CENTERS

Virginia Veterans Care Center 4550 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24017 | (540) 982-2860, (800) 220-8387 (toll free)

Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center 1601 Broad Rock Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23224 | (804) 371-8000

Jones & Cabacoy Veterans Care Center 2641 Nimmo Pkwy, Virginia Beach, VA 23456 | (757) 263-3100

Puller Veterans Care Center 6951 Vint Hill Pkwy, Warrenton, VA 20187 | (703) 859-2343

### CEMETERIES

Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery 5310 Milners Road, Suffolk, VA 23434 | (855) 4VA-VETS

Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery 5550 Bagging Plant Road, Dublin, VA 24084 | (855) 4VA-VETS

Virginia Veterans Cemetery 10300 Pridesville Road, Amelia, VA 23002 | (855) 4VA-VETS

**VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL** 621 S. Belvidere Street, Richmond, VA 23220 | (804) 786-2060

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES HEADQUARTERS (804) 786-0286 | [info@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:info@dvs.virginia.gov)**



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