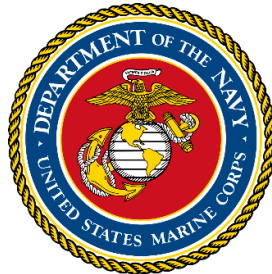




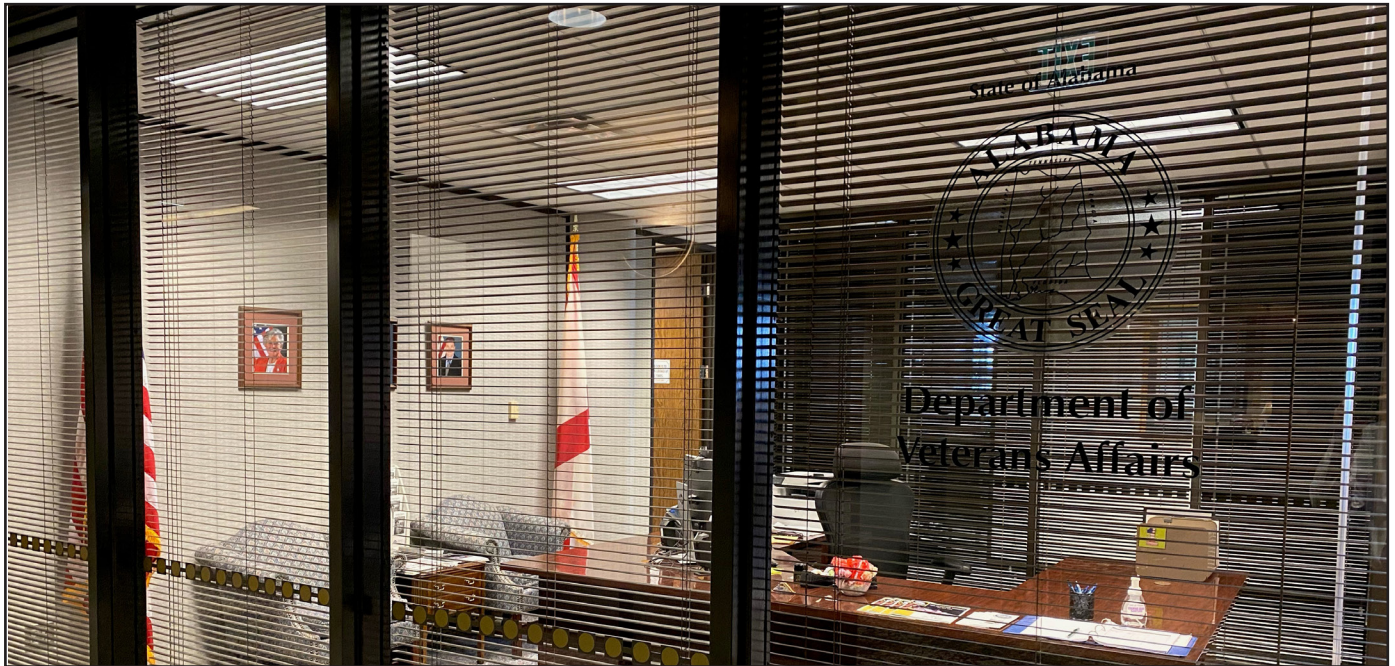
# State and National SMVF Resource Guide



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Montgomery, AL 36104

Telephone: (334) 242-5077

Fax: (334) 242-5102

[www.va.alabama.gov](http://www.va.alabama.gov)

# Healthcare Resources



## STATE RESOURCES

### **Birmingham VA Medical Center**

Address: 700 South 19th Street, Birmingham, AL 35233

Phone: 205-933-8101

### **Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System West Campus**

Address: 215 Perry Hill Road, Montgomery, AL 36109

Phone: 334-272-4670; 800-214-8387

### **Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center**

Address: 3701 Loop Road East, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404

Phone: 205-554-2000; 888-269-3045

### **Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System East Campus**

Address: 2400 Hospital Road, Tuskegee, AL 36083

Phone: 334-727-0550; 800-214-8387

### **Dothan Mental Health Clinic**

Address: 753 Ross Clark Circle, Suite 4, Dothan, AL 36303

Phone: 334-678-1933

### **Selma Outpatient Clinic**

Address: 206 Vaughan Memorial Drive, Selma, AL 36701

Phone: 334-418-4975

### **Anniston/Oxford Clinic**

Address: 96 Ali Way Creekside South, Oxford, AL 36203

Phone: 256-832-4141

### **Bessemer CBOC**

Address: 975 9th Avenue SW- Suite 400, UAB Medical Center West, Bessemer, AL 32055

Phone: 205-428-3495

### **Childersburg CBOC**

Address: 151 9th Avenue NW, Childersburg, AL 35044

Phone: 256-378-9026

### **Dothan CBOC**

Address: 2020 Alexander Drive, Dothan, AL 36301

Phone: 334-673-4166

### **Gadsden CBOC**

Address: 206 Rescia Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35906

Phone: 256-413-7154

### **Guntersville CBOC**

Address: 101 Judy Smith Drive, Guntersville, AL 35976

Phone: 256-582-4033

**Huntsville Clinic**

Address: 500 Markaview Drive NW, Huntsville, AL 35805

Phone: 256-535-3100

**Jasper Clinic**

Address: 1454 Jones Dairy Road, Jasper, AL 35501

Phone: 205-221-7384

**Mobile Outpatient Clinic**

Address: 1504 Springhill Avenue, Mobile, AL 36604

Phone: 251-219-3900

**Shoals Area (Florence) Clinic**

Address: 422 DD Cox Boulevard, Sheffield, AL 35660

Phone: 256-381-9055

**Monroeville CBOC**

Address: 159 Whetstone Street, Monroeville, AL 36400

Phone: 251-743-5861; 251-743-5862

**Wiregrass CBOC**

Address: 301 Andrews Avenue, Fort Rucker, AL 36362

Phone: 800-214-8387 Ext. 7831

**Veterans Recovery Resources**

1156 Spring Hill Ave., Mobile, AL 36604

Phone: 866-648-7334

Website: [veteransrecoveryresources.org/](http://veteransrecoveryresources.org/)

**Lone Warriors**

Provides a healthy and positive form of therapy outside through photography for veterans injured during combat or combat training exercises

Phone: 205-378-9248

Website: [lonewarriors.org/](http://lonewarriors.org/)

**Healing Waters**

A non-profit organization designed to offer therapeutic outdoor recreation for disabled veterans through fly fishing

Phone: 301-830-6450

Website: [projecthealingwaters.org/](http://projecthealingwaters.org/)

**Volunteers of America Southeast**

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Website: [voase.org/](http://voase.org/)

## **Alabama Suicide Prevention and Resources Coalition**

P.O. Box 360244, Hoover, AL 35236

Phone: 205-677-6116

Website: [www.asparc.org](http://www.asparc.org)

## **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

### **Veterans Crisis Line**

Free, confidential line for veterans in immediate crisis

Phone: 1-800-273-8255, Press 1.

### **Coaching into Care**

National telephone service of the VA that aims to educate, support, and empower family members and friends who are seeking care or services for a veteran; services are free of charge and aim to help callers figure out how to motivate the veteran to seek treatment.

Phone: 888-823-7458

Website: [www.mirecc.va.gov/coaching/](http://www.mirecc.va.gov/coaching/)

### **Safe Helpline**

A crisis support service for members of the Department of Defense who have been affected by sexual assault; Service is live, one-on-one, confidential, anonymous, secure, and available 24/7 worldwide

Phone: 877-995-5247

Website: [safehelpline.org/](http://safehelpline.org/)

### **Give an Hour**

Support group dedicated to addressing the mental health needs in the veteran population; Provides free mental health care to active duty, National Guard, and Reserve service members, veterans, and their families.

Website: [giveanhour.org/](http://giveanhour.org/)

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

### **AMVETS**

A congressionally-chartered veterans service organization that advocates for veterans to improve their quality of life, as well as their families and communities quality of life; Membership is open to veterans who honorably served, or currently serve, in the U.S. Armed Forces, including National Guard & Reserves; Assists in filing claims through their group of National Service Officers, advocates for quality healthcare for veterans, assists in job placement for veterans, scholarships, etc.

Phone: 877-726-8387

Website: [amvets.org/](http://amvets.org/) (National); [alamvets.org/](http://alamvets.org/) (Alabama)

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Phone: 800-669-7079

Website: [www.bva.org/](http://www.bva.org/)

**Freedom Service Dogs of America**

Organization that provides service dogs to veterans for no charge, specifically veterans suffering from brain injuries and PTSD.

Phone: 302-922-6231

Website: [freedom servicedogs.org/](http://freedom servicedogs.org/)

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**Priority Solider Inc.**

Organization designed to help soldiers and their families cope with the problems of withdrawal, fear, depression, and isolation or anything that is getting progressively worse and is affecting their re-entrance into civilian life; Educates, advocates, and coordinates holistic efforts addressing critical issues through education, healthcare, and economic development.

Phone: 205-540-1691

Website: [prioritysoldier.net/](http://prioritysoldier.net/)

**Coalition to Salute America's Heroes**

Foundation to help severely-wounded veterans and families of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn recover from their injuries and illnesses.

Phone: 1-888-447-2588

Website: [saluteheroes.org/](http://saluteheroes.org/)

# Crisis Resources





## STATE RESOURCES

### **The Crisis Center (Central Alabama)**

Main Line: (205) 323-7777

Teen Line: (205) 328-LINK (205-328-5465)

Kids' Help Line: (205) 328-KIDS (205-328-5437)

Senior Talk Line: (205) 328-TALK (205-328-8255)

Website: [www.crisiscenterbham.com/](http://www.crisiscenterbham.com/)

### **Crisis Services of North Alabama**

Phone: (256) 716-1000 or 1-800-691-8426

Website: [www.csna.org/](http://www.csna.org/)

### **Family Counseling Center of Mobile, Inc.**

Phone: (251) 431-5111 or 1-800-239-1117

Website: [www.helplinemobile.org/](http://www.helplinemobile.org/)

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### **National Call Center for Homeless Veterans**

24/7 contact center (calling or chat online) for veterans who are homeless or are at risk of homelessness to get information about VA homeless programs, health care, and other services in their area

Phone: 1-877-424-3838

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

# Legal Resources



## STATE RESOURCES

### **Jefferson County Veterans Treatment Court**

Established to help veterans who have been charged with crimes stemming from mental health and substance abuse issues with being productive members of society and lessen the chance of reoffending.

Phone: 205-325-5252

Website: [www.jeffcoda.org/veteran-court.php](http://www.jeffcoda.org/veteran-court.php)

### **Legal Services Alabama**

A non-profit designed to assist low-income individuals with civil legal matters.

Phone: 866-456-4995

Website: [www.legalservicesalabama.org/](http://www.legalservicesalabama.org/)

### **Veterans Justice Outreach Program**

Program with the intentions of identifying justice-involved veterans and getting them access to VA services at the earliest point; Builds and maintains partnerships between the VA and key elements of the criminal justice system.

Contacts: Ahmad Brewer (Birmingham VA Medical Center), David Neslen (VA Gulf Coast Health Care System), William Adams (Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center)

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

## NATIONAL RESOURCES

### **VA Center for Women Veterans**

Center that acts as the primary advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on all matters related to policies, legislation, programs, issues, and initiatives affecting women Veterans

Phone: 855-829-6636

Website: <https://www.va.gov/womenvet/>

### **Vietnam Veterans of America**

Offers claims assistance, financial advising, job placement, and advocates for veterans in the medical field as well as the legal field.

Phone: 301-585-4000

Website: [vva.org/](http://vva.org/) (National); [www.alabamavva.org/](http://www.alabamavva.org/) (Alabama)

### **National Coalition for Homeless Veterans**

The only organization focused solely on ending homelessness within our veteran population through shaping public policy, promoting collaboration, and building the capacity of service providers; Serves as the 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, placement assistance, legal aid, and case management for homeless veterans

Phone: 202-546-1969

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

### **Disabled American Veterans**

Organization dedicated to empowering veterans by leading high-quality lives; Services offered include providing free & professional assistance to veterans/their families in obtaining benefits and services earned through their military service, providing outreach services, representing the interests of disabled veterans and their families in a legal capacity, etc.

Website: [www.dav.org/](http://www.dav.org/)

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Phone: 877-726-8387

Website: [amvets.org/](http://amvets.org/) (National); [alamvets.org/](http://alamvets.org/) (Alabama)

### **Military Officers Association of America**

The largest, most influential association of military officers; independent, nonprofit, non-partisan organization that is comprised of active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, former officers, and their families that speak for a strong national defense and represent the interests of military officers in their careers.

Phone: 800-234-6622; 703-549-2311

Website: [www.moaa.org/](http://www.moaa.org/) (National); [www.alamoaa.org/](http://www.alamoaa.org/) (Alabama)

### **Hire Heroes USA**

Organization built to empower U.S. military members, veterans, and spouses to succeed as civilians in the workforce; trains veterans in self-marketing and supports their career search.

Phone: 844-634-1520

Website: [www.hireheroesusa.org/](http://www.hireheroesusa.org/)

### **Wounded Warrior Project**

Organization dedicated to helping veterans who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound on or after 9/11 with mental & physical wellness, career & VA benefits counseling, and their independence through their independence program.

Phone: 877-832-6997

Website: [www.woundedwarriorproject.org/](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/)

### **Warriors to Work with WWP**

Veteran employment program that provides career guidance and support services to wounded warriors, their families, and caregivers interested in transitioning to the civilian workforce.

Website: <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/programs/warriors-to-work>

Phone: 888-997-2586; 904-405-1213

### **American Corporate Partners**

Free mentoring program that connects post-9/11 veterans, active duty spouses, and eligible military spouses with corporate professionals for customized mentorships; Assists them on their path towards fulfilling long-term careers through resume review and interview preparation, career exploration, career advancement, work-life balance, networking, small business development, and leadership/professional communication.

Phone: 212-752-0700

Website: [www.acp-usa.org/](http://www.acp-usa.org/)

### **Helmets to Hardhats**

National nonprofit that connects National Guard, Reserve, retired and transitioning active-duty military service members with skilled training and quality career opportunities in the construction industry.

Phone: 866-741-6210

Website: [helmetstohardhats.org/](http://helmetstohardhats.org/)

### **Hire a Hero**

Online resource to assist and aid veterans in their employment search and also provide assistance in resume building skills.

Website: [hireahero.org/](http://hireahero.org/)

### **Hire Veterans**

Online resource to help connect veterans to good jobs through job searches and job fairs, as well as providing assistance to employers seeking veteran employees.

Website: [hireveterans.com/](http://hireveterans.com/)

### **Office of Veterans Business Development**

Devoted to promoting veteran entrepreneurship through the use of all Small Business Administration programs; the SBA programs provide access to capital and preparation for small business opportunities.

Website: [www.sba.gov/business-guide/grow-your-business/veteran-owned-businesses](http://www.sba.gov/business-guide/grow-your-business/veteran-owned-businesses)

### **US Veterans Initiative**

Private, non-profit organization that provides housing, employment, and counseling services for veterans who served from World War II to the current conflict in Afghanistan.

Phone: 213-542-2600

Website: [www.usvetsinc.org/](http://www.usvetsinc.org/)

### **Vet Jobs**

A resource that provides services to make it easy for employers to reach transitioning military, national guard, reserve, and veterans who are productive members of the civilian workforce.

Phone: 877-838-5627

Website: [vetjobs.com/](http://vetjobs.com/)

### **USA Cares**

Program designed to pay for the basic expenses of veterans diagnosed with PTSD, TBIs, and MSTs while they receive treatment, help individuals transition into their careers, prevent foreclosures and evictions for post-9/11 veterans and their families, and assist in paying essential bills when emergency assistance is needed.

Phone: 1-800-773-0387

Website: [usacares.org/](http://usacares.org/)

# Employment Resources



### **Still Serving Veterans**

Assists veterans and veterans spouses with job skills, gaining employment, accessing benefits, and finding resources to fit their needs.

Phone: 866-778-4645

Website: [ssv.org/](http://ssv.org/)

### **Three Hots and A Cot**

A non-profit organization dedicated to aiding veterans while they transition back into civilian society; Assists with meals, showers, laundry, transportation, clothing, job/resume services.

Phone: 205-520-2356

Website: [cotsforvets.org/](http://cotsforvets.org/)

### **Veterans Outreach**

Offers several programs for veterans that include the Direct Aid Program (assists with shelter, rent, utilities, food, auto maintenance, clothing, relocation), the Outreach Program (helps with finding employment), Heroes' Closet Program (offers free clothing and personal items), and the Daily Food Pantry Program (through which donated foods are given to veterans in need).

Phone: 866-3VETNET

Website: [veteransoutreach.com/](http://veteransoutreach.com/)

### **Health Care for Re-entry Veterans Services and Resources**

Program designed to promote success and prevent homelessness among veterans returning home after incarceration; Services include outreach & pre-release assessments, referrals for medical, mental health, social, and employment services, and short-term case management upon release.

Website: [va.gov/homeless/reentry](http://va.gov/homeless/reentry)

### **Priority Veteran**

Created to help veterans with finding permanent housing, accessing medical/mental health services, enrolling in veteran's benefits, finding jobs, maintaining finances, etc.

Phone: 866-460-3827; Chantel Smith (205-362-5285)

Website: [www.priorityveteran.org/](http://www.priorityveteran.org/)

### **Alethia House**

Runs Jobs for Vets Program in Birmingham and Montgomery to provide employment training and job placement services to homeless veterans.

Phone: 205-324-6502

Website: [www.specialkindofcaring.org/services/veteran-services/](http://www.specialkindofcaring.org/services/veteran-services/)

### **Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services**

Operates the Alabama Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities which is designed to assist veterans returning from World War II.

Phone: 334-293-7500

Website: [www.rehab.alabama.gov/](http://www.rehab.alabama.gov/)

### **Volunteers of America Southeast**

Assists veterans with permanent and transitional housing, case management, and assistance with daily living skills, finding employment, and accessing health care.

Phone: Erin Garzelli - 205-377-3080; Angie Forest - 205-377-3106

Website: [voase.org/veterans-services](http://voase.org/veterans-services)

# Housing Resources





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Phone: 866-3VETNET

Website: [www.veteransoutreach.com/](http://www.veteransoutreach.com/)

### **Ben's Place**

A living facility for veterans that provides assistance with self-care basics, healthcare and physician visits, dietary planning, social activities, and transportation; Veterans are eligible when they are not in need of hospital or nursing care, but cannot live on their own due to medical, psychiatric, or psychosocial reasons and do not have family/friends that will provide for them.

Phone: 205-836-9493

Website: [www.bensplacebirmingham.com/](http://www.bensplacebirmingham.com/)

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Provides housing rehabilitation services for qualified disabled veterans, free of cost for returning veterans with service connected disabilities.

Phone: Each office can be found on the website below.

Website: [www.habitat.org/local/affiliate-by-state?state=AL](http://www.habitat.org/local/affiliate-by-state?state=AL)

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

### **Priority Veteran/ United Way**

Created to help veterans with finding permanent housing, accessing medical/mental health services, enrolling in veteran's benefits, finding jobs, maintaining finances, etc.

Phone: 866-460-3827; Chantel Smith - 205-362-5285

Website: [www.priorityveteran.org/](http://www.priorityveteran.org/)

### **One Roof**

Organization created to equip and empower the community to prevent and end homelessness through advocacy, education, and coordination of services.

Phone: 205-254-8833

Website: [www.oneroofonline.org/](http://www.oneroofonline.org/)

### **The Salvation Army**

Offers housing for those in need of emergency shelters or transitional housing for those temporarily displaced, chronically homeless, etc.; Also offers financial assistant to cover emergency overnight housing costs in areas where a Salvation Army does not operate a homeless shelter.

Phone: 205-328-2420 (Birmingham)

Website: [www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/)

### **Alethia House**

Partners with homeless shelters, transitional housing programs, and veteran service organization to identify program participants; Eligibility for Homeless Veteran Reintegration Grant is that the individual served one day in the military/military training.

Phone: 205-324-6502

Website: <https://www.specialkindofcaring.org/services/veteran-services/>

Contacts: Donal Cietat - 334-309-9076; Mara Allen - 205-266-8817

Website: [www.specialkindofcaring.org/services/veteran-services/](http://www.specialkindofcaring.org/services/veteran-services/)

### **Jefferson County Department of Human Resources**

Applications for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families can be obtained from Jefferson County DHR.

Phone: 205-423-4200

Website: [dhr.alabama.gov/](http://dhr.alabama.gov/)

### **Volunteers of America Southeast**

Assists veterans with permanent and transitional housing, case management, and assistance with daily living skills, finding employment, and accessing health care.

Phone: Erin Garzelli (Case Manager) - 205-377-3080; Angie Forest (SSVF Rapid Resolution Specialist) - 205-377-3106

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### **Specially Adaptive Housing Grant**

Assists veterans with certain service-connected disabilities to live independently in a barrier-free environment.

Phone: 877-827-3702

Website: [benefits.va.gov/HOMELOANS/adaptedhousing.asp](http://benefits.va.gov/HOMELOANS/adaptedhousing.asp)

**Building for America's Bravest**

Organization that builds mortgage-free smart homes for severely injured veterans.

Phone: 718-987-1931

Website: [t2t.org](http://t2t.org)

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# Family Services



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### **Saving Forgotten Warriors**

Organization to assist veterans with their needs, ranging from transportation to home repairs.

Website: [www.savingforgottenwarriors.com/](http://www.savingforgottenwarriors.com/)

Email: [assistance@savingforgottenwarriors.com](mailto:assistance@savingforgottenwarriors.com)

### **Alabama Veteran**

A non-profit organization with the goal of creating opportunities for veterans to remain engaged and working towards reaching their full potential in life after the military through outdoor activities, fitness, social engagement, and through curating a network of providers who each deliver specialized services.

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### **Legacy 4 Korea War Veterans Foundation**

A non-profit organization that hosts free lunches for Korean War veterans.

Phone: 256-541-0450

Website: [www.legacy4koreanwarveterans.org/](http://www.legacy4koreanwarveterans.org/)

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## **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

### **Business and Professional Women's Foundation**

Offers numerous programs and services to assist women veterans in their transition to civilian life.

Phone: 202-293-1100

Website: [bpwfoundation.org/](http://bpwfoundation.org/)

### **Hope for the Warriors**

Provides support programs for service members, veterans, and military families that focus on transition, health & wellness, peer engagement, and connections to resources in the community

Phone: 877-246-7349

Website: [www.hopeforthewarriors.org/](http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/)

### **Give an Hour**

Support group dedicated to addressing the mental health needs in the veteran population; Provides free mental health care to active duty, National Guard, and Reserve service members, veterans, and their families.

Website: [giveanhour.org/](http://giveanhour.org/)

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

### **Vietnam Veterans of America**

Offers claims assistance, financial advising, job placement, and advocates for veterans in the medical field as well as the legal field.

Phone: 301-585-4000

Website: [vva.org/](http://vva.org/) (National); [www.alabamavva.org](http://www.alabamavva.org) (Alabama)

### **Semper Fi & America's Fund**

Provides immediate financial assistance for those wounded in combat, critically ill, and/or catastrophically injured veterans of any branch of the military; Also assists with caregiving and transitioning back into society through education and job placement

Phone: 760-725-3680

Website: [semperfund.org/](http://semperfund.org/)

### **Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation**

Independent charity scholarship program for children who lost a parent in the line of duty

Website: <https://www.fallenpatriots.org/>

Phone: 866-917-2373

**American Ex-Prisoners of War**

Non-profit organization that advocates for former prisoners of war and their families.

Phone: 817-649-2979

Website: [www.axpow.org/](http://www.axpow.org/)

**American Legion**

A non-partisan, non-profit organization committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring programs in the community, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, etc.; it is the largest wartime veterans service organization.

Phone: 317-630-1200

Website: [www.legion.org/](http://www.legion.org/) (National); [www.legional.org/](http://www.legional.org/) (Alabama)

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Phone: 877-726-8387

Website: [amvets.org/](http://amvets.org/) (National); [alamvets.org/](http://alamvets.org/) (Alabama)

**National Coalition for Homeless Veterans**

The only organization focused solely on ending homeless within our veteran population through shaping public policy, promoting collaboration, and building the capacity of service providers; Serves as the 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, placement assistance, legal aid, and case management for homeless veterans

Phone: 202-546-1969

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

**Disabled American Veterans**

Organization dedicated to empowering veterans by leading high-quality lives; Services offered include providing free & professional assistance to veterans/their families in obtaining benefits and services earned through their military service, providing outreach services, representing the interests of disabled veterans and their families in a legal capacity, etc.

Website: [www.dav.org/](http://www.dav.org/)

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Phone: 804-734-3078

### **Military Officers Association of America**

The largest, most influential association of military officers; Independent, nonprofit, non-partisan organization that is comprised of active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, former officers, and their families speak for a strong national defense and represent interests of military officers in their careers.

Phone: 800-234-6622; 703-549-2311

Website: [www.moaa.org/](http://www.moaa.org/) (National); [www.alamoaa.org/](http://www.alamoaa.org/) (Alabama)

### **The Military Order of the Purple Heart**

Organization that invests in fostering an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat wounded veterans, promotes patriotism, supports necessary legislative initiatives, and provides services to veterans and their families.

Phone: 703-642-5360, Ext. 119

Website: [www.purpleheart.org/](http://www.purpleheart.org/) (National); [www.mophiv.org/alabama](http://www.mophiv.org/alabama) (Alabama)

### **Veterans of Foreign Wars**

Nonprofit veterans service organization that is made up of eligible veterans and military service members from active-duty, Guard, and Reserve forces.

Phone: 1-833-839-8387 (National); 334-270-8399 (Alabama)

Website: [www.vfw.org/](http://www.vfw.org/) (National); [alvfw.org/](http://alvfw.org/) (Alabama)

### **Freedom Service Dogs of America**

Organization that provides service dogs to veterans for no charge, specifically veterans suffering from brain injuries and PTSD.

Phone: 302-922-6231

Website: [freedom servicedogs.org/](http://freedom servicedogs.org/)

### **Wounded Warrior Project**

Organization dedicated to helping veterans who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound on or after 9/11 with mental & physical wellness, career & VA benefits counseling, and their independence through their independence program.

Phone: 877-832-6997

Website: [www.woundedwarriorproject.org/](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/)

### **Automobiles and Adaptive Equipment for Disabled Veterans and Servicemembers**

Program through the USDVA that provides a one time payment to disabled Veterans (Capped at \$19,817) toward the purchase of an automobile or other transportation; Will also pay for the adaptive equipment, repair, replacement, or reinstallation of automobile equipment required because of the veteran's disability.

Phone: 1-800-827-1000

Website: [www.benefits.gov/benefit/278](http://www.benefits.gov/benefit/278)

### **Help Our Military Heroes**

Non-profit organization that provides assistance to active duty service members and veterans who require ramp entry and/or modified minivans due to their wounds, injuries, and illnesses.

Website: [www.helpourmilitaryheroes.org/](http://www.helpourmilitaryheroes.org/)

Contact: [laurie.hollander@helpourmilitaryheroes.org](mailto:laurie.hollander@helpourmilitaryheroes.org)



**No Barriers Warriors**

Group that focuses on improving the lives of veterans with disabilities through curriculum-based experiences in challenging environments (i.e. mountains of Ecuador, skiing in the South Pole, etc.); designed to stretch physical and emotional boundaries, foster camaraderie, pioneer through adversity, and step up to serve others.

Phone: 970-484-3633

Website: [nobarriersusa.org/no-barriers-warriors/overview/](http://nobarriersusa.org/no-barriers-warriors/overview/)

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Phone: 205-540-1691

Website: [prioritysoldier.net/](http://prioritysoldier.net/)

**Coast Guard Exchange Scholarship Program**

Established to provide additional financial resources to dependent children of Coast Guard personnel embarking on undergraduate college/university studies.

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Phone: 860-535-0786

Website: [coastguardfoundation.org/](http://coastguardfoundation.org/)

**Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society**

Nonprofit, volunteer service organization that works in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps to provide financial, educational, and other types of assistance to members of the Naval Service of the U.S., eligible family members, and survivors.

Phone: 1-800-654-8364

Website: [www.nmcrs.org/](http://www.nmcrs.org/)

**American Corporate Partners**

Free mentoring program that connects post-9/11 veterans, active duty spouses, and eligible military spouses with corporate professionals for customized mentorships; Assists their path toward fulfilling long-term careers through resume review, interview preparation, career exploration, career advancement, work-life balance, networking, small business development, and professional communication.

Phone: 212-752-0700

Website: [www.acp-usa.org/](http://www.acp-usa.org/)

**US Veterans Initiative**

Private, non-profit organization that provides housing, employment, and counseling services for veterans who served from World War II to the conflict in Afghanistan.

Phone: 213-542-2600

Website: [www.usvetsinc.org/](http://www.usvetsinc.org/)

**Team Red White and Blue**

Organization that enriches the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity.

Website: [www.teamrwb.org/](http://www.teamrwb.org/)

**Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America**

The leading post-9/11 veteran empowerment organization with the most diverse and rapidly growing membership in America; Strives to create a country that honors and supports veterans of all generations through education, advocacy, and community building.

Phone: 212-982-9699

Website: [iava.org/](http://iava.org/)

**Coalition to Salute America's Heroes**

Foundation to help severely-wounded veterans and families of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn recover from their injuries and illnesses.

Phone: 1-888-447-2588

Website: [saluteheroes.org/](http://saluteheroes.org/)

**Operation First Response**

Organization with a mission to serve all branches of our nation's Wounded Heroes/Disabled Veterans and their families with personal and financial needs; aid varies on an individual basis but can range from rent, utilities, vehicle payments, groceries, clothing, and travel expenses.

Phone: 888-289-0280

Website: [www.operationfirstresponse.org/](http://www.operationfirstresponse.org/)

**USA Cares**

Program designed to pay for the basic expenses of veterans diagnosed with PTSD, TBI's, and MST's while they receive treatment, help individuals transition into their careers, prevent foreclosures and evictions for post-9/11 veterans and their families, and assist in paying essential bills when emergency assistance is needed.

Phone: 1-800-773-0387

Website: [usacares.org/](http://usacares.org/)

**The Mission Continues**

National, nonpartisan nonprofit group that empowers veterans who are adjusting to life at home to find purpose through community impact.

Phone: 314-588-8805

Website: [missioncontinues.org/](http://missioncontinues.org/)

**Shepherd's House**

A long term, residential/transitional housing center for alcohol and chemically addicted men, 18 years or older; The goal is to return veterans self-sufficient, employed, and empowered with a sober vision of hope for the future.

Phone: 260-424-2500

Website: [www.shepherdshouse.org/](http://www.shepherdshouse.org/)

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### **Folds of Honor**

Provides educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled servicemembers

Phone: 918-274-4700

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**Troops to Teachers**

Assists transitioning service members and veterans in beginning new careers as K-12 school teachers in public, charter, and Bureau of Indian Affairs schools; Provides counseling and referral services for participants to help them meet education and licensing requirements thereby helping them secure a teaching position

Phone: 1-800-231-6242

Website: [proudtoserveagain.com/](http://proudtoserveagain.com/)

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