

BAY PINES VA Healthcare System

The Bay Pines VA Healthcare System is a level 1a, tertiary care facility headquartered in Bay Pines, Fla. Originally opened in 1933, the main medical center sits on 337 acres situated on the Gulf of Mexico, approximately eight miles northwest of downtown Saint Petersburg, Fla. Co-located on the medical center campus are a VA Regional Office and the National Cemetery.

The healthcare system operates nine facilities across 10 counties throughout southwest Florida. Annually, Bay Pines VA Healthcare System serves more than 110,000 Veterans while providing a full range of high quality medical, psychiatric, and extended care services in outpatient, inpatient, residential, nursing home, and home care settings.

Bay Pines VA Healthcare System is the 7th busiest VA healthcare system in the country. Services provided include inpatient acute care (general medicine/surgery, psychiatry, and rehabilitation); residential programs (community living center, hospice, palliative care, stress treatment, homeless Veterans and substance abuse treatment); primary care; extensive specialty care; outpatient surgical services; OEF/OIF/OND program (Polytrauma level III); home and community care; homeless Veterans care; women Veterans care; various ancillary and support services, and mental health services at all points of care.

The healthcare system is fully accredited by multiple nationally recognized accrediting organizations including The Joint Commission and Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Among the healthcare system's many awards and accolades, the organization has been named a Cornerstone Recognition Award gold winner by the VA National Center for Patient Safety for the last eight years.



About Saint Petersburg, Fla.

Saint Petersburg is the fourth most populous city in the state and boasts a population of roughly 2.8 million residents. It is a popular vacation destination for American and foreign tourists.

Housing

Quality homes and apartments are available within commuting distance of our medical center and VA clinics.

Schools

The Pinellas County School System is the 7th largest in Florida and 22nd largest in the nation. More than 148,000 students are enrolled at 140 public schools, 72 private schools, and five vocational/technical schools. Universities include St Petersburg College, Eckerd College, University of South Florida St. Petersburg, Pinellas Technical Education Center, and Stetson University College of Law.

Cultural Activities

World-famous Salvador Dali Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg Museum of History, Great Explorations, Florida International Museum, and Florida Holocaust Museum, The Florida Craftsmen Gallery, American Stage, The Arts Center and Palladium Community Theater and more.

Sports and Outdoor Recreation

The area boasts extensive indoor and outdoor sports and recreation facilities suitable for all ages. In Saint Petersburg alone, there are three award-winning public golf courses, nine public pools including an Olympic-size training facility located in Tampa Bay, 80 lighted tennis courts, five dog parks, two skateboard parks, a BMX bicycle track, and a Maximo Park flying disc golf playing facility.

Beaches

The western parts of Florida are regarded for its beaches. The areas of Madeira, Treasure Island, St. Pete, Clearwater, and Siesta Key all fall within driving distance.

Transportation

The area is known as a major transportation center with excellent interstate highways and air, rail, and bus services, facilitating travel to all surrounding areas. Interstate 275 is the primary north/south highway connecting St. Petersburg to Tampa, and interstate 75 – the main north/south arterial on the west coast of the state.

Bay Pines VA Healthcare System At a Glance - FY22

Total Operating Budget
\$1.2 Billion

Veterans Served
110,292

Employees
5,074

Volunteers
650

Operating Beds
400

Outpatient Visits
1,432,345

Total Admissions
11,765

Emergency Department Visits
25,120

Surgeries Performed
5,369

Pharmacy Prescriptions Filled
2,157,932

Research Funding
\$1.2 Million