

Veteran Benefits and Services in Washington State

If you are a Service Member, Veteran, or military family member, it's important to understand the differences and similarities between the Federal Veterans Affairs Administration (VA) and the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA).

These two organizations provide valuable support and assistance to members of the military and Veteran communities, but with key differences in how they operate and what services they offer. By knowing how to connect individuals with the right resources, you can help them get the support they need to live healthy, fulfilling lives within and outside the military.

Federal Department of Veterans Affairs

The Federal VA is a national agency offering a wide range of services to eligible Veterans. It is split in to three branches, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), and the National Cemetery Administration (NCA).

The Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) mission is to "Honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and wellbeing." VHA consists of VA Hospitals, Community Based Outpatient Clinics, Vet Centers, and Domiciliary Services. They offer hospital-based services and specialty care, this includes:

- Mental Health
- Substance Use Treatment including access to residential treatment
- Homeless Services
- Social Work Services
- Primary Care
- Specialty Care – Orthopedics, Radiology, Audiology and speech pathology, Dermatology, Geriatrics, Neurology, and surgery to name a few
- Wellness/Preventative Programs

How to connect with VHA: Pick one of the options below.

- Complete VA Form 10-10EZ (Health Benefits Renewal Form) online at va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction
- Call 1-877-222-VETS (8387) Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. ET.
- Contact the enrollment coordinator at your local medical facility.

The Veteran Benefits Administration (VBA) helps Veterans receive financial benefits such as:

- Compensation Services
- Pension and Fiduciary Services
- Educational programs and training benefits
- VA Loans
- Veteran Readiness & Employment Services

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How to Connect with VBA: Pick one of the options below.

- Online website: Veterans Benefits Administration Home at benefits.va.gov.
- Call 1-800-827-1000 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT.
- Contact your local office by using the online search tool at benefits.va.gov/benefits/offices.asp

Washington Department of Veteran Affairs (WDVA)

The WDVA is a state agency focusing on making sure Service Members, Veterans, and military family members are aware of all the benefits they are entitled to and have access to them. They offer some limited support for health care, education, and housing, but their focus is on helping members of the military and Veteran community find jobs, build careers, and maintain wellness. There are many programs offered at WDVA:

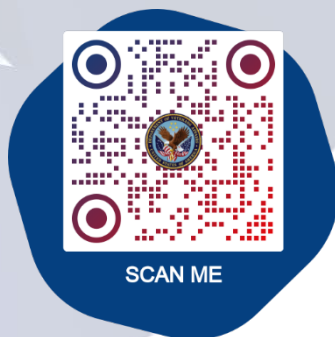
- [Veterans Homes](#)
- [Counseling & Wellness](#)
- [Veterans Benefits](#)
- [Homeless Veterans Reintegration](#)
- [Veterans Transitional Housing](#)
- [Cemetery](#)
- [Veteran/Military Spouses and Family Support](#)
- [Financial Assistance](#)

The mission of the WDVA Counseling and Wellness Program is to “transform the lives of Veterans and their families through growth and resiliency related experiences.” WDVA does this by offering a multitude of programs including:

- [Counseling](#)
- [Brain Injury & Recovery](#)
- [Suicide Prevention and Support](#)
- [Veterans Commercial Tobacco Cessation](#)
- [Veterans Conservation Corps Program](#)
- [Vet Corps](#)
- [Veterans Farm](#)
- [Veterans Peer Corps](#)
- [Veterans Training Support Center](#)

You can find more information about the WDVA by visiting our website dva.wa.gov or calling 1-800-562-2308.

To learn more about these agencies, scan these QR codes below



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