

Traditional Veterans Service Organizations

There are over 100 VA-recognized, national Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) and VA works most closely with the following organizations: The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, AMVETS, and Vietnam Veterans of America. No two VSOs are the same but these organizations have two things in common: they help veterans navigate the VA claims and benefits system and they help veterans connect and live fulfilling lives through their local facilities and programs. All of these organizations have Washington DC offices that advocate for veterans.



[The American Legion](#). TAL is committed to promoting patriotism and supporting veterans through local community programs. They operate over 10,000 posts and, as the largest VSO, they support over 2.3 million members. They are organized by Departments (states) and local districts (posts). A list of their locations and local leadership can be found [here](#).



[Veterans of Foreign Wars](#). VFW's mission is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts, serve veterans, the military and our communities, and advocate on behalf of all veterans. They operate over 4,000 posts throughout the country. A list of VFW locations can be found [here](#).



[Disabled American Veterans](#). DAV supports disabled veterans of all generations and their families by empowering them to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. In addition to disability claims support and their chapters, DAV provides more than 700,000 rides for veterans attending medical appointments. You can find the local DAV chapter [here](#).



[Paralyzed Veterans of America](#). PVA's mission is to change lives and build brighter futures for seriously injured veterans. PVA is dedicated to veterans service, medical research and civil rights for people with disabilities. There are 72 National Service offices and 32 chapters that help empower veterans and they can be found [here](#).



[American Veterans](#). AMVETS' mission is to enhance and safeguard the entitlements for all American Veterans who have served honorably and to improve the quality of life for them, their families, and the communities where they live through leadership, advocacy and services. They have over 1,400 locations throughout the country, which can be found [here](#).



[Vietnam Veterans of America](#). VVA's goals are to support the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change public perception of Vietnam veterans. VVA's motto is "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another." Their locations can be found [here](#).