

veterans services



For their service and sacrifice, below you will find a listing of organizations that assist veterans in a variety of ways through the offering of an abundance of services. This assistance may focus on the veteran, a surviving spouse, veteran issues or the couple themselves, and provide legal, financial, employment, home care, information or referral support.

United States Department of Veterans Affairs

History - VA History

The United States has the most comprehensive system of assistance for veterans of any nation in the world. This benefits system traces its roots back to 1636, when the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony were at war with the Pequot Indians. The Pilgrims passed a law which stated that disabled soldiers would be supported by the colony.

The Continental Congress of 1776 encouraged enlistments during the Revolutionary War by providing pensions for soldiers who were disabled. Direct medical and hospital care given to veterans in the early days of the Republic was provided by the individual States and communities. In 1811, the first domiciliary and medical facility for veterans was authorized by the Federal Government. In the 19th century, the Nation's veterans assistance program was expanded to include benefits and pensions not only for veterans, but also their widows and dependents.

After the Civil War, many State veterans homes were established. Since domiciliary care was available at all State veterans homes, incidental medical and hospital treatment was provided for all injuries and diseases, whether or not of service origin. Indigent and disabled veterans of the Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish-American War, and Mexican Border period as well as discharged regular members of the Armed Forces were cared for at these homes.

Congress established a new system of veterans benefits when the United States entered World War I in 1917. Included were programs for disability compensation, insurance for servicepersons and veterans, and vocational rehabilitation for the disabled. By the 1920s, the various benefits were administered by three different Federal agencies: the Veterans Bureau, the Bureau of Pensions of the Interior Department, and the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

The establishment of the Veterans Administration came in 1930 when Congress authorized the President to "consolidate and coordinate Government activities affecting

war veterans." The three component agencies became bureaus within the Veterans Administration. Brigadier General Frank T. Hines, who directed the Veterans Bureau for seven years, was named as the first Administrator of Veterans Affairs, a job he held until 1945.

The VA health care system has grown from 54 hospitals in 1930, to include 171 medical centers; more than 350 outpatient, community, and outreach clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35 domiciliaries. VA health care facilities provide a broad spectrum of medical, surgical, and rehabilitative care. The responsibilities and benefits programs of the Veterans Administration grew enormously during the following six decades. World War II resulted in not only a vast increase in the veteran population, but also in large number of new benefits enacted by the Congress for veterans of the war. The World War II GI Bill, signed into law on June 22, 1944, is said to have had more impact on the American way of life than any law since the Homestead Act more than a century ago. Further educational assistance acts were passed for the benefit of veterans of the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Era, Persian Gulf War, and the All-Volunteer Force.

In 1973, the Veterans Administration assumed another major responsibility when the National Cemetery System (except for Arlington National Cemetery) was transferred to the Veterans Administration from the Department of the Army. The Agency was charged with the operation of the National Cemetery System, including the marking of graves of all persons in national and State cemeteries (and the graves of veterans in private cemeteries, upon request) as well and administering the State Cemetery Grants Program.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) was established as a Cabinet-level position on March 15, 1989. President Bush hailed the creation of the new Department saying, "There is only one place for the veterans of America, in the Cabinet Room, at the table with the President of the United States of America."

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ElderCareUSA

Phone: 800-838-3726 **Fax:** 636-441-3796

2046 Queens Brooke Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376

Website: www.1800VETERAN.com

Counties Served: Franklin MO, Jefferson MO, St. Charles MO, St. Louis MO, St. Louis City MO, Bond IL, Clinton IL, Madison IL, Monroe IL, Randolph IL, St. Clair IL, Washington IL

Description: *Our mission is to provide valuable information in a respectful and empathetic environment to Seniors, their families, and their caregivers dealing with long-term care issues. We connect families to elder law attorneys and financial specialists who can help them with crisis planning or preplanning for long-term care.*

Martha's Hands Home Health

Phone: 314-965-4350 **Fax:** 866-220-1633

12813 Flushing Meadows Drive, Suite 250,

Town & Country, MO 63131

Website: www.marthashands.com

Counties Served: St. Charles MO, St. Louis MO, St. Louis City MO

Description: *Provides compassionate assistance with the daily activities of our veterans so they can maintain their independence in their home. Our caregivers assist with bathing, dressing, walking, meal prep, med reminders, lite housekeeping, laundry. We can direct veterans towards benefit programs. All based our mission of "Love through Service".*

Nurses & Company Home Health, Hospice & Private Services

Phone: 636-926-3722/314-685-3722 **Fax:** 636-926-3872

115 Piper Hill Dr., Ste. 200, St. Peters, MO 63376

Email: jeanweber@nursesandco.com

Website: www.nursesandco.com

Counties Served: Jefferson MO, St. Charles MO, St. Louis MO, St. Louis City MO, Clinton IL, Madison IL, Monroe IL, St. Clair IL

Description: *Some VA approved services available.*

Patriots Home Care, LLC

Phone: 314-222-5600 / 888-536-1540 **Fax:** 888-738-2710

11861 Westline Industrial Drive, Suite 800,

St. Louis, MO 63146

Email: info@patriotshomecare.com

Website: www.patriotshomecare.com

Counties Served: Franklin MO, Jefferson MO, St. Charles MO, St. Louis MO, St. Louis City MO

Description: *Patriots Home Care helps wartime veterans or their surviving spouses determine if they qualify for the VA's Aid & Attendance pension to pay for home care. If they do, we help them apply and provide care "at no out-of-pocket cost. While Patriots Home Care specializes in services to those receiving the VA pension, we provide assistance with activities of daily living to all seniors.*

St. Andrew's Senior Solutions

Phone: 314-726-5766 **Fax:** 314-726-5719

6633 Delmar Boulevard, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63130

Email: caringinfo@standrews1.com

Website: www.standrewsseniorsolutions.com

Counties Served: St. Charles MO, St. Louis MO, St. Louis City MO

Description: *At St. Andrew's we appreciate all of the ways that our veterans have served our nation. We currently assist many senior veterans with maintaining their independence; whether it be through transportation to community events, assistance with errands, help at home, and much more. Let us serve you and give you the help that you deserve!*

St. Louis County Office of Family and Community Services - Veterans Services

Phone: 314-615-4516 **Fax:** 314-615-7619

121 South Meramec, Clayton, MO 63105

Website: www.co.st-louis.mo.us

Counties Served: St. Louis MO

Veterans Affairs, Department of Human Services

Phone: 314-612-5900 **Fax:** 314-612-5909

1520 Market, 4th Floor, Room #4065, St. Louis, MO 63103

Email: SLAAA@stlouiscity.com

Website: www.SLAAA.org

Counties Served: St. Louis MO, St. Louis City MO

Description: *The Veterans Affairs office provides services to veterans and their families living in the City of St. Louis. These services include information and referral, employment placement, legal assistance, and services for homeless Veterans. Please call for more information.*

Veterans Care Coordination, LLC

Phone: 1-855-380-4400 **Fax:** 1-855-380-4401

1000 Edgewater Point, Suite 201, Lake St. Louis, MO 63367

Email: info@veteranscarecoordination.com

Website: www.veteranscarecoordination.com

Counties Served: Franklin MO, Jefferson MO, St. Charles MO, St. Louis MO, St. Louis City MO, Washington MO

Description: *We help qualifying veterans and surviving spouses coordinate care and assist in applying for financial assistance up to \$23,388 per year to pay for home care services.*

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VETERANS SERVICES - Missouri

Visiting Angels - Webster Groves

Phone: 314-962-5700

Fax: 314-962-5701

1 Selma Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119

Website: www.VisitingAngels.com

Counties Served: St. Louis MO, St. Louis City MO

Description: *Visiting Angels is committed to helping seniors remain in their homes. We provide 1 hour Angel/bath visits to 24 hour care. We offer Veteran discounts. Veteran's Aid and Attendance Pension applies to our services. Our experienced caregivers are thoroughly screened. Call and learn why we are America's Choice in Homecare!*

Visiting Angels of St Louis - South

Phone: 314-842-5589

Fax: 314-842-5579

9962 Lin Ferry Drive, #100, St. Louis, MO 63123

Website: www.VisitingAngels.com/STLSouth

Counties Served: Jefferson MO, St. Louis MO

Description: *Visiting Angels is committed to helping veterans remain in their own homes. We provide anywhere from 1 hour Angel Visits to 24 hour care. Our services include the following: Meal Preparation - Light Housekeeping - Hygiene Assistance - Medication Reminders - Transportation - Errands - Respite Care - Custom Care Plans - Long Term Care Insurance Accepted - Experienced Caregivers...and much more.*

Visiting Nurse Association

Phone: 314-918-7171

Fax: 314-513-9950

11440 Olive Blvd., Suite 200, Creve Couer, MO 63141

Website: vnastl.com

Counties Served: Franklin MO, Jefferson MO, St. Charles MO, St. Louis MO, St. Louis City MO

Description: *For more than a century, Visiting Nurse Association has been caring for the people of the Greater St. Louis area. As a community-based nonprofit, patient's needs determine our care, not corporate profits. VNA is St. Louis' most experienced and reliable provider of hospice care, flu shots and other immunizations, travel health, wellness and senior care management.*

Vouga Elder Law, LLC

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2997 Clarkson Road, Suite 240, Chesterfield, MO 63017

Email: inforequests@vougaelderlaw.com

Website: VougaElderLaw.com

Counties Served: St. Charles MO, St. Louis MO, St. Louis City MO

Description: *Vouga Elder Law, located in Chesterfield, Missouri, is devoted to helping, Seniors, Veterans and those with Special Needs. We can help you or your loved one with Asset Protection and Preservation, Veterans Pension Benefits, Special Needs Trusts, Medicaid Planning, Estate Planning, Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts, Durable Powers of Attorney, Health Care Powers of Attorney, HIPAA's.*



Illinois Listings

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

Phone: 618-583-2065

10 Collinsville Ave., East St. Louis, IL 62201

Website: www.illinoisveteranscare.com/about.html

Counties Served: Bond IL, Madison IL, St. Clair IL

Description: Administers programs and benefits for US veterans including healthcare, education, financial, VA loans for housing and burial in National Cemeteries for a VA cemetery.

Visiting Angels - Illinois

Phone: 618-257-2200

Fax: 618-257-2205

4 South Church Street, Suite 212, Belleville, IL 62220

Website: www.VisitingAngels.com

Counties Served: Madison IL, Monroe IL, Randolph IL, St. Clair IL

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*These dollar amounts reflect 2011 maximum Veterans Administration pension rates for a qualifying claimant with a spouse. The actual amount awarded may vary according to the claimant's circumstances.



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American Revolution (1775-1783)

Total U.S. Servicemembers ¹	217,000
Battle Deaths	4,435
Non-mortal Woundings	6,188

War of 1812 (1812-1815)

Total U.S. Servicemembers	286,730
Battle Deaths	2,260
Non-mortal Woundings	4,505

Indian Wars (approx. 1817-1898)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (VA estimate)	106,000
Battle Deaths (VA estimate)	1,000

Mexican War (1846-1848)

Total U.S. Servicemembers	78,718
Battle Deaths	1,733
Other Deaths (In Theater)	11,550
Non-mortal Woundings	4,152

Civil War (1861-1865)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Union)	2,213,363
Battle Deaths (Union)	140,414
Other Deaths (In Theater) (Union)	224,097
Non-mortal Woundings (Union)	281,881
Total Servicemembers (Conf.) ²	1,050,000
Battle Deaths (Confederate) ³	74,524
Other Deaths (In Theater) (Confederate) ^{3,4}	59,297
Non-mortal Woundings (Confederate)	Unknown

Spanish-American War (1898-1902)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	306,760
Battle Deaths	385
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	2,061
Non-mortal Woundings	1,662

World War I (1917-1918)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	4,734,991
Battle Deaths	53,402
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	63,114
Non-mortal Woundings	204,002
Living Veterans	1

World War II (1941 -1945)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	16,112,566
Battle Deaths	291,557
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	113,842
Non-mortal Woundings	671,846
Living Veterans ⁵	2,498,000

Korean War (1950-1953)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	5,720,000
Battle Deaths	33,741
Other Deaths (In Theater)	2,833
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	17,672
Non-mortal Woundings	103,284
Living Veterans	2,400,000

Vietnam War (1964-1975)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) ⁶	8,744,000
Deployed to Southeast Asia ⁷	3,403,000
Battle Deaths ⁸	47,424
Other Deaths (In Theater) ⁸	10,785
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater) ⁸	32,000
Non-mortal Woundings ⁹	153,303
Living Veterans ^{5, 10}	7,203,600

Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	2,322,000
Deployed to Gulf	694,550
Battle Deaths	147
Other Deaths (In Theater)	235
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	1,590
Non-mortal Woundings	467
Living Veterans ^{5, 10}	2,269,000

America's Wars Total (1775 -1991)

U.S. Military Service during Wartime	41,891,368
Battle Deaths	651,022
Other Deaths (In Theater)	308,797
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	230,279
Non-mortal Woundings	1,431,290
Living War Veterans	17,484,000
Living Veterans (Periods of War & Peace)	23,532,000

NOTES:

1. Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is the median of estimated range from 184,000 – 250,000.
2. Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is median of estimated range from 600,000 – 1,500,000.
3. Death figures are based on incomplete returns.
4. Does not include 26,000 to 31,000 who died in Union prisons.
5. Estimate based upon new population projection methodology.

6. Covers the period 8/5/64 - 1/27/73 (date of cease fire)
7. Department of Defense estimate
8. Covers period 11/1/55 – 5/15/75
9. Excludes 150,332 not requiring hospital care
10. VA estimate does not include those still on active duty and may include veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Source: Department of Defense (DOD), except living veterans, which are VA estimates as of Sep 2007.