



*Veteran Services Resource Directory*

*Serving Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester Counties*

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## Forward

This directory consists of many organizations filled with dedicated men and women committed to serving our veterans and families of the Charleston Tri-County area. For the past eight years, we have committed to continually improving and updating this resource directory for the benefit of our veteran community. If you know of any new resources or needed updates, please let us know as soon as possible.

There can be no doubt that the people of the Charleston Tri-County community care a great deal for our veterans and their families and we are grateful for their sacrifices. Now, please receive our gratitude in our desire to serve you with that same spirit of excellence.



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This directory is produced in loving memory of our beloved friend and Co-Founder of the Tri-County Veterans Support Network, Eileen S. Hadbavny, Lt Col, USAF, NC, (Ret).



Eileen passed away in her sleep on January 24, 2017 after a long battle with cancer. After 28 years of distinguished military service with the US Air Force Reserve Nurse Corps, taking her to numerous global hot spots, Eileen continued to dedicate herself to the service of her fellow Veterans and families. Among her many accolades, Eileen was presented the Presidential Call to Service Award by President George W. Bush, honoring her example of service to Veterans in performing over 20,000 Red Cross volunteer hours with the Service to the Armed Forces (SAF) and International Services at the American Red Cross Lowcountry Chapter. Eileen, we love and appreciate you and will miss you dearly. Well done good and faithful servant.

You ran the race well until the very end.

“Service is giving of yourself, touching the lives of others without wanting personal gain. You do it because it’s the right thing to do.” – Eileen Hadbavny

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## Basic Needs Assistance

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**Organization Name:** VA Homeless Prevention Program & Walk-In Clinic

**Contact:** Linda Williams

**Address:** Ralph H. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 109 Bee Street, Charleston, SC 29401

**Phone:** 843-577-5011

**E-mail:** [Linda.Williams@va.gov](mailto:Linda.Williams@va.gov)

**Website:** <http://www.charleston.va.gov/services/homeless/index.asp>

**Purpose:** The Ralph H. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center offers a walk-in clinic for veterans searching for re-housing assistance and means to prevent homelessness. In addition to referral services, the walk-in clinic offers basic outpatient medical care.

## Community Resources

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**Organization Name:** American Red Cross of the Lowcountry - SC

**Contact:** Karen Cook – Regional Program Manager

**Address:** 2424 City Hall Lane, Suite A, North Charleston, SC 29406

**Phone:** 843-693-8441; Emergency Contact and Night and Weekends call the Red Cross Hero Care Center at 877-272-7337.

**E-mail:** [karen.cook3@redcross.org](mailto:karen.cook3@redcross.org)

**Purpose:** The American Red Cross provides emergency communication services to military (active duty, National Guard, Reserves, retired, and veterans) and their families, helping them locate and send messages to their loved ones across the globe. When service members return home, they have access to several programs and American Red Cross volunteers who are ready and willing to ease the transition from deployment or discharge into the civilian sector. Programs provided include, but are not limited to, emergency financial assistance referrals, disaster preparedness and response, reconnection and family mental health education, resiliency training to cope with the challenges of life in the military, and supportive traditional services for wounded soldiers and their family members. We also offer volunteer opportunities in all lines of service.

**Organization Name:** Fleet & Family Support Center

**Address:** 1005 Jefferson Ave., Building 755, Goose Creek, SC 29445

**Phone:** 843-794-7427 or 843-794-7840

**Purpose:** The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), Naval Weapons Station is the military community's primary resource for information and services. We are recognized by commands in the area as vital to the success of their mission. We serve with pride and distinction and are renowned for our superb performance. FFSC assists all Reserves, Active Duty, National Guard, retired Veterans, and civilian employees regardless of service branch. The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) assists and prepares members separating, retiring, or demobilizing service members and their families with skills and knowledge to facilitate a successful transition from life in the military to the civilian sector. Each Family Readiness Center is staffed to provide personalized assistance for all transition-related needs of armed services members.

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**Organization Name:** Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA), Coastal South Carolina Chapter

**Contact:** Col. Joe Trez, President. - 843-566-4912

LCol Larry Dandridge, Vice President for Veterans and Retirees Affairs.  
843-573-9657 (home)

**Address:** 236 North Ainsdale Drive, North Charleston, SC 29414

**E-mail:** [Joseph.trez@Comcast.net](mailto:Joseph.trez@Comcast.net) or [LDandridge@earthlink.net](mailto:LDandridge@earthlink.net)

**Website:** [Voice for the Army, Support for the Soldier | AUSA](#)

**Purpose:** AUSA is a not-for-profit, professional, education, and informative organization devoted to helping troops, veterans, their families, and all of our armed services communities in the Low Country, SC. AUSA's Coastal South Carolina Chapter consists of individual members, community partners, and the Citadel AUSA Sub-Chapter. The Coastal SC AUSA Chapter helps active military, retired military, veterans, and their families in the Coastal Carolina area to write resumes and cover letters, learn to network and interview effectively, follow up after interviews, and helps find suitable employment. The Coastal SC AUSA Chapter also helps identify short-term housing needs of troops and veterans; ships supplies and comfort items to troops overseas; helps industries find reliable employees and veterans good jobs; hosts social and educational events for troops and their families and community partners; distributes helpful publications for soldiers, parents, and spouses; promotes Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); and adopts and supports the local Army Recruiting Company, Army ROTC and Junior ROTC Units, Veteran Support Organizations, like the terrific Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, the wonderful Fisher House Charleston, and the Veterans Victory House in Walterboro, SC, and the widows and widowers of troops killed in the war on terror.

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**Organization Name:** Military and Family Readiness Center – Transition Assistance Program (TAP) – Joint Base Charleston (JBC)

**Contact:** Sel Stephens (TAP) – 843-794-7480

**Address:** Joint Base Charleston Military & Family Readiness – Air Base  
104 E. Simpson Street, Building 500  
Joint Base Charleston, SC 29404

**E-mail:** [Selwyn.stephens.1@us.af.mil](mailto:Selwyn.stephens.1@us.af.mil)

**Contact:** Mick Mahon (FFSC) – 843-963-4406

**Address:** Joint Base Charleston Military & Family Readiness – Weapons Station  
1005 Jefferson Ave Bldg. 755  
Goose Creek, SC 29445

**Email:** [Milton.mahon.1@us.af.mil](mailto:Milton.mahon.1@us.af.mil)

**Website:** <https://jbcufr.com/>

**Purpose:** The Airman and Family Support Center (A&FRC) and Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) helps military and family members explore career choices and develop employment search skills through education, information, and referral. The goal is to give family members the competitive edge to secure employment with workshops and individual assistance through employment skills building, career and self-assessment planning, job search skills, resume writing, Federal employment, networking, and interviewing.

If you are transitioning out of the military, just arrived in the Charleston area, or your spouse is looking for employment, contact the A&FRC or FFSC so they can assist. They can connect you with a variety of local and national job resources to organizations eager to hire military members and spouses. Additionally, they can provide you with any available information on upcoming job fairs and career expos.

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**Organization Name:** Origin SC (formerly known as Family Services, Inc.)

**Contact:** Caprice Atterbury

**Address:** 8084 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29406

**Phone:** 843-628-3000

**E-mail:** [catterbury@originsc.org](mailto:catterbury@originsc.org)

**Website:** [www.originsc.org](http://www.originsc.org)

**Purpose:** Family Services, Inc. has existed since 1888, bringing hope and quality customer service to the Charleston community and beyond. Our goal is to empower individuals and families to achieve financial independence and sustainability at a cost comparable to industry standards. Services offered to veterans are:

- Veteran Fiduciary financial management services
  - Homeless prevention grants
  - Budget counseling
  - Credit card debt management
  - Family violence intervention counseling
  - Bankruptcy counseling
  - Reverse mortgage counseling
  - Intro to homeownership workshops
  - Mortgage lending
  - Real estate sales
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**Organization Name:** One80 Place Supportive Services for Veterans & Families (SSVF)

**Contact:** (843) 737-8357 (Housing Crisis Line) for direct services

**Address:** 35 Walnut Street, Charleston, SC 29403

**Phone:**

- One80 Place Main Line: 843-723-9477
- SSVF Hotline: 843-212-8668

**E-mail:** [info@one80place.org](mailto:info@one80place.org)

**Website:** [www.one80place.org](http://www.one80place.org)

**Purpose:** One80 Place is the largest homeless service provider in South Carolina, serving a hot meal daily in the Charleston-area homeless shelter and the Palmetto House shelter in Summerville, SC. One80 Place staff are certified to oversee comprehensive case management for all clients, including military veterans, civilians, individuals, and families.

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**Organization Name:** Project Street Outreach (PSO Inc.)

**Contact:** Denise Cromwell

**Phone:** 843-729-8666

**E-mail:** [outreachforvets@gmail.com](mailto:outreachforvets@gmail.com)

**Website:** <http://www.psoinc.org/>

**Purpose:** Project Street Outreach is a distribution and referral service for the homeless veteran active-duty service members and their immediate families in crisis.

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**Organization Name:** The Salvation Army

**Address:** 2135 Ashley River Rd. Charleston, SC 29407

**Phone:** 843-747-5271

**Website:** [www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/charleston](http://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/charleston)

**Purpose:** The Salvation Army provides food, clothing, shelter, financial assistance, and after school programs to all those in need without discrimination.

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**Organization Name:** SC National Guard (SCNG) Veteran Advisor Program

**Contact:** Freddie Pasley – Program Manager / Tisha Buelto (Region 1)

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Tisha Buelto (Office) 803-299-0506

**E-mail:** Freddie Pasley [fpasley@ateamsolutions.com](mailto:fpasley@ateamsolutions.com)  
Tisha Buelto [Tisha.buelto@sebapro.com](mailto:Tisha.buelto@sebapro.com)

**Website:** <https://www.scguard.ng.mil/Programs-Benefits/Veteran-Advisor-Transition-Assistance/>

**Purpose:** SCNG Veteran Advisors provide responsive assistance to all Veterans, Service Members, and Family Members related to eligible benefits and entitlements by coordinating with regional partners to maximize local resources and minimize delays in services.

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**Organization Name:** Semper Fi Fund

**Address:** Naval Weapons Station, 1004 Jefferson Avenue, Building 717, Goose Creek, SC 29445

**Phone:** 843-794-7662 or 843-794-4175

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

**Purpose:** For all branches of the service.

**Available Programs:** Vietnam and Post 911 Welcome Home Fund Service Member and Family Support Program:

We provide direct financial assistance and vital programming for combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured service members and their families during hospitalization and recovery. Bedside Financial Support, Caregiver Support and Retreat, Housing Assistance, Kid's Camps, Transportation Assistance, Canine Program, Adaptive Equipment, Visiting Nurse Program, Horsemanship Program.

**Transition:** Our Transition Program makes it easier for wounded service members to thrive beyond injury to recovery. Education support and career assistance provides them with the tools and skills to successfully reconnect with their communities and build new, productive lives.

Education and Career Assistance, Veteran and Unit Reunions, Veteran to Veteran Support (V2V), and Semper Fi Fund Odyssey Retreat, Semper Fi Fund Apprenticeship Program.

**Integrative Wellness:** Providing wellness tools to improve body, mind, and spirit.

Team Semper Fi includes PTSD and TBI support, Neuro fitness training, Specialized Equipment, Post Traumatic Growth Video Resources, Counseling and Sports Programs.

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# BENEFITS

**Organization Name:** Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)

**Website:** <http://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/media-publications.asp>

- RO Public Affairs Officer: Woody Middleton, Asst. Dir., 803-647-2351, [dir.vbacms@va.gov](mailto:dir.vbacms@va.gov)
- RO Vocational Rehabilitation: Paul Knight, RO Div. Chief, 803-647-2400, [vr.vbacms@va.gov](mailto:vr.vbacms@va.gov)
- RO Fiduciary Hub (SC, NC, GA, FL): Marcia Hempy, RO Div. Chief, 888-407-0144, [fidhub.vbacms@va.gov](mailto:fidhub.vbacms@va.gov)
- RO Claims Processing – Veterans Service Center: James Ard, RO Div. Chief, 803-647-2351, [dir.vbacms@va.gov](mailto:dir.vbacms@va.gov)
- RO Public Contact Team: Andrea Parrot, Team Supervisor, 803-647-2351, [dir.vbacms@va.gov](mailto:dir.vbacms@va.gov)
- VBA National Call Center: Wayne Oswald, RO Div. Chief, 800-827-1000
- Casualty Assistance Coordinator: Primary (P) vacant, Alternate (A) Adam Woodruff, (P) 803- 767-8370, (A) 803-647-2613
- Elderly Veterans Coordinator: (P) David Spencer, (A) Ronald Chavis, (P) 803-647-2721, (A) 803-647-2723
- FPOW Coordinator: (P) Letitia Mitchell, (A) Andrea Parrott, (P) 803-647-2804, (A) 803-647- 2566
- Homeless Veteran Coordinator: (P) Adam Woodruff, (A) Elijah Profit, (P) 803-647-2613, (A) 803-647-2929
- Indigent Burial Coordinator: (P) Andrea Parrott, (A) Adam Woodruff, (P) 803-647-2566, (A) 803-647-2613
- Minority Veterans Coordinator: (P) Charlotte Taylor, (A) Ralph Hamlin, (P) 803-647-2604, (A) 803-647-2922
- Native Americans Veterans Coordinator: Troy Honeycutt, 803-647-2626
- OIF/OEF Coordinator: Cheryl Carter, 803-647-3194

- OIF/OEF Manager: Letitia Mitchell, 803-647-2804
- Women Veterans Coordinator: (P) Felicia Williams, (A) Charlotte Taylor, (P) 803-647-2419, (A) 803-647-2604
- MST Coordinator (Male): (P) Andrew Staples, (A) Anthony Jones, (P) 803-647-2738, (A) 804- 647-3010
- MST Coordinator (Female): (P) Elizabeth Price, (A) Cheryl Carter, (P) 803-647-3163, (A) 803- 647-3194
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV): 803-647-2422, [dav.vbacms@va.gov](mailto:dav.vbacms@va.gov)
- American Legion: 803-647-2434
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW): Martin Snowden, 803-647-2442, [martin.snowden@va.gov](mailto:martin.snowden@va.gov)
- Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH): 803-647-2430
- Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA): 803-647-2432
- AMVETS: Al Malone, 803-647-2421, [george.malone@va.gov](mailto:george.malone@va.gov)
- South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs (SCDVA): 803-647-2434

**Purpose:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) provides a variety of benefits and services to Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families. VBA has been undergoing a major transformation that is people-centric, results-oriented, and a forward-looking integration of solutions that will ensure lifelong engagement with Service members, Veterans, and their family members.

Several programs offered by the VBA include:

- Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E)
- Service Compensation & Pension
- Fiduciary Service
- Insurance Services
- Education Services

## Community Resources

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**Organization Name:** Berkeley County Veterans Affairs Office

**Contact:** Jan Helton, Director of Veterans Affairs

- Physical Location: 303 N. Goose Creek Blvd., Goose Creek, SC 29445
- Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6122 Moncks Corner, SC 29461

**Phone:** 843-377-8506

**E-mail:** [jan.helton@berkeleycountysc.gov](mailto:jan.helton@berkeleycountysc.gov)

**Website:** <https://berkeleycountysc.gov/dept/veterans/>

**Purpose:** Services provided by the Veteran's Affairs Department include:

- Assisting with filing claims for various benefits and entitlements for veterans and their families, including obtaining veterans military medical records and personnel file
- Work in tandem with veterans' service organizations as well as state and federal government agencies to educate and serve veterans and their families.
- Assist with admission to Veterans Hospitals and nursing home care facilities.

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**Organization Name:** Charleston County Veterans Affairs Office

**Contact:** David J. LeBlanc, Sr., Director / Melody Popovich – Deputy Director

**Address:** Lonnie Hamilton III, Public Services Building, 4045 Bridge View Dr., Suite B-154 (First Floor), North Charleston, SC 29405

**Phone:** 843-974-6360 (Option 4 to leave a message)

**E-mail:** [vaoffice@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:vaoffice@charlestoncounty.org)

**Website:** <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/veterans-affairs/index.php>

**Purpose:** This office assists Veterans and their dependents in filing applications to determine their basic eligibility and conditions of benefits entitlement as administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Types of benefits include but are not limited to service-connected disabilities and non-service-connected pension; death pension benefits; burial; medical care; educational assistance, including vocational rehabilitation; guaranteed home loans; government life insurance and other benefits.

**Organization Name:** Dorchester County Veterans Affairs Office

**Contact:** Ashley Hanna, Deputy Director

**Address:** 500 N. Main St. Summerville, SC 29483  
St. George Office 201 Johnston Street St. George, SC 29477

**Phone:** 843-832-0050 (Summerville) or 843-563-0116 (St. George)

**E-mail:** [ahanna@dorchestercountysc.gov](mailto:ahanna@dorchestercountysc.gov)

**Website:** <https://www.dorchestercountysc.gov/services/veterans-affairs>

**Purpose:** The Dorchester County Veterans Affairs Office is here to assist veterans and their families (who reside in Dorchester County) in all matters that pertain to veterans and [Veteran Benefits](#). The Veterans Affairs office assists all ex-service personnel with financial compensation claims including but not limited to: hospitalization, training, and insurance benefits.

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**Organization Name:** South Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs (SCDVA)

**Contact:** Maureen Quzack, Field Office Supervisor

**Address:** Ralph H. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 109 Bee Street, B-260,  
Charleston, SC 29401

**Phone:** 843-789-7506 or 843-789-7508 or 888-878-6884 ext. 7506

**E-mail:** [Maureen.Quzack@scdva.sc.gov](mailto:Maureen.Quzack@scdva.sc.gov) or [Maureen.Quzack@va.gov](mailto:Maureen.Quzack@va.gov)

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

**Purpose:** To assist veterans and their families in filing claims for federal benefits earned through their service

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**Organization Name:** Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

**Address:** VA Regional Office  
6437 Garners Ferry Rd, Suite 1129  
Columbia ,SC 29209

**Phone:** 803-647-2422

**Website:** <https://www.dav.org/>

**Purpose:** To empower veterans to live life with respect and dignity, receiving the care they deserve.

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**Organization Name:** Fleet Reserve Association Lowcountry-Branch 269

**Contact:** Harry E. Nettles, President/John E. Tharp, Secretary

**Address:** 99 Wisteria Rd., Goose Creek, SC 29445

**Phone:** 843-709-8520 (John E. Tharp)

**E-mail:** [tharpj@sc.rr.com](mailto:tharpj@sc.rr.com)

**Website:** [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org)

**Purpose:** The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) is a congressionally chartered, non-profit organization that represents the interests of the Sea Service community before the U.S. Congress. FRA is a community of the Sea Services, U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel. FRA defends military and veterans' health care, compensation and benefits, and other quality-of-life programs.

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**Organization Name:** Operation Homefront

**Contact:** Samantha Martin (Area Manager SC, NC, TN & KY)

**Phone:** 919-218-8169

**E-mail:** [Samantha.martin@operationhomefront.org](mailto:Samantha.martin@operationhomefront.org)

**Website:** <https://operationhomefront.org>

**Purpose:** With the help from our corporate, foundation and individual donors, Operation Homefront provides a robust array of valued and life-changing programs that; address a family's specific short-term, critical financial needs; provide long term stability; and offer recurring support throughout the year, that helps them overcome many of the challenges inherent in military life. The result: stronger, more stable, and more secure military families.

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**Organization Name:** The Retired Enlisted Association

**Contact:** James W. Rodgers

**Website:** <http://www.trea.org/>

**Purpose:** The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) was established by 2 retired USAF officers with the intention of serving as the voice of service members to ensure all promised benefits were honored during and after serving.

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# COLLEGE EDUCATION/VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATION

## Community Resources

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**Organization Name:** Air Force Association (AFA)

**Website:** [www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org)

**Purpose:** All active-duty Airmen, Reservists, National Guard members, civilians and retirees are eligible to become part of the Air Force Association. The role of the AFA is to educate the public about aerospace power and its importance in defending the U.S., advocate aerospace power, and support the Air Force, the Air Force family and aerospace education. The local Charleston AFA Chapter awards scholarships to Airmen and their family members, communicates and educates the local community about the Air Force, volunteers in schools and helps with the Junior ROTC and ROTC programs.

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**Organization Name:** Education Element-Joint Base Charleston

**Address:** 101 W. Hill Blvd. Bldg 221, Joint Base Charleston, SC 29404

**Phone:** 843-963-4575

**Website:** <https://jbcharleston.com/education/education-center/>

**Purpose:** The Education Element at Joint Base Charleston serves Airmen and their family members in counseling for degrees in higher education, manages the Air Force Military Tuition Assistance Program, and oversees the delivery of training techniques for active and reserve-duty military occupation specialties.

- GEM offers General Education courses to meet CCAF AAS degree requirements
  - Courses are offered in mobile(distance) learning format: anytime, anywhere availability
  - Reduces the impact of deployments, PCS, and family commitments
  - GEM eases student course selection and registration via single-point access on the Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC)
  - Facilitates students planning across entire Gen-Ed curriculum-motivates students to complete
  - Courses on a self-paced timeline
  - GEM goal is to reduce the average CCAF graduation time less than six years
  - GEM features partnerships with community colleges to offer education focused on freshman/sophomore level instruction at a lower per-credit tuition assistance cost
  - GEM will be delivered via the Air Force Portal and AFVEC
  - GEM will feature a familiar look and feel as the successful AU-ABC platform
  - GEM will feature integrated search, registration, course enrollment, tuition assistance, and transcript ordering processes
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**Organization Name:** Charleston Southern University Student Veterans of America (CSUSVA)

**Address:** 9200 University Blvd., Charleston SC 29423

**Phone:** 843-863-7050

**Website:** [veterans@csuniv.edu](mailto:veterans@csuniv.edu)

**Purpose:** Charleston Southern University is pleased to be a military-friendly college. CSU has been providing educational programs and services to military personnel and their families for over 40 years. If CSU can assist you with your educational benefits and enrollment, please contact us at 843-863-7050 or [veterans@csuniv.edu](mailto:veterans@csuniv.edu). To receive Veterans Educational Benefits at CSU you must be certified by the Veterans Services office. Our office is in the Hunter Center & is open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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**Organization Name:** College of Charleston Veteran and Military Student Services

**Contact:** Jessica McMahan, Veteran and Military Student Services Program Coordinator

**Phone:** 843-953-9703

**E-mail:** [mcmahanj@cofc.edu](mailto:mcmahanj@cofc.edu)

**Website:** <http://cofc.edu/veteran-services/index.php>

**Purpose:** Our office is here to advocate for Veteran and Military students, to ensure a smooth transition to campus, and to connect students with the resources they need during their time at CofC. We are striving to build a flourishing veteran and military student community on campus and to make their college experience positive and memorable.

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**Organization Name:** Lowcountry Educational Admission Representatives Network  
(LEARN Charleston)

**Contact:** Jean Brooks, Workforce and Military Recruiter, Trident Technical College

**Address:** Trident Technical College, 7000 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29406

**Phone:** 843-574-6379

**E-mail:** [jean.brooks@tridenttech.edu](mailto:jean.brooks@tridenttech.edu)

**Website:** <http://learncharleston.org/>

**Purpose:** LEARN provides higher education opportunities to employees through workplace sponsored education/wellness fairs and to the community at local events.

-LEARN members represent regionally accredited institutions of higher education throughout the Charleston metropolitan area.

-We offer associate, bachelor, master, and doctorate degrees, as well as professional certificates.

-Classes are designed to serve working non-traditional students with day, evening, weekend, and online opportunities.

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**Organization Name:** South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation

**Address & Phone:**

- Charleston County Center – 843-740-1600  
4360 Dorchester Road, North Charleston, SC 29405
- Berkeley-Dorchester County Center - 843-761-6036  
2954 South Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461

**Website:** [www.scvrd.net](http://www.scvrd.net)

**Purpose:** SC Vocational Rehabilitation provides a range of services to assist disabled individuals in obtaining employment. Each client works with an employment counselor to determine their skill range and personal strengths to create a rehabilitative skills training plan to become employment ready. The staff and clients are both highly motivated to find work suited to their interests and abilities to encourage pride and positive societal and familial contribution.

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**Organization Name:** SC National Guard Veteran Advisor Program

**Contact:** Freddie Pasley – Program Manager / Tisha Buelto (Region 1)

**Phone:** Freddie Pasley (Office) 803-299-4257

Tisha Buelto (Office) 803-299-0506

**E-mail:** Freddie Pasley [fpasley@ateamsolutions.com](mailto:fpasley@ateamsolutions.com)

Tisha Buelto [Tisha.buelto@sebapro.com](mailto:Tisha.buelto@sebapro.com)

**Website:** <https://www.scguard.ng.mil/Programs-Benefits/Veteran-Advisor-Transition-Assistance/>

**Purpose:** South Carolina National Guard (SCNG) Veteran Advisors provide responsive assistance to all Veterans, Service Members, and Family Members related to eligible benefits and entitlements by coordinating with regional partners to maximize local resources and minimize delays in services.

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## EMPLOYMENT

**Organization Name:** Vocational Rehabilitation, Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center

**Website:** [http://www.benefits.va.gov/columbia/vre\\_ncharleston.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/columbia/vre_ncharleston.asp)

**Contact:** Donta Trapps, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist

**Address:** Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, 109 Bee Street, Charleston, SC, 29401

**Phone:** 843-789-7830

**E-mail:** [Donta.Trapps@va.gov](mailto:Donta.Trapps@va.gov)

**Purpose:** To assist veterans in preparing for, obtaining, and maintaining employment. To qualify for services veterans must have a mental or physical disability or be homeless and unemployed. Referrals are made by VA providers. Please call for additional information.

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## Community Resources

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**Organization Name:** Operation Palmetto Employment

**Contact:** Matthew Walker, Employment Advisor

**Phone:** 843-408-1858

**E-mail:** [matthewwalkerope@gmail.com](mailto:matthewwalkerope@gmail.com)

**Website:** <http://www.dew.sc.gov/OPE>

**Purpose:** Former Governor Nikki Haley, together with the SC Army National Guard (SCNG) and the SC Department of Employment and Workforce (SCDEW), launched Operation Palmetto Employment as a state-wide effort to help service members, veterans, and family members find fulfilling careers in the civilian community.

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**Organization Name:** Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA), Coastal South Carolina Chapter

**Address:** 236 North Ainsdale Drive, North Charleston, SC 29414

**E-mail:** [Joseph.trez@Comcast.net](mailto:Joseph.trez@Comcast.net) / [LDandridge@earthlink.net](mailto:LDandridge@earthlink.net)

**Website:** [www.ausa.org](http://www.ausa.org)

**Purpose:** AUSA is a not-for-profit, professional, education, and informative organization devoted to helping troops, veterans, their families, and all of our armed services communities in the Low Country, SC. AUSA's Coastal South Carolina Chapter consists of individual members, community partners, and the Citadel AUSA Sub-Chapter. The Coastal SC AUSA Chapter helps active military, retired military, veterans, and their families in the Coastal Carolina area to write resumes and cover letters, learn to network and interview effectively, follow up after interviews, and helps find suitable employment. The Coastal SC AUSA Chapter also helps identify short-term housing needs of troops and veterans; ships supplies and comfort items to troops overseas; helps industries find reliable employees and Veterans good jobs, host social and educational events for troops and their families and community partners.

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**Organization Name:** Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP) SCWORKS

**Contacts:** Rhoda Casper, Veterans Workforce Consultant,

[rcasper@dew.sc.gov](mailto:rcasper@dew.sc.gov)

843-574-1850

Cynthia Moody, Veterans Workforce Consultant

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843-574-1893

Megan Bumeder, Veterans Workforce Consultant

[mbumeder@dew.sc.gov](mailto:mbumeder@dew.sc.gov)

843-574-1826

**Address & Phone:**

- SC Works Charleston Center  
1930 Hanahan Road, Suite 200, North Charleston, SC 29406  
843-574-1800
- SC Works Berkeley Center  
325 E. Main Street, Moncks Corner, SC 29461  
843-761-4400
- SC Works Dorchester Center  
1325 Boone Hill Rd. #A, Summerville, SC 29483  
843-821-0695

**Website:** <https://scworks.org/jobseeker/jobseeker-programs/veterans>

**Purpose:** Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) representatives provide intensive case management services to targeted veterans with emphasis in meeting the employment needs of veterans who are economically or educationally disadvantaged. Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVER) conduct employer outreach to help veterans gain employment and provide individualized job development services to veterans. They market job-seeking veterans as individuals who have highly valuable skills and experience, and serve as advocates for veterans with businesses, industries, and other community-based organizations. Through the support and assistance from our LVERs and DVOPs, veterans can receive priority employment services, which includes group and individual career coaching, job referrals, resume preparation and job training programs and services.

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**Organization Name:** Education Element-Joint Base Charleston

**Address:** 101 W. Hill Blvd. Bldg 221  
Joint Base Charleston, SC 29404

**Phone:** 843-963-4575

**Website:** <https://jbcharleston.com/education/education-center/>

**Purpose:** The Education Element at Joint Base Charleston serves Airmen and their family members in counseling for degrees in higher education, manages the Air Force Military Tuition Assistance Program, and oversees the delivery of training techniques for active and reserve-duty military occupation specialties.

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**Organization Name:** Goodwill Industries of Lower South Carolina

**Contact:** Veteran Employment Specialist

**Address:** 2150 Eagle Drive, Building 100, North Charleston, SC 29406

**Phone:** 843-556-0072

**E-mail:** [paul.salemi@palmettogoodwill.org](mailto:paul.salemi@palmettogoodwill.org)

**Purpose:** The Palmetto Goodwill mission is to help people “achieve their full potential through the dignity and power of work.” This mission is achieved through employment training and job placement in 18 counties across South Carolina, helping recent graduates of work training programs face the challenges of preparing for the work force and maintaining steady employment to improve financial stability and well-being. Palmetto Goodwill staff help in career coaching, vocational assessment, skills training and job placement, case management, and training.

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**Organization Name:** Military and Family Readiness Center – Transition Assistance Program – Joint Base Charleston

**Address:** Joint Base Charleston Military & Family Readiness- Air Base  
104 E. Simpson Street, Building 500  
Joint Base Charleston, SC 29404

**Contact:** Sel Stephens (TAP) – 843-794-7480 (TAP)

**E-mail:** [Selwyn.stephens.1@us.af.mil](mailto:Selwyn.stephens.1@us.af.mil)

**Address:** Joint Base Charleston Military & Family Readiness- Weapons Station  
1005 Jefferson Ave Bldg. 755  
Goose Creek, SC 29445

**Contact:** Mick Mahon (FFSC) – 843-963-4406 (FFSC)

**E-mail:** [Milton.mahon.1@us.af.mil](mailto:Milton.mahon.1@us.af.mil)

**Website:** <https://www.jbcharleston.com/youth-family/military-family-support-2/>

**Purpose:** The A&FRC and FFSC helps military and family members explore career choices and develop employment search skills through education, information, and referral. The goal is to give family members the competitive edge to secure employment with workshops and individual assistance through employment skills building, career and self-assessment planning, job search skills, resume writing, Federal employment, networking, and interviewing.

If you are transitioning out of the military, just arrived in the Charleston area, or your spouse is looking for employment, contact the Airman and Family Support Center (A&FRC) or Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) so they can assist. They can connect you with a variety of local and national job resources to organizations eager to hire military members and spouses. Additionally, they can provide you with any available information on upcoming job fairs and career expos.

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**Organization Name:** South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department

Serving Berkeley and Dorchester Counties -

**Address:** 2954 S Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, SC

**Phone:** 843-761-6036

Serving Charleston County -

**Address:** 4360 Dorchester Rd. Charleston, SC 29405

**Phone:** 843-740-1600

**Website:** [www.scvrd.net](http://www.scvrd.net)

**Purpose:** Preparing and assisting eligible South Carolinians with disabilities to achieve and maintain competitive employment.

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**Organization Name:** SC Works Trident

**Contacts:** Rhoda Casper, Veterans Workforce Consultant,

[rcasper@dew.sc.gov](mailto:rcasper@dew.sc.gov)

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325 E. Main Street, Moncks Corner, SC 29461  
843-761-4400
- SC Works Dorchester Center  
1325 Boone Hill Rd. #A, Summerville, SC 29483  
843-821-0695

**Website:** SCWorksTrident.org

**Purpose:** To connect potential employees with employers through career fairs, job postings, and skills training.

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# FINANCIAL & LEGAL ASSISTANCE

## Community Resources

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**Organization Name:** Berkeley/Dorchester Prosperity Center

**Address:**

- Berkeley Center, 325 East Main Street, Moncks Corner, SC 29461  
Phone: 843-761-6033
- Dorchester Center, 222 Old Trolley Road, Summerville, SC 29483  
Phone: 843-282-6294

**Website:** <http://www.tuw.org/prosperity-centers>

**Purpose:** Through a collective impact approach to solving community issues Trident United Way, Palmetto Goodwill, Family Services, Inc. and numerous other agencies, thousands of Lowcountry residents have been able to increase their financial stability and find suitable employment through services available at the Prosperity Centers. Charleston-area residents can access the following services at the Prosperity Centers: Basic Needs Assistance, Basic Skills Assistance, Increase Income Services, Increasing saving services and gaining and sustaining assets services.

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**Organization Name:** Disability Rights South Carolina

**Contact:** David H Zoellner, Attorney

**Phone:** 866-275-7273

**Address:** 3710 Landmark Dr. Suite 208, Columbia, SC 29204 (Central Office)

**Website:** <https://www.disabilityrightssc.org/#>

**Purpose:** We are the protection and advocacy system for South Carolina. We are here to help people with disabilities understand and defend their rights. We provide a variety of services to include client assistance, training, abuse & neglect investigation, legal assistance, and advocacy for change.

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**Organization Name:** Origin SC (formerly known as Family Services, Inc.)

**Contact Name:** Caprice Atterbury

**Address:** 8084 Rivers Avenue North Charleston, SC 29406

**Email:** [catterbury@originsc.org](mailto:catterbury@originsc.org)

**Website:** [www.originsc.org](http://www.originsc.org)

**Purpose:** Family Services, Inc. has existed since 1888, bringing hope and quality customer service to the Charleston community and beyond. Our goal is to empower individuals and families to achieve financial independence and sustainability at a cost comparable to industry standards. Services offered to Veterans are:

- Veteran Fiduciary financial management services
- Homeless prevention grants
- Budget counseling
- Credit card debt management
- Family violence intervention counseling
- Bankruptcy counseling
- Reverse mortgage counseling
- Intro to homeownership workshops
- Mortgage lending
- Real estate sales

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**Organization Name:** The Salvation Army

**Address:** 4248 Dorchester Rd., North Charleston, SC 29407

**Phone:** 843-747-5271

**Website:** <http://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/charleston/home/>

**Purpose:** The Salvation Army provides food, clothing, shelter, financial assistance, and after school programs to all those in need without discrimination

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**Organization Name:** Semper Fi Fund

**Address:** Naval Weapons Station, 1004 Jefferson Avenue, Building 717, Goose Creek, SC 29445

**Phone:** 843-794-7662 or 843-794-4175

**Website:** [semperfifund.org](http://semperfifund.org)

**Purpose:** For all branches of the service.

**Available Programs:** Vietnam and Post 911 Welcome Home Fund

Service Member and Family Support Program: We provide direct financial assistance and vital programming for combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured service members and their families during hospitalization and recovery. Bedside Financial Support, Caregiver Support and Retreat, Housing Assistance, Kid's Camps, Transportation Assistance, Canine Program, Adaptive Equipment, Visiting Nurse Program, Horsemanship Program.

**Transition:** Our Transition Program makes it easier for wounded Service members to thrive beyond injury to recovery. Education support and career assistance provides them with the tools and skills to successfully reconnect with their communities and build new, productive lives. Education and Career Assistance, Veteran and Unit Reunions, Veteran to Veteran Support (V2V), and Semper Fi Fund Odyssey Retreat, Semper Fi Fund Apprenticeship Program.

**Integrative Wellness:** Providing wellness tools to improve body, mind, and spirit.

\*\*Team Semper Fi includes PTSD and TBI support, Neuro fitness training, Specialized Equipment, posttraumatic growth video resources, counseling, and sports programs.

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**Organization Name:** South Carolina Legal Services

**Address:** 2803 Carner Ave. North Charleston, SC 29405

**Phone:** Toll Free: 888-346-5592

Charleston: 843-720-7044 or 888-720-2320

**Email:** [contactus@sclegal.org](mailto:contactus@sclegal.org)

**Website:** [www.sclegal.org](http://www.sclegal.org)

**Purpose:** South Carolina Legal Services is a statewide law firm that provides civil legal services to protect the rights and represent the interests of low-income South Carolinians

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**Organization Name:** Support the Fallen

**Contact:** Christopher Freshman, Founder and President

**Phone:** 843-834-5564

**E-mail:** [ruck4wounded@yahoo.com](mailto:ruck4wounded@yahoo.com)

**Website:** <http://www.supportthefallen.org/>

**Purpose:** A nonprofit organization designed to support and raise awareness for those wounded while serving in the military or as a first responder. All donations help pay medical bills, feed, and clothe their family members, and meet any other emergency need presented.

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**Organization Name:** Tri County Elder Law

**Contact:** Kent U. Larsson

**Phone:** 843-568-9027 or 843-225-7580

**Address:** 930 Folly Road Unit D, Charleston, SC 29412

**E-mail:** [Kent.tricountyelderlaw@gmail.com](mailto:Kent.tricountyelderlaw@gmail.com)

**Website:** <https://www.tricountyelderlaw.com/>

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**Organization Name:** VHA's Office of Community Care (OCC)

**Phone:** Toll-free number 877-881-7618 (option 1), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST

**Website:** [https://www.va.gov/communitycare/about\\_us/contacts.asp](https://www.va.gov/communitycare/about_us/contacts.asp)

**Purpose:** Specially trained employees from VHA's Office of Community Care (OCC) are available to help Veterans resolve adverse credit reporting or debt collection actions resulting from authorized VA community care claims. Veterans should first gather any letters, notices or information regarding debt collection or adverse credit reports related to authorized use of community care. VA staff will collect the Veteran's information, investigate the issue, and then follow up with details of the final resolution and answer questions. Veterans may also request an adverse credit history letter that accepts or denies responsibility of the issue, as appropriate.

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## GOVERNMENT

**Organization Name:** Office of Senator Lindsey Graham

**Address:** 530 Johnnie Dodds Blvd., Suite 202, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

**Phone:** 843-849-3887

**Website:** <http://www.lgraham.senate.gov/public/>

**Purpose:** The Office of Senator Lindsey Graham is dedicated to assisting veterans and their family members meeting their needs. These resources include filing for VA benefits and medical claims, applying to receive the Montgomery GI Bill to pursue higher education, receiving assistance with suicide prevention, filing for survival benefits, accessing military records, and receiving benefits from awards earned while in service.

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**Organization Name:** Office of Senator Tim Scott

**Contact:** Roger Yongue

**Address:** 2500 City Hall Lane, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Suite, North Charleston, SC, 29406

**Phone:** 843-727-4525

**E-mail:** [Roger.Yongue@scott.senate.gov](mailto:Roger.Yongue@scott.senate.gov)

**Website:** <http://www.scott.senate.gov/resources/veterans>

**Purpose:** The Office of Senator Tim Scott is dedicated to assisting veterans. These resources include filing for VA benefits and medical claims, applying to receive the Montgomery GI Bill to pursue higher education, receiving assistance with suicide prevention, filing for survival benefits, accessing military records, and receiving benefits from awards earned while attached to the service.

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**Organization Name:** Office of Congresswoman Nancy Mace

**Address:** 295 Seven Farms Dr. Suite C-186, Daniel Island 29492

**Phone:** Business Phone (803) 212-6717/Cell Phone (843) 580-6223

**Website:** <https://mace.house.gov/>

**Purpose:** Congresswoman Nancy Mace serves the First District of South Carolina, focusing on various issues pertinent to the population of Charleston and surrounding areas of the lowcountry.

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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Are You a Veteran in Crisis or Concerned About One?  
Did you know that VA offers same day services in Primary Care and Mental  
Health at 172 VA Medical Centers across the country?**

### [Make the Connection Resource Locator](#)

**Contact the Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and press 1  
Chat or Text 838255**

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**Organization Name:** Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center  
PTSD Clinical Team (PCT) Outpatient

**Contact:** Carol Denier, PhD Office: 843-789-7721 X 7721

**Address:** 09 Bee Street Charleston, SC 29401-5799

**Phone:** 843-577-5011 or 843-577-5011

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

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**Organization Name:** Charleston Vet Center

**Contact:** Brenda Richardson – Veteran Outreach Program Specialist

**Address:** 3625 West Montague Ave., North Charleston, SC 29418

**Phone:** 843-789-7000

**E-mail:** [brenda.richardson@va.gov](mailto:brenda.richardson@va.gov)

**Website:** <http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

**Purpose:** The Charleston Vet Center is part of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible combat veterans to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life. Services are also provided to veterans who suffer from PTSD because of Military Sexual Trauma. The family members of all veterans listed above are eligible for Vet Center services as well. Bereavement counseling services are provided to surviving parents, spouses, children, and siblings of service members who die of any cause while on active duty, to include federally activated Reserve and National Guard personnel.

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**Organization Name:** VA Medical Foster Home (VA MFH) Program

**Contact:** Natasha Johnson Medical Foster Home Coordinator (Charleston)

**Address:** Ralph H. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 109 Bee Street,  
Charleston, SC 29401

**Phone:** 843-253-3446 or 843-709-7812

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

**Purpose:** The Department of Veterans Affairs has sponsored this Community Residential Care (CRC) program to provide long-term medical support to veterans who are no longer able to live independently with a serious disability or medical condition and do not wish to reside in a hospital or nursing home-type setting. The VA MFH Program Coordinator is responsible for locating an individual or family unit willing to open their home and provide 24/7 assistance and care for the veteran's personal needs.

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## Community Resources

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**Organization Name:** AF Reserve Command Psychological Health Advocacy Program

**Website:** <https://www.afrc.af.mil/About-Us/PHAP/>

**Purpose:** The PHAP Team, through telephone calls and/or site visits, provides psychological health referral services to AFRC Reservists and their families to include referral information, follow-up of services rendered, provide outreach services at all AFRC Yellow Ribbon events and assistance to AFRC installation leaders with mental health issues within three regions in the U.S. and Guam. The PHAP Team is not authorized to counsel, diagnose, treat any person requesting assistance.

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**Organization Name:** American Red Cross of the Lowcountry - SC

**Contact:** Karen Cook – Regional Program Manager

**Address:** 2424 City Hall Lane, Suite A, North Charleston, SC 29406

**Phone:** 843-693-8441; Emergency Contact and Night and Weekends call the Red Cross Hero Care Center at 877-272-7337.

**E-mail:** karen.cook3@redcross.org

**Purpose:** The American Red Cross provides emergency communication services to military (active duty, National Guard, Reserves, retired, and veterans) and their families, helping them locate and send messages to their loved ones across the globe. When service members return home, they have access to several programs and American Red Cross volunteers who are ready and willing to ease the transition from deployment or discharge into the civilian sector. Programs provided include, but are not limited to, emergency financial assistance referrals, disaster preparedness and response, reconnection and family mental health education, resiliency training to cope with the challenges of life in the military, and supportive transitional services for wounded soldiers and their family members. We also offer volunteer opportunities in all lines of service.

\*\*To initiate an Emergency Communication Message, call 1-877-272-7337 when you need to contact a service member in the event of a family emergency. This service is available 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

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**Organization Name:** Berkeley Community Mental Health Center

**Community Crisis Response and Intervention Hotline: 1-833-364-2274**

**Address:** SC Department of Mental Health, 403 Stony Landing Road,  
P.O. Box 1030, Moncks Corner, SC 29461

**Phone:** 843-761-8282 or 1-888-202-1381 / **TTY:** 1-800-647-2066

**Website:** <https://www.berkeleymentalhealth.org/>

**Purpose:** The Berkeley Community Health Center provides emergency services case management, outpatient counseling and psychiatric treatment for children, adolescents, adults, and families in Berkeley County.

**Organization Name:** Bridges for End-of-Life

**Address:** 691 Turnbull Ave. Ste. 201, North Charleston, SC 29405

**E-mail:** <http://info@bridgessc.org>

**Phone:** [843-216-7323](tel:843-216-7323)

**Website:** [www.bridgessc.org](http://www.bridgessc.org)

**Purpose:** Bridges aims to serve a vast population through our programming and community education. Through our grief support programming, Bridges' staff, facilitators, and volunteers serve Lowcountry children and youth in our schools and community. Under the umbrella of our Stepping Stones program, the Shannon's Hope Camp, Sand Dollar Club, Community Candlelight Ceremony, and Family Day Camp work together to provide a comprehensive grief support program for children in the Lowcountry area. Our community programs, such as the [Community Candlelight Memorial Ceremony](#) and our [Stepping Stones Family Day Camp](#), work to support grieving families by providing a safe space to grieve their loved one. Additionally, our [What Matters Most Festival](#) strives to unite generations of families to encourage them to begin to think about what matters most in their lives and how to live life fully as a family.

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**Organization Name:** Charleston Center: A Division of Charleston County Government

**Address:** 5 Charleston Center Drive, Charleston, SC, 29401

**Phone:** 843-722-0100 (24-hour hotline) or 843-958-3512 (Main line)

**Website:** <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/daodas/>

**Purpose:** The Charleston Center is a division of the Charleston County Government and the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS), serving the Charleston community with substance abuse prevention, intervention, education, and treatment services. A chronic addiction to alcohol and other substances may be fatal if left untreated, so please refer any individual who appears to need assistance in overcoming an addiction to any substance.

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**Organization Name:** Charleston Dorchester Mental Health (CDMHC)

**Address & Phone:**

**Charleston:** 2100 Charlie Hall Blvd., Charleston, SC 29414; 843-852-4100

**Dorchester:** 106 Springview Lane, Summerville, SC, 29485; 843-873-5063

**Website:** <http://www.charlestdorchestertermhc.org/>

**Purpose:** To provide quality mental health care to adults with persistent mental and emotional illnesses, to adults with psychiatric concerns, and to children with serious emotional disturbances. These services are provided regardless of ability to pay and the state-sponsored facility is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). The conditions that are treated through evidence-based care include, but are not limited to, anxiety, depression, behavioral problems, bipolar disorder, suicide risk, schizophrenia and schizoaffective, and trauma.

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**Organization Name:** CHEP: Communities Helping Empower Patriots

**Phone:** Please contact the Veterans Administration's Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) at: 843-789-6804

**Website:** <http://www.chepinc.org/veteran-housing/southern-sites/>

**Purpose:** In 1997, CHEP was invited to be a partner in a program initiated by the Charleston VA Medical Center to secure housing for homeless veterans on the deactivated Charleston Naval base. Prior to this partnership, the Charleston VA Medical Center had few resources for patients who completed their substance abuse recovery inpatient program. These veterans had no financial resources and no place to live. CHEP began providing a safe and sober environment to hundreds of veteran residents who have subsequently completed the program and now live independently in the local Charleston community.

All program participants are referred by the Veterans Administration's Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC), in North Charleston, SC. Program participants are admitted in accordance with cost-effective Housing First guidance, a successful intervention for people who have been homeless and/or and have complex disabilities.

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**Organization Name:** Heritage Cares

**Contact:** Rich Jones - Head Clinician and Executive Director

**Email:** [rjones@heritagehealthsolutions.com](mailto:rjones@heritagehealthsolutions.com)

**Phone:** Peer Coaches is: 844-CARES26 or 844-227-3726

**Website:** <https://scvp.heritage-cares.com/>

**Purpose:** Heritage CARES (Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Education & Support) Program. The program's primary goal is to ensure that individuals struggling with substances or suicidal ideations receive the education and support they need, on their terms, without fear of stigmatization and risk of reprisal. Founded on evidence-based clinical practices, the program starts the process of behavioral modification to move you towards your recovery goals and on to a better life. Services are also free to the family members of veterans.

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**Organization Name:** Lutheran Hospice

**Contact:** Richard McCuen – Community Outreach Director

**Address:** 1885 Rifle Range Road, Suite 46, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

**Phone:** 843-856-4735 (Office); 843-856-4737 (Fax); 843-609-7147 (Richard Cell)

**Website:** [www.lutheranhospice.org](http://www.lutheranhospice.org)

**Purpose:** Lutheran Hospice is a faith based, non-profit, MISSION to provide our patients and their family's excellent care physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We are proud to have provided patients with life-limiting illnesses daily hope, while ensuring maximum comfort, and quality of life for over 25 years in the Tri-County area.

Hospice services are primarily reimbursed to providers by Medicare, Medicaid, VA Pay, or private insurance. Hospice services include weekly RN visits; medications related to the primary admission diagnosis, symptom control such as: pain, anxiety, nausea, constipation, sleep aids, infections (antibiotics), wounds, and other related issues; DME provided (Hospital Bed, wheelchair, walkers, oxygen, Hoyer lifts, bedside commodes, etc.); incontinent supplies, gloves, wipes, and other needs); the **option** to accept CNA's several days per week (bathing, etc.) Social Work, Chaplain, and Bereavement services. We DO NOT need a physician's order to conduct educations, preliminary evaluations, or informal visits to answer questions/concerns with potential hospice patients. A physician's order is required by Medicare to ADMIT an individual to hospice services.

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**Organization Name:** Medical University of SC & Charleston VA

**Contact:** Hannah Shoemaker – Research Coordinator for PaNACea Study

**E-mail:** [shoemakh@musc.edu](mailto:shoemakh@musc.edu)

**Purpose:** Study for individuals with PTSD and alcohol use disorder, relapse prevention therapy + medication study.

\*Subjects receive compensation for the research study.

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**Organization Name:** Medical University of SC & Charleston VA

**Contact:** Hayley Feigl – Research Coordinator for Veterans & Active Military with PTSD

**E-mail:** [feigl@musc.edu](mailto:feigl@musc.edu)

**Purpose:** Prolonged Exposure + technology study

\*Subjects receive compensation for participation in the research study.

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**Organization Name:** Medical University of SC & Charleston VA

**Contact:** Jocelyn Rogers – Research Coordinator for Veterans with PTSD

**E-mail:** [jocelyn.rogers@va.gov](mailto:jocelyn.rogers@va.gov)

\*Perform eligibility screening. Veterans receive compensation for participation in the research study. Telehealth options available.

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**Organization Name:** National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

**Address:** NAMI Charleston Area (SC), PO Box 2251, Mount Pleasant, SC 29465

**Contact:** Belinda Smallwood

**Email:** [toni.smallwood@namicharlestonarea.org](mailto:toni.smallwood@namicharlestonarea.org)

**Phone:** 843-284-3091

**Website:** <http://www.namicharlestonarea.org/>

**Purpose:** NAMI Charleston provides monthly support groups to clients experiencing struggles with mental illness, but also offer support to family members and friends of the clients, recognizing that the struggles affect more than one individual. Counseling and support services are offered for those struggling with depression, schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, and many others.

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**Organization Name:** Joint Base Charleston Chapel

**Address:** Air Base (AB) Chapel: 107 Arthur Dr. Joint Base Charleston, SC 29404

AB Chapel Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

AB Chapel Phone: Comm: (843) 963-4673 (HOPE)

DSN: (312) 673-HOPE

Naval Weapons Stations (NWS) Chapel: 707 Chapel Drive Goose Creek, SC 29445

NWS Chapel Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

NWS Chapel Phone: Comm: (843) 794-7222

DSN: (312) 794-7222

NOTE: For after duty hours emergencies, call the Command Post at (843) 963-8400.

**Website:** <http://www.charleston.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15749>.

**Purpose:** The Joint Base Charleston chaplains are responsible for the spiritual care and facilitation of free religious expression for Airmen and their family members on base and in various deployment locations world-wide. While duties include presiding over religious ceremonies and administering religious rites, active and reserve duty chaplains also provide the following services: addiction/substance abuse, combat stress, deployment/re-deployment, domestic violence, ethical/moral dilemmas, health-related issues, life & career transitions, mental health concerns, relationships (family, non-family, and marital), respect for religious beliefs and accommodation, sexual assault and harassment, spiritual guidance, suicide prevention, and advice for workplace issues.

\*\*\*If a veteran maintains their retiree ID card, they may participate in religious services and access spiritual counsel through Joint Base Charleston

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**Organization Name:** Joint Base Charleston Casualty Assistance Office

**Contact:** Brian Harriman – Air Force Casualty Representative/Survivor Benefit Plan Counselor

**Phone:** 843-963-6334

**Purpose: Casualty Assistance**

An Air Force Casualty Assistance Representative (CAR) provides prompt casualty reporting, dignified casualty notifications, and compassionate follow-on assistance to the next-of-kin. The Air Force Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) counselor is mandated to meet with retiring USAF service members to provide a briefing on survivor benefits. SBP is a government program which makes it possible for retiring members to ensure that after their death, their eligible survivors will receive a portion of their military retired pay in the form of a monthly annuity. An active-duty member who has eligible dependents is automatically covered by SBP at the maximum level at no cost to the member while he/she remains on active duty. Prior to retiring, each member must decide whether to continue SBP coverage into retirement. SBP is the sole means for a member to continue a portion of their military retired pay to their eligible survivors.

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**Organization Name:** Elizabeth Dole Foundation

**Website:** <https://www.elizabethdolefoundation.org/about-the-foundation/>

**Purpose:** The Elizabeth Dole Foundation is the preeminent organization empowering, supporting, and honoring our nation's 5.5 million military caregivers; the spouses, parents, family members, and friends who care for America's wounded, ill, or injured veterans. Founded by Senator Elizabeth Dole in 2012, the Foundation adopts a comprehensive approach in its advocacy, working with leaders in the public, private, nonprofit and faith communities to recognize military caregivers' service and promote their well-being.

Hidden Heroes is a multi-year, multi-faceted campaign that The Elizabeth Dole Foundation brings vital attention to the untold stories of military caregivers and seeks solutions for the tremendous challenges and long-term needs they face. Hidden Heroes seeks to:

- Raise awareness of the issues military caregivers confront every day.
  - Inspire individuals, businesses, communities, and civic, faith and government leaders to act in supporting military caregivers in their communities.
  - Establish a national registry, encouraging military caregivers to register at HiddenHeroes.org to better connect them to helpful resources and support.
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**Organization Name:** Hospice of Charleston, An Affiliate of Kindred at Home

**Contact:** Marcia Sisson, LMSW

**Address:** 4975 Lacross Road, Suite 200, North Charleston, SC 29406

**Phone:** 843-529-3100

**Website:** <https://www.kindredhealthcare.com/our-services/homecare/about/affiliates/hospice-of-charleston>

**Purpose:** Hospice is not an everyday service or experience, so it can come with a lot of uncertainty. It is important to know that you have people close by who can help you, support you and lift some of the emotional weight that can come with caring for a loved one. We offer care and compassion from caregivers with extensive experience in hospice care.

Hospice can provide comfort to your loved one, skilled care, and nursing visits. It can even help your family with things like supplies, equipment, and hospice medications.

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**Organization Name:** Palmetto Lowcountry Behavioral Health

**Address:** 2777 Speissegger Drive, North Charleston, SC 29405

**Phone:** 843-747-5830 Toll-Free 877-947-3223

**Website:** <http://palmettobehavioralhealth.com/>

**Purpose:** Palmetto Lowcountry Behavioral Health is committed to providing specialized behavioral health treatment for the men and women who serve or have served in the United States Armed Forces. The Patriot Support Program offers treatment and services to adult TRICARE® members and their beneficiaries and addresses the behavioral health needs of military service members in all branches of the armed services. The Patriot Support Program is supported by an experienced military support team comprised of retired generals and admirals from across the armed services. This expertise and support allows us to provide specialized and evidenced-based treatment aimed at enhancing the readiness of our service members.

**KEY FEATURES OF THE PATRIOT SUPPORT PROGRAM**

- Dedicated military liaison.
- Military veterans on staff.
- Psychiatric, substance use disorder and dual diagnosis treatment.
- Active partnership with military treatment facilities and commands.
- Outcomes measures and tracking.
- Medication management using the military formulary.

**Organization Name:** Palmetto Project

**Address:** 6296 Rivers Avenue Suite 100, North Charleston, SC 29406

**Phone:** 843-577-4122

**Website:** [www.palmettoproject.org](http://www.palmettoproject.org)

**Purpose:** The Palmetto Project provides application and enrollment assistance for health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and general health care resource information.

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**Organization Name:** Roper St. Francis Hospital

**Website:** <http://www.ropersaintfrancis.com/>

**Address:** Charleston: 316 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Bon Secours St. Francis: 2095 Henry Tecklenburg Drive, Charleston, SC 29414

Mt. Pleasant: 3500 Highway 17 North, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

**Purpose:** To provide the highest quality of medical care in the industry

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## **HOUSING & HOMELESS PREVENTION SERVICES**

**No Veteran Should Be Without a Place to Call Home**

**Free Help for Homeless Veterans Dial 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838)  
for 24/7 access to VA services for homeless and at-risk Veterans**

**Homeless Veteran Chat Confidential, 24/7 online support for homeless  
Veterans and friends**

<https://www.va.gov/homeless> for more information

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**Organization Name:** VA HUD-VASH Program

**Contact:** Linda Williams, HUD-VASH Coordinator

**Address:** Ralph H. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 109 Bee Street,  
Charleston, SC 29401

**Phone:** 843-577-5011

**E-mail:** [Linda.Williams@va.gov](mailto:Linda.Williams@va.gov)

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

**Purpose:** The HUD-VASH Program assists homeless veterans in obtaining safe, affordable housing by providing them with a Housing Choice Voucher and clinical services in mental health to encourage a better quality of life

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**Organization Name:** VA Community Resource & Referral Center (CRRC)

**Address:** 2424 City Hall Lane, North Charleston, SC 29405

**Phone:** 843-789-6804

**Website:** <http://www.charleston.va.gov>

**Purpose:** The VA Community Resource & Referral Center (CRRC) is a partnership effort between the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center and Palmetto Goodwill with support from the City of North Charleston to provide a one-stop resource center for Veterans experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless in the greater Charleston area. The CRRC is an integral part of the Ralph H Johnson VA Medical Center Health Care for Homeless Veterans program.

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## Community Resources

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**Organization Name:** One80 Place Supportive Services for Veterans & Families (SSVF)

**Contact:** (843) 737-8357 (Housing Crisis Line) for direct services

**Address:** 35 Walnut Street, Charleston, SC 29403

**Phone:**

- One80 Place Main Line: 843-723-9477
- SSVF Hotline: 843-212-8668

**E-mail:** [ssvfreferrals@one80place.org](mailto:ssvfreferrals@one80place.org)

**Website:** [www.one80place.org](http://www.one80place.org)

**Purpose:** One80 Place is the largest homeless service provider in South Carolina, serving a hot meal daily in the Charleston-area homeless shelter and the Palmetto House shelter in Summerville, SC. One80 Place staff are certified to oversee comprehensive case management for all clients, including military veterans, civilians, individuals, and families.

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**Organization Name:** City of Charleston Housing and Community Development

**Contact:** LaToya Bates

**Address:** 75 Calhoun St. Suite 3200 Charleston, SC 29401

**Phone:** 843-724-7348

**E-mail:** [batesl@charlestonsc.gov](mailto:batesl@charlestonsc.gov)

**Website:** <https://www.charleston-sc.gov/233/Housing-Community-Development>

**Purpose:** The department is responsible for:

- Creating, facilitating, and implementing activities and programs which stimulate community and economic development.
  - Expanding the supply of available housing.
  - Stimulating the construction and rehabilitation of housing for persons of very low, low, and moderate incomes in Charleston's neighborhoods.
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**Organization Name:** Fleet & Family Support Center

**Address:** 1005 Jefferson Ave., Building 755, Goose Creek, SC 29445

**Phone:** 843-794-7427 or 843-794-7840

**Website:** <http://www.jbcharleston.com/youth-and-family/weapons-stations/fleet-a-family-support>

**Purpose:** The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), Naval Weapons Station is the military community's primary resource for information and services. We are recognized by commands in the area as vital to the success of their mission. We serve with pride and distinction and are renowned for our superb performance. The FFSC assists all Reserves, Active Duty, National Guard, retired Veterans, and civilian employees regardless of service branch. The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) assists and prepares members separating, retiring, or demobilizing service members and their families with skills and knowledge to facilitate a successful transition from life in the military to the civilian sector. Each Family Readiness Center is staffed to provide personalized assistance for all transition-related needs of armed services members.

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**Organization Name:** Goodwill Industries of Lower South Carolina

**Contact:** Paul Salemi, Veteran Employment Specialist

**Address:** 2150 Eagle Drive, Building 100, North Charleston, SC 29406

**Phone:** 843-556-0072 or 888.560.0072

**E-mail:** [Paul.salemi@palmettogoodwill.org](mailto:Paul.salemi@palmettogoodwill.org)

**Website:** <https://palmettogoodwill.org/veteran-employment-program/>

**Purpose:** The Palmetto Goodwill mission is to help people “achieve their full potential through the dignity and power of work.” This mission is achieved through employment training and job placement in 18 counties across South Carolina, helping recent graduates of work training programs face the challenges of preparing for the work force and maintaining steady employment to improve financial stability and well-being. Palmetto Goodwill staff can help with career coaching, vocational assessment, skills training and job placement, case management, and training.

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**Organization Name:** Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

**Address:** Naval Weapons Station, 1004 Jefferson Avenue, Building 717, Goose Creek, SC 29445

**Phone:** 843-794-7662

**Website:** <http://www.nmcrs.org/>

**Purpose:** Potential clients must have an active military ID. The NMCRS is unable to assist non-military civilians. Agency provides military assistance to military personnel, their immediate family members who have ID, and military 20 (or more) year retirees. Interest-free loans, grants, or a combination of the two may provide:

- Emergency transportation
- Food
- Funeral Expenses
- Medical/Dental Needs
- Rental & utility bill assistance

Eligibility for NMCRS services covers Sailors, Marines, and Army currently on active duty and their immediate families ONLY. Retirees with 20 or more years of active military service and widows of eligible service members and retirees also may qualify.

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**Organization Name:** Origin SC (formerly known as Family Services, Inc.)

**Contact Name:** Caprice Atterbury

**Email:** [catterbury@originsc.org](mailto:catterbury@originsc.org)

**Address:** 8084 Rivers Avenue North Charleston, SC 29406

**Website:** [www.originsc.org](http://www.originsc.org)

**Purpose:** Family Services, Inc. has existed since 1888, bringing hope and quality customer service to the Charleston community and beyond. Our goal is to empower individuals and families to achieve financial independence and sustainability at a cost comparable to industry standards. Services offered to Veterans are:

- Veteran Fiduciary financial management services
- Homeless prevention grants
- Budget counseling
- Credit card debt management
- Family violence intervention counseling
- Bankruptcy counseling
- Reverse mortgage counseling
- Intro to homeownership workshops
- Mortgage lending
- Real estate sales

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**Organization Name:** Project Street Outreach (PSO Inc.)

**Contact:** Denise Cromwell

**Phone:** 843-729-8666

**E-mail:** [outreachforvets@gmail.com](mailto:outreachforvets@gmail.com)

**Website:** <http://www.psoinc.org/>

**Purpose:** Project Street Outreach is a distribution and referral service for the homeless veteran active-duty service members and their immediate families in crisis.

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**Organization Name:** The Salvation Army

**Address:** 4248 Dorchester Rd., North Charleston, SC 29407

**Phone:** 843-747-5271

**Website:** <http://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/charleston/home/>

**Purpose:** The Salvation Army provides food, clothing, shelter, financial assistance, and after school programs to all those in need without discrimination.

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**Organization Name:** SC Army National Guard (SCNG) -Family Programs

**Contact:** Audra Harmon, Family Assistance Specialist; Tisha Buelto, Veterans Advocate

**Address:** Citadel Armory, 68 Hagood Street, Charleston, SC 29403

**Phone:** 803-429-9792; 803-299-0506

**E-mail:** [audra.d.harmon.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:audra.d.harmon.ctr@mail.mil); [tisha.buelto@sebapro.com](mailto:tisha.buelto@sebapro.com)

**Website:** [www.scguard.com](http://www.scguard.com)

**Purpose:** The Family Assistance Program exists to educate National Guard members and their families about life in the military and how to cope with its unique challenges. In addition to this support, there is a Community Outreach component to connect National Guard members with local, regional, and national resources to support them in their daily lives and activities, pre- and post-deployment.

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**Organization Name:** Tri-County Veterans Support Network (TCVSN)

**Contact:** Tim Taylor

**Phone:** 843-410-3616

**E-mail:** [tim@tcvsn.org](mailto:tim@tcvsn.org)

**Website:** [www.tcvsn.org](http://www.tcvsn.org)

**Purpose:** TCVSN is comprised of many agencies committed to collaboratively working together to serve local veterans and families in crisis and help them navigate their way to stability by connecting them to the right resources at the right time. TCVSN also manages an emergency hotel shelter program. Last year, we provided 455 nights stays for veterans and families in crisis.

## Information & Referral Services

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**Organization Name:** South Carolina Department of Veteran's Affairs

**Contact:** Brennan Beck – Lowcountry Regional Integration Officer (RIO)

**Phone:** 803-876-8800

**E-mail:** [Brennan.beck@scdva.sc.gov](mailto:Brennan.beck@scdva.sc.gov)

**Purpose:** The purpose of the South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs is to serve Veterans and their families. They are our customers, and customer service is our first and most important job.

We do this by:

- Assisting Veterans and their families in obtaining the benefits to which they are entitled.
- Integrating the efforts of all entities in the State that provide a service to Veterans or their families.
- Advocating for Veterans, our military installations, and service members and their families serving in South Carolina.
- Informing and educating the public, State and local leaders, and Veterans on matters pertinent to Veterans.

SCDVA defines success as: A South Carolina Veteran population that is mentally, emotionally, and physically sound; satisfied by the dignified manner in which they are treated by those who provide services; respected by their fellow citizens; and proud of their continuing contributions to the South Carolina community and the Nation.

## Community Resources

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**Organization Name:** American Red Cross of the Lowcountry - SC

**Contact:** Karen Cook – Regional Program Manager

**Address:** 2424 City Hall Lane, Suite A, North Charleston, SC 29406

**Phone:** 843-693-8441; Emergency Contact and Night and Weekends call the Red Cross Hero Care Center at 877-272-7337.

**E-mail:** karen.cook3@redcross.org

**Purpose:** The American Red Cross provides emergency communication services to military (active duty, National Guard, Reserves, retired, and veterans) and their families, helping them locate and send messages to their loved ones across the globe. When service members return home, they have access to several programs and American Red Cross volunteers who are ready and willing to ease the transition from deployment or discharge into the civilian sector. Programs provided include, but are not limited to, emergency financial assistance referrals, disaster preparedness and response, reconnection and family mental health education, resiliency training to cope with the challenges of life in the military, and supportive transitional services for wounded soldiers and their family members. We also offer volunteer opportunities in all lines of service.

**\*\*To initiate an Emergency Communication Message, call 1-877-272-7337 when you need to contact a service member in the event of a family emergency. This service is available 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.**

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**Organization Name:** Joint Base Charleston Chapel

**Address:**

Air Base (AB) Chapel: 107 Arthur Dr. Joint Base Charleston, SC 29404

AB Chapel Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

AB Chapel Phone: Comm: (843) 963-4673 (HOPE)

DSN: (312) 673-HOPE

Naval Weapons Stations (NWS) Chapel: 707 Chapel Drive Goose Creek, SC 29445

NWS Chapel Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

NWS Chapel Phone: Comm: (843) 794-7222

DSN: (312) 794-7222

NOTE: For after duty hours emergencies, call the Command Post at (843) 963-8400.

**Website:** <http://www.charleston.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15749>.

**Purpose:** The Joint Base Charleston chaplains are responsible for the spiritual care and facilitation of free religious expression for Airmen and their family members on base and in various deployment locations world-wide. While duties include presiding over religious ceremonies and administering religious rites, active and reserve duty chaplains also provide the following services: addiction/substance abuse, combat stress, deployment/re-deployment, domestic violence, ethical/moral dilemmas, health-related issues, life & career transitions, mental health concerns, relationships (family, non-family, and marital), respect for religious beliefs and accommodation, sexual assault and harassment, spiritual guidance, suicide prevention, and advice for work-place issues.

\*\*\*If a veteran maintains their retiree ID card, they may participate in religious services and access spiritual counsel through Joint Base Charleston

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**Organization Name:** Joint Base Charleston Casualty Assistance Office

**Contact:** Brian Harriman – Air Force Casualty Representative/Survivor Benefit Plan Counselor

**Phone:** 843-963-6334

**Purpose: Casualty Assistance**

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**Organization Name:** Military Community Connection

**Contact:** Marie Elana Roland, CEO

**Phone:** 1-855-355-1200

**E-mail:** [meroland@mccunite.org](mailto:meroland@mccunite.org)

**Website:** <http://mccunite.org>

**Purpose:** To unite the Veteran population and the local community, Military Community Connection (MCC) seeks to streamline the coordination of care through a collective impact model, facilitating partnerships between community service providers and Veterans to deliver the highest standard of holistic care.

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**Organization Name:** Semper Fi Fund

**Address:** Naval Weapons Station, 1004 Jefferson Avenue, Building 717, Goose Creek, SC 29445

**Phone:** 843-794-7662 or 843-794-4175

**Website:** [semperfifund.org](http://semperfifund.org)

**Purpose:** For all branches of the service.

**Available Programs:** Vietnam and Post 911 Welcome Home Fund

Service Member and Family Support Program: We provide direct financial assistance and vital programming for combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured service members and their families during hospitalization and recovery. Bedside Financial Support, Caregiver Support and Retreat, Housing Assistance, Kid's Camps, Transportation Assistance, Canine Program, Adaptive Equipment, Visiting Nurse Program, Horsemanship Program.

**Transition:** Our Transition Program makes it easier for wounded Service members to thrive beyond injury to recovery. Education support and career assistance provides them with the tools and skills to successfully reconnect with their communities and build new, productive lives. Education and Career Assistance, Veteran and Unit Reunions, Veteran to Veteran Support (V2V), and Semper Fi Fund Odyssey Retreat, Semper Fi Fund Apprenticeship Program.

**Integrative Wellness:** Providing wellness tools to improve body, mind, and spirit.

\*\*Team Semper Fi includes PTSD and TBI support, Neuro fitness training, Specialized Equipment, posttraumatic growth video resources, counseling, and sports programs.

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**Organization Name:** United States Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment

**Phone:** 910-451-1202, 910-451-4812, or 910-449-9573

**Website:** - <https://www.facebook.com/wwbne.usmc> or  
<https://www.woundedwarrior.marines.mil>

Wounded Warrior Battalion-East (WWBn-E) Contact Center provides research, reference, and referral for wounded, ill, and injured Marines and Sailors. The Call Center provides outreach to all wounded, ill, and injured Marines, Sailors (combat and non-combat) and their families, who request or require assistance throughout all phases of recovery to assist in rehabilitation and transition. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 1200-2000.

**Purpose:** The Wounded Warrior Regiment achieves its mission through two battalions. Wounded Warrior Battalion-East is located at Camp Lejeune, NC, where it operates a Warrior Hope and Care Center that offers campus-style access to a full complement of services, such as rehabilitation, counseling, and physical training. Wounded Warrior Battalion-East is comprised of seven detachments and is responsible for all areas east of the Mississippi River as well as a detachment at San Antonio Military Medical Center, San Antonio, TX and Landstuhl, Germany. WWBn-E leadership is committed to the successful recovery and transition of each Marine and family assigned to its care.

Wounded Warrior Battalion-East shares the mission and objectives of the Wounded Warrior Regiment and focuses on the whole Marine - mind, body, spirit, family - in addressing recovery needs. If you need further information about referring a Marine or the support available through the Wounded Warrior Battalion-East, please contact us.

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## Other National Resources

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### National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

<https://www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp>

If you are or know a Veteran who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, you may contact the National VA Call Center for Homeless Veterans. These resources are also available to Veterans' family members and friends, VA medical centers, VA partners, community agencies, and service providers.

Call 1-877-424-3838, 24/7.

Chat online.

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## **Quit VET**

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/smoking/quitline.asp>

Tobacco quitlines can double your chance of quitting, compared with getting no support at all. Any Veteran receiving health care through VA is eligible to use the Quit VET quitline. Call the quitline to speak with a tobacco cessation counselor.

Call 1-855-QUIT-VET (1-855-784-8838), 9 a.m.–9 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday.

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## **Veterans Crisis Line**

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans and Service members in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring VA responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text.

Call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, 24/7.

Chat online.

Text to 838255.

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## **War Vet Call Center**

<https://www.vetcenter.va.gov/media/Call-Center-PSA.asp>

The War Vet Call Center is a confidential call center where combat Veterans and their families can call to talk about their military experience or any other issue they are facing in their readjustment to civilian life.

Call 1-877-WAR-VETS (1-877-927-8387), 24/7.

War Vet Call Center

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## **Women Veterans Call Center**

<https://www.womenshealth.va.gov/WOMENSHEALTH/ProgramOverview/wvcc.asp>

The Women Veterans Call Center (WVCC) provides VA services and resources to women Veterans, their families, and caregivers. You can also chat online anonymously with a WVCC representative.

Call 1-855-VA-Women (1-855-829-6636) 8 a.m.–10 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday; 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m. ET, Saturday.

Chat 8 a.m.–10 p.m. ET Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m. ET, Saturday.

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## **Caregiver Support**

<https://www.caregiver.va.gov/>

If you are caring for a Veteran, the VA Caregiver Support Program offers training, educational resources, and a variety of tools to help you succeed.

Call 1-855-260-3274, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday for advice on being a caregiver. Find your local Caregiver Support Coordinator.

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## **Coaching Into Care**

<http://www.va.gov/coachingintocare>

This VA program provides guidance to Veterans' family members and friends for encouraging a reluctant Veteran they care about to reach out for support with a mental health challenge. Free, confidential assistance is available by calling 1-888-823-7458 Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET, or emailing [CoachingIntoCare@va.gov](mailto:CoachingIntoCare@va.gov).

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## **Real Warriors**

<https://www.realwarriors.net/>

Real Warriors, a program through the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE), provides information and resources about psychological health, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and traumatic brain injury.

Call 1-866-966-1020, available 24/7. Chat online 24/7.

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## PEER SUPPORT & RECREATION

**Organization Name:** VA Voluntary Service

**Website:** <https://www.volunteer.va.gov/>

**Purpose:** Each year community volunteers give selflessly of their time and resources in service to America's Veterans. It is impossible to calculate the amount of caring and sharing that these VAVS volunteers provide to Veteran patients. VAVS volunteers are a priceless asset to the Nation's Veterans and to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Please join the VAVS family and make a difference in the lives of America's heroes. Sign up to volunteer at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center by clicking on the link [www.charleston.va.gov/giving/](http://www.charleston.va.gov/giving/)

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### Community Resources

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**Organization Name:** Church Mobilization Hub of Charleston

**Contact:** Craig Tuck, Strategic Development

**Phone:** 843-345-6370

**E-mail:** [craig@thehubcharleston.com](mailto:craig@thehubcharleston.com)

**Website:** [www.thehubcharleston.com](http://www.thehubcharleston.com)

**Purpose:** The Hub is a team of ministry and marketplace partners who work to vitalize and revitalize churches in the Charleston area through a relational process of formation and mobilization that leads to Gospel saturation, and city-wide church collaboration.

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**Organization Name:** Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 34-4

**E-mail:** [LowcountryCVMA@gmail.com](mailto:LowcountryCVMA@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.combatvets.us](http://www.combatvets.us)

**Purpose:** We are an Association of Combat Veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces who ride motorcycles as a hobby. Our mission now is to support and defend those who have defended our country and our freedoms. Our focus is to help veteran care facilities provide a warm meal, clothing, shelter, and guidance, or simply to say, "Thank You." and "Welcome Home."

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**Organization Name:** Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

**E-mail:** Charles Wood – [davdistrict1@att.net](mailto:davdistrict1@att.net)

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

**Purpose:** To empower veterans to live their lives with respect and dignity, receiving the care they deserve.

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**Organization Name:** Elizabeth Dole Foundation

**Website:** <https://www.elizabethdolefoundation.org/about-the-foundation/>

**Purpose:** The Elizabeth Dole Foundation is the preeminent organization empowering, supporting, and honoring our nation's 5.5 million military caregivers; the spouses, parents, family members, and friends who care for America's wounded, ill, or injured veterans. Founded by Senator Elizabeth Dole in 2012, the Foundation adopts a comprehensive approach in its advocacy, working with leaders in the public, private, nonprofit and faith communities to recognize military caregivers' service and promote their well-being. Hidden Heroes is a multi-year, multi-faceted campaign that The Elizabeth Dole Foundation brings vital attention to the untold stories of military caregivers and seeks solutions for the tremendous challenges and long-term needs they face. Hidden Heroes seeks to:

- Raise awareness of the issues military caregivers confront every day.
  - Inspire individuals, businesses, communities, and civic, faith and government leaders to act in supporting military caregivers in their communities.
  - Establish a national registry, encouraging military caregivers to register at [HiddenHeroes.org](http://HiddenHeroes.org) to better connect them to helpful resources and support.
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**Organization Name:** Fleet Reserve Association Lowcountry-Branch 269

**Contact:** Fred Bolz

**Address:** 99 Wisteria Lane, Goose Creek, SC 29445

**Phone:** 843-797-3515

**E-mail:** [htcmret@aol.com](mailto:htcmret@aol.com)

**Website:** [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org)

**Purpose:** To represent the interests of the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard members, retired veterans and their families to the members of the United States Congress.

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**Organization Name:** Fisher House

**Website:** <https://friendsoffisherhousecharleston.org/>

**Purpose:** To provide temporary accommodations to Veterans and their families while the Veteran is receiving medical attention at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, Charleston.

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**Organization Name:** Grappling PTSD

**Contact:** 419-957-4741

**Website:** <https://helpgrapplingptsd.org/>

**Purpose:** Because we understand what it is like to come home and have so few understood us, to feel a loss of meaning and purpose, a strange new paradigm in an old and smaller, dirtier, looking place, to battle our demons... AND to make it through with friends at our side. We are living it as well.

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**Organization Name:** Heritage Cares

**Contact:** Rich Jones - Head Clinician and Executive Director

**Email:** [rjones@heritagehealthsolutions.com](mailto:rjones@heritagehealthsolutions.com)

**Phone:** Peer Coaches is: 844-CARES26 or 844-227-3726

**Website:** <https://scvp.heritage-cares.com/>

**Purpose:** Heritage CARES (Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Education & Support) Program. The program's primary goal is to ensure that individuals struggling with substances or suicidal ideations receive the education and support they need, on their terms, without fear of stigmatization and risk of reprisal. Founded on evidence-based clinical practices, the program starts the process of behavioral modification to move you towards your recovery goals and on to a better life. Services are also free to the family members of veterans.

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**Organization Name:** Lowcountry Leathernecks

**Contact:** Colonel Mac Radcliffe

**E-mail:** [mactgfusmc@att.net](mailto:mactgfusmc@att.net)

**Website:** <http://lowcountryleatherneck.blogspot.com/>

**Purpose:** To provide an online community for the Marine Corps and support the Semper Fi Fund.

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**Organization Name:** Marine Corps League – Detachment 803

**Contact:** Bob Mastrion

**Phone:** 843-681-7586

**E-mail:** [rmastrion9991@att.net](mailto:rmastrion9991@att.net)

**Website:** <http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/index.php>

**Purpose:** To support veterans of the Marine Corps and those men and women currently serving. To promote the values of the Marine Corps and further its interests among the general population and to encourage and empower potential future Marines.

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**Organization Name:** The Military Order of the Purple Heart: Historic Chapter of Charleston

**Contact:** Bob Mastrion

**Phone:** 843-681-7586

**E-mail:** rmastrion9991@att.net

**Website:** <http://www.purpleheart.org/Mission.aspx>

**Purpose:** To encourage camaraderie among combat veterans, to promote an increased sense of patriotism, and to provide appropriate and quality service to veterans and their family members.

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**Organization Name:** Patriot Guard Riders

**Contact:** John Evans

**E-mail:** [jevans1147@bellsouth.net](mailto:jevans1147@bellsouth.net)

**Website:** [www.patriotguard.org](http://www.patriotguard.org)

**Purpose:** The Patriot Guard Riders is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to honoring our fallen military heroes, first responders, and those veterans who have been honorably discharged. While most chapters have a common theme of motorcycle riders who have served in one of the military branches, it is not a requirement to ride or to be a veteran. The only requirement is a sense of respect intended to honor the commitment and bravery of our men and women who volunteer to preserve the greater good of our society.

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**Organization Name:** Patriots of the Lowcountry

**Website:** <http://www.patriotsofthelowcountry.org/index.htm>

**Purpose:** To emotionally and physically support our nation's veterans and their families by raising awareness and funds to provide local activities for them. By sponsoring these events for them, veterans are honored and appreciated for their sacrifices that they have made on our behalf.

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**Organization Name:** South Carolina Combat Veterans Group

**Contact:** Tommy Olds, Commander

**Phone:** 843-834-5564

**E-mail:** [commanderolds09@yahoo.com](mailto:commanderolds09@yahoo.com)

**Website:** <http://www.supportthefallen.org/>

**Purpose:** The SC Combat Veterans Group was organized to support those who have experienced trauma from their battle experiences in the service. The group emphasizes humor, music, and faith to navigate difficult times and personal struggles. Membership is open to soldiers, veterans, and family members who are searching for a healing experience and foundation. The group also emphasizes efforts to reach out to those in need, including homeless veterans.

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**Organization Name:** Support The Fallen

**Contact:** Christopher Freshman, Founder and President

**Phone:** 843-834-5564

**E-mail:** [ruck4wounded@yahoo.com](mailto:ruck4wounded@yahoo.com)

**Website:** <http://www.supportthefallen.org/>

**Purpose:** A non-profit organization designed to support and raise awareness for those wounded while serving in the military or as a first responder. All donations help pay medical bills, feed and clothe their family members, and meet any other emergency need presented.

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**Organization Name:** United States Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment

**Phone:** 910-451-1202, 910-451-4812, or 910-449-9573

**Website:** - <https://www.facebook.com/wwbne.usmc> or  
<https://www.woundedwarrior.marines.mil>

Wounded Warrior Battalion-East (WWBn-E) Contact Center provides research, reference, and referral for wounded, ill, and injured Marines and Sailors. The Call Center provides outreach to all wounded, ill, and injured Marines, Sailors (combat and non-combat) and their families, who request or require assistance throughout all phases of recovery to assist in rehabilitation and transition. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 1200-2000.

**Purpose:** The Wounded Warrior Regiment achieves its mission through two battalions. Wounded Warrior Battalion-East is located at Camp Lejeune, NC, where it operates a Warrior Hope and Care Center that offers campus-style access to a full complement of services, such as rehabilitation, counseling, and physical training. Wounded Warrior Battalion-East is comprised of seven detachments and is responsible for all areas east of the Mississippi River as well as a detachment at San Antonio Military Medical Center, San Antonio, TX and Landstuhl, Germany. WWBn-E leadership is committed to the successful recovery and transition of each Marine and family assigned to its care.

Wounded Warrior Battalion-East shares the mission and objectives of the Wounded Warrior Regiment and focuses on the whole Marine - mind, body, spirit, family - in addressing recovery needs. If you need further information about referring a Marine or the support available through the Wounded Warrior Battalion-East, please contact us.

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**Organization Name:** USSVI-Charleston Base

**Contact:** Ed Stank

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**E-mail:** [basecommander@ussvicb.org](mailto:basecommander@ussvicb.org)

**Website:** <http://www.ussvicb.org/>

**Purpose:** To honor and remember those who gave their lives in pursuit of loyalty and dedication to their country and in support of the Constitution.

**Organization Name:** Veterans, Families, and Friends PTSD Support Group

**Contact:** Frank Ruse

**Phone:** 843-637-6463

**E-mail:** [ru seter84@yahoo.com](mailto:ru seter84@yahoo.com)

**Website:** <http://www.youarestrong.org/veterans-combat-stressptsd-self-help-and-support-group/>

**Purpose:** To provide support for the military member, friends, and families experiencing struggles with PTSD and Combat Stress Injury (CSI). Members come together to offer experience, strength, hope, and support to face and overcome their struggles. On Monday evenings at 7pm, the group gathers at the Fellowship of Oakbrook. On Wednesday evenings at 7pm, the group gathers at the American Red Cross (Address: 2424 City Hall Lane, North Charleston, SC 29406).

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# REHABILITATIVE & RECREATIONAL THERAPY

## Community Resources

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**Organization Name:** Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding

**Contact:** Colleen Trepn -Executive Director

**Phone:** 843-559-6040

**Website:** <https://www.catr-program.org/>

**Purpose:** Since establishment in 1991, accentuating the positive and building on the abilities of our students has been the core of CATR's mission. Six Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) certified instructors, 200 volunteers, and fourteen horses work together to serve over 160 students each year in three different programs. Individual Therapeutic Riding Instruction is open to children and adults with a disability. The Public-School Program provides therapeutic riding and equine assisted activities to students from special education classrooms from local public schools. CATR's Veterans Program delivers horsemanship skills and therapeutic riding to wounded service men and women. All CATR's programs provide an exceptional therapeutic opportunity for individuals to move beyond their disabilities to find accomplishment through riding and interacting with horses.

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**Organization Name:** PGA Hope Charleston Veterans Golf Program

**Contact:** Rich O'Brien

**Phone:** 843-826-0837

**Email:** [richobriengolf@gmail.com](mailto:richobriengolf@gmail.com)

**Website:** <https://www.pgareach.org/services/military/>

**Purpose:** PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) is the flagship military program of PGA REACH, the charitable foundation of the PGA of America. PGA HOPE introduces golf to Veterans with disabilities to enhance their physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being.

The program introduces the game of golf through a developmental 6–8-week curriculum, taught by PGA Professionals trained in adaptive golf and military cultural competency. All programs are funded by PGA REACH and supplemented by PGA Section Foundations, so the cost of programming is free to all Veterans

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**Organization Name: Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing**

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**Website:** <https://projecthealingwaters.org/>

**Facebook:** [www.phwffcharleston.com](http://www.phwffcharleston.com)

**Purpose:** Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings. PHWFF formed in 2005 serving disabled military service members and disabled veterans at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Since then, PHWFF has expanded nationwide, establishing over 228 highly successful, volunteer-run programs supporting over 9,700 participants. This effort is accomplished by over 4,295 volunteers. The program provides basic fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying, and rod building classes, along with clinics/seminars for participants ranging from beginners who have never fished before, to those with prior fly fishing and tying experience. All fly fishing and tying equipment is provided to the participants at no cost. Fishing trips, both one day and multi-day, are also provided free of charge to participants. PHWFF is unique in that our volunteers are teaching classes on an on-going, long term basis. We provide the lifeline that connects disabled veterans with our volunteers and programs in a long-term haling relationship.

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**Organization Name: Veterans on Deck**

**Contact:** Ed Venere

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**Email:** [veteransondeck@gmail.com](mailto:veteransondeck@gmail.com)

**Website:** <http://www.veteransondeck.org/>

**Purpose:** Veterans on Deck is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit for Veterans with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), past experience Military Sexual Trauma, or Severe Mental Illness. VoD uses the forum of sailing to foster experiences of empowerment, successful social interaction, and develop maritime skills. VoD cultivates community pathways for Veterans to achieve reconnection, community reintegration, socialization, develop relationships, create opportunities for personal growth, and to learn how to have fun again. Veterans are able to come together and work as a team in often challenging and stressful conditions to make the boat go. Our objective is to offer programs that are not just therapeutic, but also address the deeper vocational and social recalibration needs of returning veterans.

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**Organization Name:** Warrior Surf Foundation

**Contact:** Andi Manzi or Chris Campbell

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**E-mail:** andy@warriorsurg.org

**Website:** [www.warriorsurf.org](http://www.warriorsurf.org)

**Purpose:** WSF addresses post-service transition challenges such as PTSD, moral injury, survivor's guilt, TBI through surf therapy, yoga, wellness sessions, and community. Through WSF's surf therapy program, we strive to enhance the psychological and physical well-being of Veterans, active duty service members, and their families through the experience of surfing.

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## MISC & NOTES

### Community Resources

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**Organization Name:** Mesothelioma.net

**Website:** <https://mesothelioma.net/mesothelioma-and-veterans/>

**Purpose:** Pleural Mesothelioma is rare lung cancer that is caused by exposure to a fibrous substance known as asbestos that affects the lives of thousands each year. Receiving a mesothelioma diagnosis is frightening and overwhelming but knowing more about the disease can help. Mesothelioma cancer among veterans is an unfortunate reality. In fact, one-third of mesothelioma patients are veterans. Even though asbestos was banned in the early '80s, many service members are still at constant risk of asbestos exposure. Mesothelioma.net offers free up to date, medically reviewed, and certified site (see bottom right of our site for the official HONcode badge) resources on what to expect from a diagnosis, how to find expert care, treatment options, aging, health, and wellness and more to make the best decisions for the future.

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**Organization Name:** Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO)

**Contact:** Meredith Miller, LISW-CP

**Address:** Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, 109 Bee Street, Charleston, SC 29401

**Phone:** 843-297-0019

**E-mail:** [Meredith.Miller2@va.gov](mailto:Meredith.Miller2@va.gov)

**Website:** <http://www.benefits.va.gov/PERSONA/veteran-incarcerated.asp>

**Purpose:** To avoid unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration among veterans. The Veterans Justice Outreach initiative is a liaison between county jails, court, police and other justice partners, and the VA for veterans.

NOTE: The VA cannot provide legal representation