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# SERVICES TO VETERANS

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From lobbying Congress and monitoring the Department of Veterans Affairs to assisting veterans filing claims, VFW remains a dedicated advocate for America's veterans.

## **NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE (NVS)**

Located in Washington, D.C., VFW's NVS office assists veterans and their dependents in acquiring their entitled VA services. Annually, NVS budgets hundreds of thousands of dollars for VFW Departments (states) to assist veterans in filing claims.

## **NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**

This office represents VFW on various issues before Congress, including testifying at committee hearings and interacting with individual members of Congress and their staffs. Its main focus now is lobbying for full VA funding and concurrent receipt.

### **Veterans of Foreign Wars**

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**Mission:**  
VFW is an organization of war veterans committed to ensuring rights, remembering sacrifices, promoting patriotism, performing community services and advocating for a strong national defense.

- **Department Service Officers (DSOs)**

A VFW DSO is located in every VA Regional Office. Each acts as a liaison between VA and individual veterans to help them get entitlements.

- **Tactical Assessment Center (TAC)**

VFW's TAC operates a 24-hour, toll-free hotline for veterans with questions or concerns about VA health care. Since its 1997 inception, TAC has fielded more than 50,000 inquiries.

- **Health Screenings**

VFW hosts health screenings at its national convention and other conferences. Eye exams, cholesterol checks, hepatitis C tests, prostate checks and breast exams are just some of the screenings offered. Many lives have been saved thanks to these screenings.

- **Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD)**

Introduced in 2001, VFW's BDD provides claims assistance to separating armed forces personnel at designated military installations throughout the country. Education and relocation services also are available.

- **Action Corps**

This grassroots lobbying effort has more than 12,000 volunteers who write, call and visit lawmakers to discuss issues related to veterans. In addition Action Corps publishes a weekly online newsletter pertaining to current legislation.

## **NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

The welfare of active-duty personnel is of prime concern to VFW. That's why we monitor how, where and when U.S. troops are called to serve throughout the world.

## **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

VFW is a strong supporter of veterans preference in government positions. The Washington Office monitors veteran-specific employment legislation.

- **VetJobs.com**

VFW is co-owner and sponsor of this online service, which allows veterans and their spouses to post resumes and search available jobs.