

VETERANS RESOURCE GUIDE



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Assistance Hotlines

United Way of Brazoria County

979-849-9402

www.uwbc.org

4005 Technology Rd, STE 1020, Angleton, TX 77515

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Services: Call for more information

Combined Arms Houston

1-88-737-3112

www.combinedarms.us/resources/

2929 McKinney St, Houston, TX 77003

Hours: Call for more information

Services: One stop shop

Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255 (TALK), Press 1 for Veterans

Hours: 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Services: A free helpline for men and women Veterans who are experiencing emotional crisis and need to talk to a trained VA professional.

Vet Center Combat Call Center

1-877-927-8387 (WAR-VETS)

Hours: 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Services: 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.

Military Veteran Peer Network (MVPN)

www.milvetpeer.net

1-866-729-3848 (24 hour crisis line)

Heather Melton, Veteran Volunteer Coordinator

409-944-4437 Call for information

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213

www.ssa.gov

Hours: Call for information

Services: Disability benefits under Social Security disability, and Supplemental Income (SSI); one time death benefit of \$255.

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services

1-800-MEDICARE

www.medicare.gov

Hours: Call for information

Services: Medicare; Long term care; Prescription drug plan.

PTSD Foundation of America, Camp Hope

1-877-717-7873 (PTSD)

www.ptsdUSA.org

POC: Derek Kolb, SGT US Army (Ret.)

832-868-5326

Hours: Call for information

CHILDCARE

Office of Human Resource Management (OHRM)/ VA Child Care Subsidy Program

www.va.gov/OHRM/WorklifeBenefits/vachildcare.asp

Texas Health and Human Services, Child Care Management Services (CCMS)

1-800-252-3642

[https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Care/About_Child_Care_Licensing/cost_assistance.a
sp](https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Care/About_Child_Care_Licensing/cost_assistance.asp)

Services: As a program of the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC); it helps eligible parents with the cost of child care. The requirements to be eligible for this assistance vary in different regions of the state.

CLOTHING

Salvation Army Social Services

979-233-5429

1618 N. Ave J. Freeport, TX 77541

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 3:00pm

Services: Walk-Ins are accepted. Please call ahead for documentation needed.

Texas Port Ministry

979-233-5641

1103 Cherry St, Freeport, TX 77541

Hours: Call for information. Only supports the Freeport Harbord Community

Career Gear (Men Only)

713-778-9959

6640 Hornwood, Houston, TX 77074

Hours: Please call for information

Services: Serves clients by referrals only, call for list of agencies. You must have an interview or job fair scheduled before attaining an appointment and receiving interview attire.

Career and Recover Resources, Inc.

713-754-7000; 713-754-6047 (TTY)

2525 San Jacinto, Houston, TX 77002

Hours: call for information

Services: Sometimes help with clothing as related to employment needs.

Department of Assistance and Rehabilitation Services (Disabled Only)

1-800-628-5115

Hours: call for information

Services: May provide work related clothing or uniforms for disabled wanting to go back to work.

- Central Office, 3311 Richmond Ste 175 77098 **713-521-1119**
- Multi-Service Center Office, 1475 West Gray 77019 **713-529-5818**
- East End Office, **713-928-7700**

Dress for Success (Women Only)

713-957-3779

3915 Dacoma, Houston, TX 77092

Hours: call for information

Services: Serves clients by referral only...call for list of agencies; must have an interview scheduled before receiving clothing; on initial visit you receive a suit appropriate for the industry in which you are interviewing and, if available accessories; when hired you can return for additional clothing.

Workforce Solutions

1-888-469-5627

Offices are located throughout Houston; please call for location nearest you.

Hours: Call for information

Services: If you need help buying clothing, tools, etc. for your job, you may qualify for money through their program.

EDUCATION BENEFITS / CAREER GUIDANCE

Brazosport College/Career Center

979-230-3429

500 College Dr., Lake Jackson, TX 77566

<http://www.brazosport.edu/students/for-students/counseling-testing/career-and-guidance/>

Hours: Call for information

Services: Offers a variety of resources designed to provide professional development, career readiness, and employment assistance for students and alumni.

VA Education benefits

1-888-442-4551

www.benefits.gibill.va.gov

Services: Check eligibility for VA Educational benefits: Post 9/11 GI Bill (CH 33), Montgomery GI Bill (CH 30), Select Reserve GI Bill (CH 1606), and Dependents Educational Assistance- DEA (CH 35)

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) – CH 31

713-383-1980

www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/

6900 Almeda Rd, Houston, TX 77030

Hours: call for information

Services: Help with job training, employment accommodations, resume development and job seeking skills coaching. Must have a service connect disability rating of 20 percent or more to apply.

Hazelwood Act

www.tvc.texas.gov/education/hazlewood-act/

Services: A state of Texas benefit that provides Veterans, spouses and dependent children with an education benefit of up to 150 hours of tuition exemption, including most fee changes, at public institutions of higher education in Texas. This does not include living expenses, books, or supply fees. Check website for eligibility requirements.

Financial Aid for Veterans and Dependents

<https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/financial-aid-scholarships-for-veterans/>

EMPLOYMENT/READINESS/TRAINING

American GI Forum

713-666-4796

2556 South Loop West, Suite 550, Houston, TX 77054

www.agif-nvop.org

Hours: call for information

Services: For Veterans recently discharged from active duty (within 48 months), homeless Veterans, disabled Veterans, Veteran ex-offenders or Veterans with substance abuse issues any discharge other than dishonorable. Provides job training, employment placement, basic skills upgrade, support services and extensive case management.

Career and Recovery Resources, Inc.

713-754-7002

2403 Caroline St, Houston, TX 77004

Hours: call for information

Services: Offers job placement assistance, job training, purchase of tools and supplies, computer literacy training and case management.

HEALTHCARE

Lake Jackson VA outpatient Medical Clinic

979-230-4852

208 South Oak Dr., Suite 700 & 800 Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Brazoria County Health Department Clinic Sites

Hours: 8:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Immunizations are handled on a first come, first serve basis.

Please allow at least 30 minutes for your visit; longer if there are clients ahead of you in line.

- Angleton Clinic
979-864-1484
432 E. Mulberry Angelton, TX 77515
Open: Monday – Friday
- Alvin Clinic
281-585-3024
260 George St., Suite 200 Alvin, TX 77511
Open: Monday – Friday
- Brazoria Clinic
979-798-5806
203 Nevada St. Brazoria, TX 77422
Open: Wednesday Only
- Clute Clinic
979-265-4446
200 South Hwy 288-B Clute, TX 77531
Open: Monday – Friday
- Manvel Clinic
281-756-2440
7313 Corporate Dr., Suite 131 Manvel, TX 77578
Open: Thursday and Friday only
- Pearland Clinic
281-485-5344
2436 S. Grand Blvd., Suite Pearland, TX 77581

Open: Monday - Friday

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center

713-791-1414

2002 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030

- Appointment Center: 713-794-8985 or 1-800-639-5137
- Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program: 713-794-7848
- Pharmacy Helpline: 713-794-7653
- Pharmacy Refills: 713-791-7648 or 1-800-454-1062
- VA Eligibility & Enrollment: 713-794-7288
- Women's Clinic: 713-791-1414

Salvation Army Harbor Lights (substance abuse)

713-224-2874; 713-791-1414 ext. 2848 (VA Grant & Per Diem Program)

2407 N. Main, Houston, TX 77009

Hours: call for information

Services: Faith based substance abuse recovery program for single men; VA can provide bed vouchers for eligible Veterans.

Cathedral Clinic

713-220-9730

1212 Prairie, Houston, TX

Services: Provided free of charge

- Primary Care Medical, Monday & Wednesday 8am – 5pm; Friday & Saturday 8am – 12pm
- Women & Children, Tuesday 8am – 5pm
- Case Management, Monday – Thursday 8am – 5pm; Friday 8am – 12pm
- Counseling, Wednesday 1pm – 5pm; Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am – 3:30pm; Friday 8am – 12pm
- Podiatry, Saturday 9am – 11am
- Psychiatry, Friday 8am – 12pm
- HOMES Student-Run Clinic, Sunday 9am – 1pm

HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Brazoria County Housing Authority Angleton

979-864-1427

1524 East Mulberry St. Suite 162, Angleton, TX 77515

Hours: Call for information

Services: Provide decent and affordable housing in a safe and secure living environment for low and moderate income residents.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

979-849-5711

111 E. Locust St, Angleton, TX 77515

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am- 5:00pm (except holidays)

Services: Offers assistance to first-Time Homebuyers and Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction for low income to moderate income families.

Career and Recovery Veteran Services

(713) 754-7059

2403 Caroline, Houston, TX 77004 (located 4 blocks west of I-45 in Midtown)

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Services: Case management; assistance with basic needs (food, clothing, emergency housing); short-term rental assistance; security and utility deposits; child care; transportation; and referral to the VA or community resources.

Haven of Hope House of Houston, Inc. (Single Female Veterans Only with/without children)

(713) 633-1915

5106 Weaver Rd., Houston, TX 77016 (713) 633-1915

Hours: Please call

Services: Transitional housing for single homeless female veterans and those with children. VA housing benefits will be determined by the VA GPS Liaison and Homeless Coordinator after six months in the program. Application for permanent housing and services made available from VA HUD-VASH, House Choice Vouchers, Section 8, Harris County Housing Authority, Houston Housing Authority and Houston Habitat for Humanity.

Midtown Terrace Suites

(713) 523-3777

4640 Main St., Houston, TX 77002

Hours: Extended hours Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Services: Subsidized vouchers; all bills paid; efficiencies; fully furnished; newly renovated apartments; gated community; great location; onsite services for heroes.

The DeGeorge at Union Station

(713) 229-8122, (713)794-7533

1418 Preston Avenue, Houston, TX 77002

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Services: Case management; assistance with basic needs (food, clothing, emergency housing); short-term rental assistance; security and utility deposits; child care; transportation; and referral to the VA or community resources.

The Housing Corporation of Greater Houston Intake and Initial Screening

(713) 697-4411

Intake and Initial Screening

Hours: Please call

Services: Case management; assistance with basic needs (food, clothing, emergency housing); short-term rental assistance; security and utility deposits; child care; transportation; and referral to the VA or community resources.

Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)

(713) 697-4411

Hours: Please call

Services: A short-term temporary program designed to assist veterans on an emergency basis for unexpected, immediate need.

The Houston Housing Authority

(713) 260-0547 TTY (for the hearing impaired)

2640 Fountain View Dr., Suite 400, Houston, TX 77057

www.housingforhouston.com

Hours: Please call

Services:

- Customer Service Hotline: (713) 260-0377; Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Housing Choice Voucher Program Hours (by appointment only): Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Public Housing applications are accepted: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

IMPORTANT VA WEBSITES & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

www.ebenefits.va.gov - A secure environment where you can safely access your personal information and perform self-service tasks. Applications (online and PDF) for disability compensation and various benefits. Employment resources. A personalized Dashboard that you can customize to suit your preferences and information needs. Access to the National Resource Directory, which enables you to find links to resource based on subjects that interest you.

www.vets.gov

www.military.com - Free membership connects service members, military families and veterans to all the benefits of service — government benefits, scholarships, discounts, lifelong friends, mentors, great stories of military life or missions, and much more.

www.warriorgateway.org – A virtual community center where service members and veterans can connect with each and with their local community.

www.MakeTheConnection.net - An online resource designed to connect Veterans, their family members and friends, and other supporters with information, resources, and solutions to issues affecting their lives.

www.militaryonesource.com- Connects you to high-quality programs, services and products developed for military life. Turn to Military OneSource for tax services, spouse employment help, webinars and online training, relocation and deployment tools, and much more.

	1-800-342-9647
VA Benefits	1-800-827-1000
Phone Attendance Verification	1-877-823-2378
VA Debt Management	1-800-827-0648
VA Direct Deposit Line	1-877-838-2778
VA Hospital, Houston	1-800-553-2278
VA Health Benefits	1-877-222-8387
VA Life Insurance	1-800-669-8477

MEALS/PANTIRES

Brazosport College Food Pantry

979-230-3412

<http://www.brazosport.edu/students/for-students/student-life/student-food-pantry/>

Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 5:00pm

Services: Current students with a valid student ID

The Houston Food Bank

(832) 369-9390

535 Portwell St., Houston, TX 77029

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Services: If elderly, disabled or homeless, please call to be referred directly to a local food pantry.

- Chicano Family Services
- Catholic Charities
- Emergency Aid Coalition
- Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston
- Houston Food Bank
- Braes Interfaith Ministries
- Christian Community Service Center
- Cypress Assistance Ministries
- Fair Haven Food Pantry
- Gulf Coast Community Service Association
- Target Hunger
- St. Jerome's St. Vincent De Paul

OUTREACH SERVICES

US Vets Midtown Office

(832) 203-1626

4606 Main Street, Ste 213, Houston, TX 77002

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Service Center at the DeGeorge

(713) 229-8122

1418 Preston Ave., Houston, TX 77002

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Services: Outreach services to case management, medical care, shelter or housing, employment, veteran and other benefits; transitional and permanent housing programs for disabled or employable veterans – independent living; serious mental illness and or substance abuse problems.

Pets for Vets – Houston Chapter

713-364-6235

7941 Katy Freeway #175: Mail

Houston, TX 77024

www.pets-for-vets.com/

Services: Offers professionally trained pet matching services for veterans suffering from PTSD or anxiety disorder

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Veteran Specialist 2-1-1

(713) 685-2721

United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast

Hours: Please call

Horizon Outreach

(713) 651-0009

info@horizonoutreach.org

www.horizonoutreach.org

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Houston Bar Association

(713) 759-1133

1001 Fannin, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77002

www.hba.org

Hours:

- Michael A. DeBakey VA Medical Center - Every Friday, from 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM
- DeGeorge at Union Station - first Tuesday of each month, from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- US Vets at Midtown Terrace - third Thursday of each month, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Services: Legal advice clinics for veterans

Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program

(713) 228-0735

712 Main Street, Suite 2700, Houston, TX 77002

info@hvlp.org www.hvlp.org

Hours: Please call for information, (713) 228-0732. Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, fourth Friday of every month.

Services: Free legal clinic for veterans and pro bono legal services to low-income men and women of Harris. Handles most types of civil cases, including family law, consumer

issues, and lord/tenant, and disability in limited cases, estate planning, probate and guardianship, and tax controversies.

Lone Star Legal Aid

1 (800) 733-8394

1415 Fannin Street, Houston, TX 77002

Intake Hours: Family (non emergency): Monday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Family law emergencies will be accepted throughout the week. All Other Civil Matters -- Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Emergency intakes will be accepted during business hours.

www.lonestarlegal.org/

- Veterans Rights Initiative Free legal advice, advocacy and education regarding veteran rights and protections. The program focuses on helping veterans, service members and their families understand state and federal resources and protections available to them. **(713) 652-0077 Ext. 1235**, Slav P. Talavera, Attorney

VA Houston National Veterans Cemetery

(281) 447-8686

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77038

- Veteran Homeless Burial Program c/o 1418 Preston Ave., Houston, TX 77002 **(713) 224-1418**

Services: Funeral arrangements must be made and paid for by the family members. VA only provides chapel services and the plot free of charge. Please call for information concerning burial of veterans who were homeless.

- Military Funeral Honors Services: The Department of Defense (DOD) provides Military Funeral Honors at the burials of Veterans. When requested, funeral honors can be given at any cemetery-private or Government – operated. Most funeral directors make those arrangements with (DOD) on behalf of family members.

Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

1-888-838-7727

www.vetsprobono.org/about-us/

Services: To provide assistance to unrepresented veterans or their family members who have filed appeals at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Court).

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

1-800-482-2562

Services: Health care, daily living, rent, utilities, moving, transportation, emergency supplies and child care.

Crime Victims' Compensation Program

Office of the Attorney General Austin, TX

Hours: Please call

Services:

- Crime Victims' Assistance, City of Houston, (713) 308-9063
- Crime Victims' Assistance, Harris County Precinct 7. (713) 643-6773 Note; May provide funds to pay for funeral and burial expenses if the person was a victim of a crime that led to their death. Please call for information.

SHELTERS

Men

Salvation Army	1618 N. Avenue J, Freeport	(979) 233-5420
Joshua House for Men	9306 Hammerly Blvd., Houston 77080	(713) 468-2236
Magnificent House	3209 Austin St., Houston 77004	(713) 529-4231
Modest Family Health Care Center	1008 Danube, Houston 77051	(713) 733-2458
Open Door Mission	5803 Harrisburg, Houston 77011	(713) 921-7520
Salvation Army Harbor Light Center	2407 North Main St Houston 77009	(713) 224-9200
Star of Hope - Men's	1811 Ruiz Houston 77002	(713) 227-8900
Ultimate Changes	5038 Pershing Houston 77033	(713) 731-4404

Men, Women & Families

Bay Area Turning Point	210 S Walnut, Webster 77598	(281) 286-2525
Interfaith Hospitality Network - Northwest	15555 Kuykendahl Rd., Houston 77090	(281) 885-4567
Interfaith Hospitality Network - Humble	19301 Hightower #10, Humble 77338	(281) 319-4996

Women

Bethel Home for Women	1721 Ronson Dr. Houston 77055	(281) 345-4432
Magnificent House	3209 Austin St. Houston 77004	(713) 529-4231
Modest Family Health.	1008 Danube Houston 77051	(713) 733-2458

Women and Children

Bay Area Homeless	3406 Wisconsin Baytown 77520	(281) 837-1654 DePriest
Outreach	5609 E Mt Houston, Houston 77093	(281) 449-0994
Mission of Yahweh	10247 Algiers Houston 77041	(713) 466-4785
Salvation Army	1603 McGowen Houston 77004	(713) 650-6530
Star of Hope – Family	419 Dowling Houston 77003	(713) 222-2220

Battered Women and Children

Women's Center of Brazoria County	715 N. Valderas Angleton 77515	(979) 849-9553
Houston Area Women's Center		(713) 528-2121
Bridge Over Troubled Waters		(713) 473-2801
Family Time Foundation		(281) 446-2615
Fort Bend Women's Center		(281) 342-4357

Montgomery Co. Women's Center

(281) 292-4155

Montrose Counseling Center – G.L.B.T.

(713) 529-0037

New Horizon Family Center – S.A.

(281) 424-3300

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Fare/Gas Vouchers

Southern Brazoria County Transit

409-945-0820

www.gulfcoastcenter.org

Covers Angleton, Lake Jackson, Clute and Freeport.

Services: Call for route information and schedule

Adults: \$1.00

Seniors (65 & older): .50

Students (5-17): .50

Persons with disabilities: .50

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

1 (800) 628-5118

For locations please call Houston, TX

Hours: Please call

Services: Case-by-case may provide monthly bus fare for disabled enrolled in rehabilitative services with the intent of going back to work.

Career and Recovery Resources Inc.

(713) 754-7000; (713) 754-7047 TTY

2525 San Jacinto, Houston, TX 77002

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Services: Limited bus fare and gas assistance for job search if enrolled in program.

COMPASS

(713) 229-8319

2404 Austin Street, Houston, TX 77002

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Services: Limited bus fare for job search.

VA BENEFIT COUNSELORS / TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Brazoria County Veteran Service Officer

979-864-1289, 281-756-1289

451 N. Velasco Suite 120, Angleton, TX 77515

www.brazoria-county.com/veterans

Hours: Call for information

Services: To advocate on behalf of all the counties veterans and their eligible dependents, in obtaining benefits and entitlements from federal, state, and local agencies.

Vet Center #710 (Serving Brazoria County)

713-523-0884

10103 Fondren Rd. Suite 470, Houston, TX 77096

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

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm

Services: Social Services, Psychotherapy, Outreach and Networking, Veterans Benefits Counseling, Bereavement Counseling, Substance Abuse Counseling, Community Education and Referrals for basic needs, shelter, financial assistance, etc.

Texas Veterans Commission

6900 Almeda Road, Houston, TX 77030

(713) 383-2756

Houston_TVC@vba.va.gov

<http://www.tvc.state.tx.us/>

Hours: Please call

Services: Offers services in claims representation, employment services, and veteran education program. Website serves as an informative referral site to other helpful veteran links.

VA Regional Office

6900 Almeda Road, Houston, TX 77030

1 (800) 827-1000; (713) 383-1999; 1 (800) 829-4833 (TDD)

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM; excluding Federal Holidays

Services: Administers a variety of services and benefits including compensation and pension, home loan guaranty, and vocational rehabilitation and employment. Other services provided include specially adapted housing grants, benefits counseling, fiduciary/guardianship services, outreach services for the homeless, elderly, minority veterans and women veterans and public affairs. Note: The following national service organizations are located in this office and have representatives who can assist with VA benefits; American Legion, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Veterans Resource Centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Services: Provides reintegration counseling, medical referrals, and assistance in applying for VA benefits, alcohol and drug assessments, and outreach and community education.

- Veterans Resource Center – Post Oak Center; 701 North Post Oak Road, Suite 102, 77024 **(713) 682-2288**
- Harris County Vet Center – #731; 14300 Cornerstone Village Drive, Suite 110, 77014 **(713) 578-4002 or (877) 927-8387**