

Veterans Resources St. Johns County

Assisted Living

Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans' Nursing Home

4650 State Road 16, St. Augustine, FL 32092
(904) 940-2193

Skilled nursing care in a 120-bed facility, with capacity for up to 60 dementia/Alzheimer's residents.

Eligibility: Honorable discharge, Florida residency, and certification of need of skilled nursing or assisted living care as determined by a VA physician.

Benefits

St. Johns County Veterans Service Office

2010 San Sebastian View, Suite 1400
St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 209-6160

Hours: 8 AM—5 PM

The Veterans Services Office assists veterans and their dependents apply for benefits to which they are entitled under federal and state law or regulations. This includes preparation of formal claims and appeals relating to compensation, education, loan guaranty for homes, special adapted housing, pension, medical care, insurance, burial benefits, and many other matters.

Jacksonville Vet Center

3778 Phillips Highway, Suite 31
Jacksonville, FL 32207
Phone: (904) 399-8351

Hours: Mon—Thurs: 8 AM—7 PM. Fri: 8 AM—4:30 PM. Sat: 8 AM—4:30 PM
(Jacksonville Vet Center, cont.)

The Vet Center provides information and referrals on various veterans' issues, including benefits and military records.

Eligibility: This is a service for military veterans. Please call the number above or visit the office for more information on eligibility. If it is available, please bring your DD 214.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

VFW Post 2391

2296 Aster Ave.

Middleburg, FL

Phone: (904) 203-2112

Hours: Tues-Thurs: 9 AM-1 PM, no appointment necessary.

Certified Veterans Service Officers assist at no charge with VA Claims and Separation Benefits, Surviving Spouse Assistance, and Military Records Requests.

Eligibility: This service is for veterans and their spouses. Please call number above for eligibility questions.

Regional VA Benefits Offices

St. Petersburg Regional Benefit Office

9600 Bay Pines Blvd

St. Petersburg, FL 33708

Orlando Outbased Office

1000 Legion Place

Suite 1550

Orlando, FL 32801

Phone: 1-800-827-1000

The Regional VA Office in St. Petersburg and the Orlando Outbased Office provide VA benefits information and assistance in person or at their 1-800 number above.

Employment Assistance

CareerSource Northeast Florida

Frederick Avery, Disabled Veterans Program Specialist
525 State Road 16
Suite 109
St. Augustine, FL 32084
Phone: (904) 819-0231
careersourcnefl.com

CareerSource Northeast Florida, a state-funded agency, provides many services to job seekers, including job seeking skills workshops, job postings, and vocational scholarships.

Eligibility: CareerSource is available to all those residing in Florida. Special services for those with severe barriers to employment, including disabled Veterans, and ex-offender Veterans are available. Please call the number above for more information.

Veterans Florida

930 Thomasville Road, Suite 100
Tallahassee, Florida 32303
Phone: (850) 898-1444
veteransflorida.org

This Florida State government service provides statewide employment assistance, and helps veterans who are interested in starting small businesses with their Entrepreneurship Program. The Northeast Florida Entrepreneurship Program is based at University of North Florida.

Eligibility: Employment assistance is available to all veterans, regardless of discharge status. Those with dishonorable discharges are not eligible for the Entrepreneurship Program.

Financial Assistance

Florida Veterans Foundation

The Capitol, Suite 2107
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001
Phone: (850) 488-4181

(Florida Veterans Foundation—Cont.)

The Florida Veterans Foundation is a non-profit which provides direct financial assistance to qualified veterans in certain emergency situations, such as emergency shelter, monthly rent or rental deposits, and utility bills. The aid is normally a onetime financial grant.

Eligibility: Veteran must have received a discharge under honorable conditions, and completed his or her service commitment, unless discharged for medical reasons or the convenience of the service. Veteran must have requested assistance from a minimum of three veterans' service organizations or social agencies.

Health and Counseling

St. Augustine Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)

St. Augustine Interim CBOC
195 Southpark Blvd.
St. Augustine, FL 32086
(904) 829-0814

The St. Augustine CBOC provides a broad range of general and specialized medical, psychiatric, nursing, women's health, social work, and ancillary services for the primary care patient. A full-time podiatrist also provides wound care services.

Eligibility: This is a VA run health care program for veterans. Please contact the facility at the phone number above for more information.

Jacksonville Vet Center

(For location/contact information, please see Benefits, above)

The Vet Center provides mental health and other counseling services for many veteran's issues, especially those relating to combat and military sexual trauma.

Housing and Homelessness

Changing Homelessness

660 Park St.
Jacksonville, FL 32204
Phone: (904) 638-2112

Changing Homelessness provides supportive services for low-income veterans and veteran families who are homeless, at-risk of losing housing, or residing in, or transitioning to permanent housing.

Eligibility: Veterans who have served at least one day of active duty (not training), have a discharge other than dishonorable or uncharacterized, and who meet income requirements. Participation requires being engaged with a case manager as requested.

HUD-VASH

The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program combines Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the VA. Please contact **St. Johns County Veteran Services**, listed under Benefits, above, for more information.

VETSPACE

1220 N.E. 8th Avenue, Suite A
Gainesville, Florida 32601
Phone: (352) 222-2256

VETSPACE is a bridge program that offers veterans temporary housing (up to 90 days.)

Eligibility: Veteran must have identified permanent housing where they will be able to live after leaving VETSPACE. Those with dishonorable discharges are not eligible.

VETS 4 VETS of St. Johns County

www.Vets-4-Vets.org

Vets 4 Vets primary focus is supporting senior and homeless veterans. Services include, but are not limited to, emergency shelter and food for homeless veterans, assistance to all veterans in need, and homeless prevention.

(VETS 4 VETS of St. Johns County—Cont.)

If you need assistance, please call the **St. Johns Veterans Service Office** at (904) 209-6160, listed under Benefits, above, for a referral.

Eligibility: Veterans discharged under honorable conditions who have served at least 180 days of active military service or were discharged earlier due to medical disability. There are also residency requirements.

Legal Matters

St. Johns County Legal Aid

222 San Marco Avenue
St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 827-9921
If toll call 1-877-9921

Legal Aid is a non-profit agency that provides civil legal assistance to individuals who would otherwise be without legal counsel. Examples of civil legal issues are benefits, health employment, housing, consumer and lending, and family law issues.

Eligibility: Eligibility requirements are based on age, income and status. Please call or stop by to see whether you are eligible. You should mention that you are a veteran. Even if you do not qualify, St. Johns County Legal Aid may be able to give you advice or refer you to other services.

Military Records

St. Johns County Veteran Services assists veterans in applying for their military records, including DD 214 and OMPF. (Please see Benefits section, above, for contact information.)

Transportation to VA Hospital

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Van

Phone Number: (904) 829-0814 (St. Augustine CBOC—Ask for DAV van)

The DAV Van provides transportation from various locations in St. Augustine and nearby communities to the VA Hospital in Gainesville. Please call St. Augustine CBOC at their central number above at least 48 hours in advance of your scheduled appointment to reserve a seat. The Van is not able to accommodate wheelchairs or those on oxygen except for shoulder carried oxygen canisters. The Van arrives in Gainesville at 7:50 AM. Appointments should not be scheduled after 12:30 pm.

These are the pickup points and times in St. Johns County (please confirm at time of scheduling):

6:00 AM-- VA Clinic (CBOC), 195 Southpark, St. Augustine
6:10 AM—Coquina Crossing—4536 Coquina Crossing Dr. (Guard Gate)
6:25 AM---Jim's Place in Elkton—4917 State Road 207

Please call the number above for pickup times/locations in Palatka, Interlachen and Hawthorne.

Eligibility: You must have a scheduled VA appointment to ride the van.

Veterans Groups

Air Force Association Lawrence (Larry) A. Belge

Phone: (904) 472-1540

Korean War Veterans Association

Northeast Florida—Florida 200
Henry L. Moreland
(904) 384-2031

Veterans Council of St. Johns County

stjohnsvetscouncil.org

The objective of the Council is to be of assistance to all veterans who have served in any of the U.S. military branches.

The Council meets at the Health and Human Services Building, 200 San Sebastian View Muscovy Room, 1st Floor St. Augustine, FL 32084 on the last Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

6184 U.S. 1
St. Augustine, FL 32086
Phone: (904) 797-5267

Vietnam Veterans of America

Leo C. Chase Chapter 1084, St. Johns County
James Campeau
(904) 315-6167
campeaugames@gmail.com

Women Veterans

Northeast Florida Women Veterans of Jacksonville

(904) 862-6039

www.womenveteransresources.org

Northeast Florida Women Veterans provides training, support, and referral services to women who have served active duty (whether in National Guard or Reserves) and their families and children.

Veteran Resources Guide Prepared and Provided

by the St. Johns County Veterans Treatment Court Office, St. Augustine, Florida (904) 827 5626