

MAKING CONNECTIONS

WOMEN to WOMEN



Connecting Women Veterans to Veteran Benefits

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Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs – Women Veterans Coordinator
Middleton Memorial VA Hospital – Women Health Clinic Director
Middleton Memorial VA Hospital – Homeless Veterans Coordinator
Columbia County and Rock County Veterans Service Officers
Army National Guard Family Support Center
Wisconsin Department of Education – Homeless Children K-12 Program
Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs
Wisconsin National Guard
Wisconsin Military & Family Life Consultants

This Resource Directory is not designed to show you how to determine eligibility, process claims or handle complaints, but to be used as a resource of information; to ensure women Veterans are aware of benefits, services and programs offered by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran Service Organizations and other organizations that offer support and services to Veterans.

The agencies and organizations listed may be contacted directly.

If you do not find a specific resource or have difficulty in reaching a source, please contact the local American Legion Auxiliary and we will help you make connections. We look forward to being of service to all Veterans and their families.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

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****Please note this Directory's primary focus is Women Veterans, however all information and resources included may be useful to all Veterans.**

****Please note that all Veterans, have earned Veteran Benefits and services through their military service.**

****Please be aware; all assistance in obtaining information about VA benefits is at no cost to the Veteran. Do not pay anyone to obtain information about your VA benefits.**



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The American Legion Auxiliary Executive Committee has approved the continuation of the “Homeless Women Veterans Program” for 2011-2012. President Joan Chwala recognizes that with the increasing number of Women Veterans, there is a continuing need to offer assistance for women Veterans who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless.

Since 1921 members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary have come together in support of our veterans, military families, children and our communities. We are pleased to report that again this year our members have responded to our motto, “Service not Self” with donations designated for the direct assistance of “Homeless Female Veterans.”

This letter is to inform you of the continuation of the American Legion Auxiliary – Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund. The HWVF is available to homeless or at-risk of being homeless women Veterans in the form of a Grant that will assist them in transitioning into permanent housing or to allow them to continue in their current housing.

The American Legion Auxiliary is offering grants to homeless or at-risk of homeless women veterans and their children. Please use the following guidelines to request assistance:

- Request for assistance will require: verification of her veteran status. DD214
- The women Veterans receiving assistance from Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary must be participating in a support program within the Federal or State VA system.
- Name and location of the Veterans Affairs assistance program she is participating in.
- The name of the counselor/supervisor the woman Veteran is working with.
- Details of need, purpose and amount of assistance Grant requested.
- The Grant money can only be used for the direct assistance of a homeless or at-risk of being homeless woman Veteran and her family.
- This is a one-time only assistance grant for Wisconsin female veterans.
- Questions - contact ALA Homeless Women Veterans Program Chairman
Kathy Wollmer – 608-343-5502.

Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary, Homeless Women Veterans’ Committee will review all requests as soon as possible and notify the person requesting the assistance for the veteran of their final decision. All decisions of the committee are final. The assistance will not be given directly to the female veteran, but to a sponsor for distribution or directly to a vendor/supplier.

President Chwala believes our outreach to women Veterans is a “win-win” for all: an awareness by our members of the needs of our women Veterans and an awareness by our women Veterans that they are appreciated and supported by the American Legion Auxiliary, the “*worlds largest female patriotic organization.*”

Honoring our Veterans – by engaging the American Legion Family in Service not Self for God & Country

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY IS A RESOURCE OF INFORMATION & SUPPORT



**MAKING CONNECTION -
WOMEN TO WOMEN is about
being supportive to Veterans who
are having difficulty
maneuvering through the
complex system of
Veteran benefits and services.**

Our job is NOT to provide services – it is to be supportive and encouraging to Veterans and assist them – in learning about and finding the Veteran Benefits they have earned and are entitled to.

There is not a ONE-STOP-SHOP (single system) for benefits and services; Federal, State, and County veteran benefit and services are available for men and women who have served in the military. Each agency has Veterans Benefit Administrative Representatives (VBA) available to assist in applying for the benefits and services. VBA are also available at colleges, technical schools, Job Service, financial, legal, homeless housing, and thru many Veteran Service Organizations.

With all these agencies & organizations – the question is why does a Veteran fall through the cracks and not receive the benefits they earned?

- Women Veterans do not think of themselves as “Veterans.” (or understand “who” is a Veteran.)
- Women Veterans are trained to take care of themselves, asking for help is a sign of weakness.
- Women Veterans do not make use of the many Veterans Benefits they are entitled to, as their male counterparts do.
- Many women Veterans have experienced military sexual trauma (MST) 1 in 5 homeless women Veterans report sexual trauma, compared with 1 in 100 homeless male Veterans.
- Women Veterans do not trust Department of Veterans Affairs administrators or military staff.
- The majority of homeless or at-risk women Veterans have minor children, therefore will not seek help from the VA, because of an unfounded fear that if they ask for help, they will lose custody of their children.
- Homeless women Veterans are smart, highly trained, highly skilled women with a lot of invisible scars, “all they need is a little encouragement.”

When Women Veterans do decide to seek veteran benefits, they often attempt to maneuver the system alone, become frustrated, angry and then just “stop.”

COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

To update this list, go to www.dva.state.wi.us/cvso

ALWAYS CALL AHEAD FOR AN APPOINTMENT

The County Veterans Service Office provides information and assistance in obtaining state and federal veterans benefits, programs and services. A trained Veteran Benefit Specialist - County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) who has a compassionate understanding of the problems, which confront veterans, widows, widowers, and children, will meet you. The CVSO knows the extent, the meaning and the application of laws that have been passed by the U.S, Congress in the interests of veterans and their dependents. They also know the rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Veterans Affairs to clarify and implement those laws. The County Veterans Service Officer will apply specialized knowledge in the best way suited to the needs of every individual veteran or other beneficiary who comes to the office for assistance. There is no charge for this service to Veterans and their families.

<p>Adams County Veterans Service Office 108 E. North St, Friendship</p> <p>608-339-4221 adamsvso@co.adams.wi.us</p>	<p>Ashland County Veterans Service Office 201 W. Main St, Ashland</p> <p>715-682-7011 veterans@co.ashland.wi.us</p>	<p>Barron County Veterans Service Office 330 E. Lasalle Ave, Barron</p> <p>715-537-6290 bcvets@co.varron.wi.us</p>
<p>Bayfield County Veterans Service Office Washburn</p> <p>715-373-6137 nbrown@bayfieldcounty.org</p>	<p>Brown County Veterans Service Office 305 E. Walnut, Green Bay</p> <p>920-448-4450 polus_je@co.brown.wi.us</p>	<p>Buffalo County Veterans Service Office 407 S. Second St, Alma</p> <p>608-685-6219 cvso@buffalocounty.com</p>
<p>Burnett County Veterans Service Office 7410 County Road K, Siren</p> <p>715-349-2179 dstubbe@burnettcounty.org</p>	<p>Calumet County Veterans Service Officer 206 Court St, Chilton</p> <p>920-849-1452 krizek.william@co.calumet.wi.us</p>	<p>Chippewa County Veterans Service Office 711 Bridge St, Chippewa Falls, 715-726-7991 veterans@co.chippewau.wi.us</p>
<p>Clark County Veterans Service Office 517 Court St, Neillsville</p> <p>715-743-5160 clinton.langreck@co.clark.wi.us</p>	<p>Columbia County Veterans Service Office 400 Dewitt, Portage</p> <p>608-742-9618 veterans@co.columbia.wi.us</p>	<p>Crawford County Veterans Service Office 225 North Beaumont Road, Prairie du Chien 608-326-0204 imoore@crawfordcountywi.org</p>
<p>Dane County Veterans Service Office 210 Martin L. King Blvd., Madison 608-266-4158 connery@countyofdane.com</p>	<p>Dodge County Veterans Service Office 127 East Oak St, Juneau</p> <p>920-386-3798 mgrams@co.dodge.wi.us</p>	<p>Door County Veterans Service Office 421 Nebraska St, Sturgeon Bay 920-746-2226 smcfarlane@co.door.wi.us</p>

<p>Douglas County Veterans Service Office, 1316 North 14th St., Superior</p> <p>715-395-1331 veterans@douglascountywi.org</p>	<p>Dunn County Veterans Service Office 800 Wilson Ave, Menomonie 715-232-1646 vet@co.dunn.wi.uw</p>	<p>Eau Claire County Veterans Service Office 721 Oxford Ave., Eau Claire 715-839-4744 veterans@co.eau-claire.wi.us</p>
<p>Florence County Veterans Service Office 1872 North Lake Road, Florence 906-282-3345 5dolls@borderlandnet.net</p>	<p>Fond du Lac County Veterans Service Office 50 N. Portland St, Fond du Lac 920-929-3117 veterans@fdlco.wi.gov</p>	<p>Forest County Veterans Service Office 200 E. Madison St., Crandon 715-478-3722 vetshelp@co.forest.wi.us</p>
<p>Grant County Veterans Service Office 111 S. Jefferson, Lancaster 608-723-2756 veteran@co.grant.wi.gov</p>	<p>Green County Veterans Service Office, 1016 16th Ave, Monroe 608-328-9415 cruegsegger@greencountywi.org</p>	<p>Green Lake County Veterans Service Office 571 County Rd. A, Green Lake 920-294-4123 glcvso@co.green-lake.wi.us</p>
<p>Iowa County Veterans Service Office, 222 N. Iowa St., Dodgeville, 608-930-3265 vet@iowacounty.org</p>	<p>Iron County Veterans Service Office 300 Taconite St, Hurley 715-561-2190 vetservices@ironcountywi.org</p>	<p>Jackson County Veterans Service Office 307 Main St., Black River Falls 715-284-0225 veterans.services@co.jackson.wi.us</p>
<p>Jefferson County Veterans Service Office 320 S. Main St., Jefferson 920-674-7240 yvoned@co.jefferson.wi.us</p>	<p>Juneau County Veterans Service Office 211 Hickory St., Mauston 608-847-9385 vlovley@co.juneau.wi.us</p>	<p>Kenosha County Veterans Service Office, 8600 Sheridan Rd., Kenosha 262-605-6690 kenovet@kenoshacounty.org</p>
<p>Kewaunee County Veterans Service Office 810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee 920-388-7198 cvso@kewauneeeco.org</p>	<p>LaCrosse County Veterans Service Office 400 - 4th St, N, LaCrosse 608-785-9719 gausmann.jim@co.la-crosse.wi.us</p>	<p>LaFayette County Veterans Service Office, 627 Main St, Darlington 608-776-4886 david.weiskircher@lafayettecountywi.org</p>
<p>Langlade County Veterans Service Office 1225 Langlade Rd., Antigo 715-627-6545 doatman@co.langlade.wi.us</p>	<p>Lincoln County Veterans Service Office 801 N.Sales St., Merrill 715-539-1083 rwolf@co.lincoln.wi.us</p>	<p>Manitowoc County Veterans Service Office 4319 Expo Dr, Manitowoc 920-683-4055 veteranservices@co.manitowoc.wi.us</p>

<p>Marathon County Veterans Service Office 212 River Dr, Wausau</p> <p>715-261-1141 mcvets@mail.co.marathon.wi.us</p>	<p>Marinette County Veterans Service Office 1926 Hall Ave, Marinette</p> <p>715-732-7650 cvso@marinettecounty.com</p>	<p>Marquette County Veterans Service Office 480 Underwood Ave, Montello 608-297-3182 rhasse@co.marquette.wi.us</p>
<p>Menominee County Veterans Service Office W3191 Fredenberg Dr, Keshena</p> <p>715-799-3729 menomecvso@frontiernet.net</p>	<p>Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office 5000 W. National Ave, Milwaukee 414-382-1753 diequizamom@milwcnty.com</p>	<p>Monroe County Veterans Service Office 14345 County Hwy B, Sparta</p> <p>608-269-8726 kgausmann@co.monroe.wi.us</p>
<p>Oconto County Veterans Service Office 301 Washington St, Oconto</p> <p>920-834-6817 cvso@co.oconto.wi.us</p>	<p>Oneida County Veterans Service Office, Rhineland</p> <p>715-369-6127 twalters@co.oneida.wi.us</p>	<p>Outagamie County Veterans Service Office 227 S. Walnut, Appleton</p> <p>920-832-5697 veterans@co.outagamie.wi.us</p>
<p>Ozaukee County Veterans Service Office, County Justice Center, Port Washington</p> <p>262-284-8326 kbrown@co.ozaukee.wi.us</p>	<p>Pepin County Veterans Service Office 740 7th Ave., West, Durand</p> <p>715-672-8887 pepinvso@co.pepin.wi.us</p>	<p>Pierce County Veterans Service Office , Elsworth</p> <p>715-273-3531 david.till@co.pierce.wi.us</p>
<p>Polk County Veterans Service Office 100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake 715-485-9243 cvso@co.polk.wi.us</p>	<p>Portage County Veterans Service Office 1516 Church St, Stevens Point 715-346-1310 clementm@co.portage.wi.us</p>	<p>Price County Veterans Service Office 126 Cherry St, Phillips</p> <p>715-339-2545 cvso@co.price.wi.us</p>
<p>Racine County Veterans Service Office, 1717 Taylor Ave., Racine</p> <p>262-638-6702 Richard.bayer@goracine.org</p>	<p>Richland County Veterans Service Office 181 W. Seminary, Richland Center 608-647-6101 rcvso@co.richland.wi.us</p>	<p>Rock County Veterans Service Office, 62 Beloit Mall, Beloit,</p> <p>608-363-6280 rockcvso@co.rock.wi.us</p>
<p>Rock County Veterans Service Office, 51 S. Main St., Janesville</p> <p>608-757-5552 rockcvso.@co.rock.wi.us</p>	<p>Rusk County Veterans Service Office 311 Miner Ave., E, Ladysmith 715-532-2299 rmoser@ruskcountywi.us</p>	<p>Sauk County Veterans Service Office 505 Broadway, Baraboo</p> <p>608-355-3260 ttyczynski@co.sauk.wi.us</p>

<p>Sawyer County Veterans Service Office 15872 Fifth St, Hayward</p> <p>715-634-2770 veterans@sawyercountygov.org</p>	<p>Shawano County Veterans Service Office 311 N. Main St., Shawano</p> <p>715-526-9183 vetnicho@co.shawano.wi.us</p>	<p>Sheboygan County Veterans Service Office 615 N. 6th St., Sheboygan</p> <p>920-459-3053 cobckc@co.Sheboygan.wi.us</p>
<p>St. Croix County Veterans Service Office 1101 Carmichael Rd, Hudson</p> <p>715-386-4759 merlinb@co.saint-croix.wi.us</p>	<p>Taylor County Veterans Service Office 224 South 2nd St., Medford</p> <p>715-748-1488 marie.albers@co.taylor.wi.us</p>	<p>Trempealeau County Veterans Service Office 36245 Main St, Whitehall</p> <p>715-538-1971 sgtmajor@tremplcounty.com</p>
<p>Vernon County Veterans Service Office 318 Fairlane Dr, Viroqua</p> <p>608-637-5274 jyoung@veroncounty.org</p>	<p>Vilas County Veterans Service Office 330 Court St, Eagle River</p> <p>715-479-3629 scjens@co.vilas.wi.us</p>	<p>Walworth County Veterans Service Office, Elkhorn</p> <p>262-741-4222 cjordan@co.walworth.wi.us</p>
<p>Washburn County Veterans Service Office 1600 County Hwy H, Spooner</p> <p>715-635-4470 ckrantz@co.washburn.wi.us</p>	<p>Washington County Veterans Service Office, 432 E. Washington St., West Bend</p> <p>262-335-4457 webvet@co.washington.wi.us</p>	<p>Waushara County Veterans Service Office 230 W. Park St., Wautoma</p> <p>williamr.parkstreet@co.waushara.wi.us</p>
<p>Waupaca County Veterans Service Office 811 Harding St, Waupaca</p> <p>715-258-6475 jlidon@co.waupaca.wi.us</p>	<p>Waushara County Veterans Service Office, 230 W. Park St., Wautoma,</p> <p>920-787-0446 williamr.parkstreet@co.waushara.wi.us</p>	<p>Winnebago County Veterans Service Office 211 N. Commercial, Neenah</p> <p>920-729-4820 vetneen@co.winnebago.wi.us</p>
<p>Winnebago County Veterans Service Office 504 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh</p> <p>920-236-4898 rstone@co.winnnebago.wi.us</p>	<p>Wood County Veterans Service Office 630 S. Central Ave, Marshfield</p> <p>715-384-3773 gsniegowski@co.wood.wi.us</p>	<p>Wood County Veterans Service Officer 400 Market St, Wisc Rapids</p> <p>715-421-8420 rlarson@co.wood.wi.us</p>

VETERAN MUST SHOW PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE BEFORE SHE MAY APPLY FOR BENEFITS OR ENTITLEMENTS.

WHAT PROOF? Their DD form 214 (discharge/separation document)

The most important document a veteran has - the **DD form 214**.

Every veteran received discharge (separation) papers. (DD214)
It documents the dates of enlistment/discharge and type of discharge.

This *legal* document is the basis of determining eligibility for veteran benefits.

WHAT IF THE VETERAN CANNOT FIND THEIR DD214?

- Contact a County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO) www.dva.state.wi.us/cvso
- Internet search - <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>
- Contact US Department of Veterans Affairs – Regional Office www.va.gov or www.benefits.va.gov/milwaukee
5400 West National Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53214 800-827-1000
- Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs **1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387)**
www.dva.state.wi.us/pa_forms.asp#wdva1045
- County Register of Deeds Office, if the DD-214 had been pre-recorded in the county records.

The easiest way to obtain the DD form 214 is to go to the County Veteran Service Office in the County where the Veteran resides. This will establish the essential relationship between the Veteran and their County Veterans Service Officer.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT VA BENEFITS AND/OR SUBMIT A CLAIM?

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATIVE REPRESENTATIVE (VBA)
(A Veterans Benefits Administrative Representative is an accredited representative for matters pertaining to VA benefits and entitlements.)

A County Veterans Service Officer is the primary contact for all Federal and State VA Benefits and questions. www.dva.state.wi.us/cvso

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS FOR QUESTIONS AND/OR BENEFIT CLAIMS

WDVA Claims Assistance Office, c/o USDVA - Regional Office
5400 West National Ave., Room 157, Milwaukee, WI 53214
800-827-1000 www.va.gov or www.benefits.va.gov/milwaukee

Veteran Service Organizations with Veteran Benefit Representatives:

American Ex-Prisoners of War
805 Glenview Drive
Madison, WI 53716
Phone (608) 222-2622

American Legion
c/o VA Regional Office, Rm. 164
5400 W. National Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53214
Phone (414) 902-5722, Fax (414) 902-9401

Blinded Veterans Association of WI
c/o Zablocki VA Medical Center
5400 W. National Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53214
Phone (414) 382-5220

Disabled American Veterans
c/o VA Regional Office, Rm. 162
5400 W. National Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53214
Phone (414) 902-5736; Fax (414) 902-9440

Ho-Chunk Nation VSO
PO Box 667
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Phone (800) 294-9343

Military Order of the Purple Heart
c/o VA Regional Office, Rm. 159
5400 W. National Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53214
Phone (414) 902-5742; Fax (414) 902-9409

National Association for Black Veterans
PO Box 11432
Milwaukee, WI 53211
Phone (414) 342-5000; Fax (414) 342-1073

Oneida Nation Veterans Service Officer
2615 S. Packerland Dr., Suite C
PO Box 365
Oneida, WI 54155
Phone (920) 490-3921; Fax (920) 490-3929

Paralyzed Veterans of America
c/o VA Regional Office, Rm. 168
5400 W. National Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53214
Phone (414) 902-5655; Fax (414) 902-9432

Veterans of Foreign Wars
c/o VA Regional Office, Rm. 166
5400 W. National Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53214
Phone (414) 902-5748; Fax (414) 902-9412

VET CENTERS (USDVA)

Vet Centers are another US Department of Veterans Affairs resource... Vet Centers' mission is to network throughout their service areas with various organizations and to help eligible Veterans through their difficulties. They provide confidential counseling for conflict theater veterans and their families, veterans who were sexually assaulted or harassed while on active duty and bereavement counseling for families. They are an excellent resource for Veterans and service organizations that seek answers to difficult questions. The Vet Centers provide services throughout their service areas. Vet Centers are open from 8am – 4:30 pm for all walk-ins, Mon-Fri

Green Bay Vet Center, 1600 S. Ashland Ave, Green Bay, WI
920-435-5650

Wausau Outstation, Red Cross Bldg (temporary)
920-435-5650

La Crosse Vet Center, 20 Copeland Ave., La Crosse, WI 54601
608-782-4403

Madison Vet Center, 706 Williamson St, Madison, WI 53703
608-264-5342

Milwaukee Vet Center,
5401 N. 76th St., Suite 100, Milwaukee, WI 54601
414-536-1301

US DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VA HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS

..PROVIDE FULL MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. The VA Hospitals and Medical Centers also have Community Based Outpatient Clinics in many communities that also provide a wide range of medical and mental health services.

Middleton Memorial Veterans Medical Center,
2500 Overlook Terrace, Madison, WI 53705
1-608-256-1901
Women's Veterans Program
608-256-1901, ext.11687

Zablocki Veterans Medical Center
5000 W. National Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53295
414-384-2000 or 888-469-6614
Women's Veterans Program
414-384-2000, ext. 41926

Tomah Veterans Medical Center
500 E. Veterans St., Tomah, WI 54660
608-372-3971
Women's Veterans Program – 372-3971, ext. 66375

Minneapolis Veterans Medical Center
One Veterans Dr., Minneapolis, MN 55417
612-725-2000 or 866-414-5058
Women's Veterans Program – 866-414-5058, ext. 1100

Iron Mountain Veterans Medical Center
324 E H St., Iron Mountain, MI 49801
906-774-3300 or 800-215-8262
Women Veterans Program – 906-774-3300, ext. 32388

Hines Veterans Medical Center
5000 S. 5th Ave., Hines, IL 60141
708-202-8387
Women Veterans Program - 708-202-2075

Capt. James A. Lovell, Federal Health Care Facility
3001 N. Greenbay Road, N Chicago, Ill 60064
847-688-1900 or 800-393-0865

VA MEDICAL CARE – COMMUNITY BASED OUTREACH CLINICS (CBOC)

Appleton Clinic, 10 Tri-Park Way -- 920-831-0070

Baraboo Clinic, 626 14th St -- 608-356-9318

Beaver Dam Clinic, 215 Corporate Dr -- 920-356-9415

Chippewa Valley Clinic, 2503 County Hwy I -- 815-720-3780

Cleveland Clinic, 1205 North Ave -- 920-693-5600

Green Bay Clinic, 141 Siegler St -- 920-497-3126

Hayward VA Clinic, 15954 River's Edge Dr., Suite 103 -- 715-934-5454

Janesville Clinic, 2419 Morse St -- 608-758-9300

Kenosha Clinic, 800 – 55th St -- 262-653-9386

Loyal Clinic, 141 N.Main St -- 715-255-979

Rice Lake VA Clinic, 2700A College Dr -- 715-236-3355

Rhinelanders Clinic, 639 West Kemp St -- 715-362-4080

River Valley Clinic, 2600 State Rd -- 608-784-3886

Twin Ports VA Clinic, 3520 Tower Ave, Superior -- 715-392-9711

Union Grove Clinic, 21425 Spring St -- 262-878-7000

Wausau Clinic, 515 South 32nd Ave -- 715-842-2834

Wisconsin Rapids Clinic, 555 West Grand Ave -- 715-424-4682

VA River Valley Integrated Health Center, 15825 Losey Blvd -- 608-787-5411

Woman Veterans who are interested in receiving care at VA should contact the nearest VA Medical Center and ask for the Women Veterans Program Manager.

VA health care for women Veterans includes:

PRIMARY CARE

- General care includes health evaluation and counseling, disease prevention, nutrition counseling, weight control, smoking cessation, and substance abuse counseling and treatment as well as gender-specific primary care, e.g., cervical cancer screens (Pap smears), breast cancer screens (mammograms), birth control, preconception counseling, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, menopausal support (hormone replacement therapy).
- Mental health includes evaluation and assistance for issues such as depression, mood, and anxiety disorders; intimate partner and domestic violence; sexual trauma; elder abuse or neglect; parenting and anger management; marital, caregiver, or family-related stress; and post-deployment adjustment or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).
- Military Sexual Trauma (MST). Women—and men as well—may experience repeated sexual harassment or sexual assault during their military service. Special services are available to women who have experienced MST. VA provides free, confidential counseling and treatment for mental and physical health conditions related to MST.

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS FOR FEDERAL VETERANS BENEFITS & SERVICES

US DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (USDVA)

VA Benefits www.va.gov 800-827-1000

Regional Office, 5400 West National Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53214

www.benefits.va.gov/milwaukee 800-827-1000

Center for Women Veterans

www.va.gov/womenvet 202-461-6193

COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER www.dva.state.wi.us/cvso

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION:

Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1957 through 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings credits may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit.

Bereavement Counseling – 202-461-6530

Caregiver Support Line 855-260-3274

Civilian Health & Medical Program (CHAMPVA) 800-733-8387

Crisis line (suicide) – 1-800-273-8255, press 1

Debt management 800-827-0648

Education (GI Bill) 888-442-4551

Headstones & Markers – 800-697-6947

Health Care Benefits 877-222-8387

Homeless Veterans – 877-222-8387 www.va.gov/homeless

Homeless Hotline - 800-VET-HELP (838-4357)

Home Loans – 877-827-3702

Life Insurance – 800-669-8477

Mammography helpline 888-492-7844

National Cemetery Scheduling Office – 800-535-1117

National Resource Directory – www.nrd.NRD.gov

Sexual trauma - safe help line – 877-995-5247

Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 800-273-8255

Pension Management Center – 877-294-6380

PTSD – National Center – www.ptsd.va.gov

Presidential Memorial Certificate Program – 202-565-4964

Special Health Issues – 800-749-8387

Spina Bifida/Children of Women Vietnam Veterans – 888-820-1756

Telecommunications device for deaf (TDD) 800-829-4833

USDVA Benefits Newsletter www.VBA.VA.gov

USDVA Regional Loan Center, St. Paul, MN 800-827-0611

Wood National Cemetery – 414-382-5300

**STAY UP TO DATE ON VETERANS BENEFITS BY VISITING THE
AMERICAN LEGION WEBSITE www.legion.org/benefits**

CONTACTS FOR WISCONSIN VETERANS BENEFITS & SERVICES

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (WDVA)

60 W. Mifflin St, Madison, WI

www.dva.wi.us 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387)

Women Veterans Coordinator

www.wisvets.com/womenvets 608-266-1312

County Veterans Service Officer- www.dva.state.wi.us/cvso

Wisconsin G.I. Bill Tuition Remission Program

The Wisconsin G.I. Bill provides a full waiver (“remission”) of tuition and fees for eligible veterans and their dependents for up to 8 full-time semesters or 128 credits at any [University of Wisconsin System](#) (UWS) or [Wisconsin Technical College System](#) (WTCS) institution for continuing education, or for study at the undergraduate or graduate level. www.wisvets.com/wisgibill

Campus Veteran Coordinators

Each UW System and Wisconsin Technical College System school has a Campus Veteran Coordinator to assist veterans with federal and state veterans’ education and other programs.

<http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/paying/veterans.aspx> or
www.veterans.wisconsin.edu

Wisconsin Personal Loan Program

www.dva.state.wi.us/ben_personalloans.asp

Wisconsin Property Tax Exemption

Veterans Employment Representatives

The Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) program makes employment assistance available to all Wisconsin veterans in local one-stop **Wisconsin Job Centers**. Ask for the [Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program](#) (DVOP) or Local Veterans Employment Representative.(LVER)

www.dwd.wisconsin.gov/veterans/vetreprs.htm or 888-258-3366

Wisconsin Veterans Homes

Wisconsin Veterans Home at King 715-258-5586

Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove 262-878-6702

www.dva.state.wi.us/homes



Transportation to VA Medical Appointments

Wisconsin veterans may use one of two programs that assist veterans who need help getting to VA medical appointments. The Wisconsin Department of the Disabled American Veterans operates several vans around the state that normally stop at predetermined locations and then transport to the various medical centers. For a list of the current scheduled stops, please see the Wisconsin DAV website.

www.davwi.org

Veterans can schedule a stop by contacting the DAV Transportation Coordinator listed with the schedule. These rides are free of charge and available to all veterans based on financial need -- you do not have to be disabled or belong to the DAV to get a ride on this network. Veterans should contact the DAV for additional information.

For veterans who live in locations not served by the DAV Van most counties provide some type of assistance. Some counties provide this service free of charge and others require a small fee or donation. Veterans can request to have this fee waived in most cases if they are experiencing financial hardship. County transportation systems are run by the County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) or another County agency. Veterans should [contact their CVSO](#) for information.

Veterans in need of assistance with transportation to a VA medical appointment should contact the appropriate agency as soon as notification of a scheduled VA appointment has been received. Requests for same day or next day travel may not be able to be accommodated.

Resources for Homeless Veterans & At-Risk of Becoming Homeless



US Department Veterans Affairs
www.va.gov/homeless

National VA Hotline
1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838)

County Veteran Service Officers
www.dva.state.wi.us/cvso

VA Medical Centers and Hospitals -- ask for homeless or social welfare coordinator

Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs – 1-800-wis-vets (947-8387)

The Veterans Assistance Centers (VAP) located at:

Chippewa Falls – 715-726-2541

Fort McCoy – 608-269-0234

King – 715 - 256-1118

Union Grove – 262 - 878-9151

These Centers partner with federal, state, and local governments, county veterans service offices and representatives from local communities--including veterans service organizations, private charities, community organizations, and local businesses. The Veterans Assistance Program (VAP) -- helps homeless veterans and those at-risk of becoming homeless receive the job training, education, counseling and rehabilitative services (such as alcohol and drug abuse treatment) they need to obtain steady employment, affordable housing and the skills to sustain a productive lifestyle. Designed to break the cycle of homelessness and help veterans' transition back into the mainstream of society.

Veterans Assistance Foundation – transitional housing located at Tomah and Madison
www.vafvets.org or 608-372-1283

Center for Veterans Issues – supporting the concerns of all veterans, particularly the economically disadvantaged by providing transitional and permanent housing
www.cvivet.org or 414-345-3917

Caravilla Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing, Rock County 608-741-4500

National Coalition for the Homeless www.nationalhomeless.org/need_help/index

US Department of Human Services:

Health care for Homeless 877-64-4772 or <http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov>

US Department of Agriculture

National Hunger Hotline 866-348-6479 or <http://beta.whyhunger.org/findfood>

MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA (MST)

The phrase Military Sexual Trauma is the official term for the psychological trauma that may result from military rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment.

Sexual Assault Support from the Department of Defense Community

SAFE HELPLINE – live 1 on 1 help, confidential, worldwide 24/7

**Click www.safehelpline.org
or call - 877-995-5247 or text your location to 55-247**

Wisconsin Vet Centers: there are many treatments to choose from. Veterans and Active Duty members with Military Sexual Trauma can receive free and confidential counseling at any of the **Vet Centers** operated by the US Department of Veterans' Affairs.

VA Medical Centers and Community Based Outreach Clinics have many [in-patient and residential programs](#) available.

The Military Rape Crisis Center offers free and confidential support groups. To find a group near you visit our Military Rape Crisis Center –<http://www.stopmilitaryrape.org>

FACTS:

- 3,158 military sexual assaults were reported in fiscal year 2010. The Department of Defense (DOD) estimates that only 13.5% of victims report the assault and estimate that in 2010 alone over 19,000 sexual assaults occurred in the military.
- In 2010, less than 21% of reported cases went to trial.
- The DOD does not maintain a military sex offender registry that can alert unit commanders, communities and civilian law enforcement to the presence and movement of military sexual predators.
- Rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment are the primary causal factors in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for women, whereas combat experience is the strongest predictor of PTSD for men.
- 40% of homeless women veterans have reported experiences of sexual assault.

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

The American Legion, Wisconsin www.wilegion.org 1-608-745-1090

American Veterans (AmVets) Wisconsin www.amvets-wi.org 1-877-726-8387

Army Nurse Corps Association <http://e-anca.org>

Disabled American Veterans, Wisconsin www.davwi.org

Marine Corps League www.mcleague.com

Military Order of the Purple Heart www.purpleheart.org 1-703-642-5360

National Alliance of Women Veterans –<http://nawvphilly.webs.com>

National Association for Black Veterans www.nabvets.org

National Association of Black Military Women –<http://NABMW.com>

Navy League of the United States - Madison Council www.madisonnavyleague.org

Navy Nurse Corps Association <http://www.nnca.org>

Paralyzed Veterans of America www.pva.org 1-800-424-8200

U.S. Army Wounded Warriors Project (AW2) www.wtc.army.mil 1-877-393-9058

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wisconsin www.vfwofwi.com 1-816-756-3390

Veterans of the Vietnam War www.vvnw.org 1-301-585-4000

Vets for Vets – UW Madison www.uwvetsforvets.ning.com

WAVES National <http://www.womenofthewaves.com>

Women Marines Association <http://www.womenmarines.org>

Women Organizing Women <http://www.vetwow.com>

Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association <http://www.armywomen.org>

Additional organizations may be found at:

www.va.gov www.dva.state.wi.us/link.asp or www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITH PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR VETERANS

American Gold Star Mothers – www.goldstarmoms.com

American Legion Auxiliary, Wisconsin www.amlegionauxwi.org 1-866-664-3863

American Red Cross – Armed Forces services Wisconsin www.redcross.org 1-608-232-5823

American Veterans Auxiliary www.amvetsaux.org

Center for Veterans Issues www.cvivets.org

Dry Hooch – www.dryhooch.org 414-763-2785

Good Will – contact local retail stores

Military One Source www.militaryonesource.com

Operation Homefront www.operationhomefront.net/wisconsin

St. Vincent de Paul – contact your local catholic church

United Way www.unitedwaywi.org

Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliary, Wisconsin www.wiladiesvfwauxiliary.org

WISCONSIN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITH SERVICES THAT MAY BE OF BENEFIT FOR VETERANS.

Wisconsin University Extension Services www.uwex.edu

Wisconsin Department of Human Services www.dhs.wisconsin.gov

Community Action Agency Program www.wiscap.org

Estimated FEMALE VETERAN POPULATION - by Wisconsin Counties, AS OF 09/30/2010

Once the April 1, 2000, baseline population is established from Census 2000 data, for each successive time period, we add new separations, referred to as "births," using DoD data. (Actual data are used through September 30, 2006; projected separations are used thereafter.) At the same time, existing Veterans (separated in a prior year) are "aged" one year, and deceased Veterans ("deaths") are taken out. At the state level, annual migration is taken into account.

County estimates are allocated from state estimates.

http://www.va.gov/vetdata/Veteran_Population.asp

COUNTY	total female Veterans age:	17-44 age:	45-64 age:	65-84 age:	+85
Adams	172	94	60	16	2
Ashland	86	33	41	11	1
Barron	227	78	83	51	15
Bayfield	131	31	56	25	19
Brown	1387	549	721	106	11
Buffalo	93	38	45	8	2
Burnett	52	26	18	7	1
Calumet	289	128	123	36	2
Chippewa	344	186	123	33	2
Clark	91	26	36	27	2
Columbia	373	156	200	16	1
Crawford	126	45	66	13	2
Dane	2094	805	909	174	206
Dodge	405	174	190	29	12
Door	162	63	62	21	16
Douglas	334	152	133	37	12
Dunn	187	108	45	32	2
Eau Claire	463	220	148	38	57
Florence	54	13	30	10	1
Fond du Lac	471	183	188	47	53
Forest	67	40	19	6	2
Grant	158	67	63	17	11
Green	336	211	69	21	35
Green Lake	123	68	14	29	12
Joan	81	20	38	21	2
Iron	92	12	25	25	30
Jackson	190	91	75	13	11
Jefferson	502	164	251	71	16
Juneau	136	34	54	32	16
Kenosha	1202	621	523	39	19
Kewaunee	99	23	37	37	2
LaCrosse	508	177	222	75	34
LaFayette	69	7	34	12	16
Langlade	45	13	12	18	2
Lincoln	178	27	86	33	32
Manitowoc	423	198	163	40	22
Marathon	582	244	281	55	2
Marinette	194	108	13	45	28

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Marquette	102		39	51	10	2
Menominee	52		9	26	15	2
Milwaukee	3771		1589	1581	295	306
Monroe	471		150	302	18	1
Oconto	182		44	124	6	8
Oneida	521		306	154	48	13
Outagamie	540		45	325	83	87
Ozaukee	631		362	220	47	2
Pepin	37		14	18	3	2
Pierce	135		74	55	5	1
Pold	280		110	132	36	2
Portage	205		90	64	33	18
Price	83		19	35	15	14
Racine	934		385	446	89	14
Richland	67		16	42	7	2
Rock	817		428	215	106	68
Rusk	121		25	44	10	42
St.Croix	521		250	245	18	8
Sauk	344		117	144	44	39
Sawyer	123		36	74	12	1
Shawano	215		104	83	26	2
Sheboygan	606		302	253	50	1
Taylor	90		19	34	21	16
Trempeleau	112		49	43	8	12
Vernon	111		39	39	21	12
Vilas	195		53	53	66	23
Wa;wprtj	752		313	361	76	2
Washburn	78		28	32	17	1
Washington	440		130	286	12	12
Waukesha	1560		389	715	276	180
Waupaca	351		100	165	16	70
Waushara	313		189	93	16	15
Winneago	981		338	470	78	95
Wood	236		78	122	23	13
TOTALS	28503		11472	12302	2932	1797

LOCAL AGENCIES WITH SUPPORT SERVICES FOR VETERANS:

Contact you County University Extension Office for a local
“Resource Book.”

Contact a local “Workforce Connections” office for a list of local
resources that help with employment, housing,

LOCAL CONTACTS: