

VETERAN REFERRAL RESOURCE LIST
(Organizations, Lawyers and Law Firms Offering Help for Veterans)

Suicide/Crisis

Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline

800-273-8255 (TALK), ext. 1

www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/Veterans

The Veterans Health Administration has established this hotline to give you 24/7 access to trained counselors who know what you're going through.

Assistance with Your VA Benefits and Other Legal Matters

Swords to Plowshares

1060 Howard Street

San Francisco, CA 94103

Phone (415) 252-4788

Fax (415) 552-6267

www.stp-sf.org

Provides counseling and case management, employment and training, housing, and legal assistance to homeless and low-income veterans who live in San Francisco. The group also helps veterans who are filing disability claims with the VA. Veterans who live outside of San Francisco are encouraged to call anyway. The knowledgeable staff can direct you to assistance in your area.

National Veterans Legal Services Program

PO Box 65762

Washington, D.C. 20035

202-265-8305

Fax 202-328-0063

info@nvlsp.org

Ronald B. Abrams, Joint Executive Director

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Lawyers Serving Warriors

www.LawyersServingWarriors.org

E-mail LawyersServing@nvlsp.org

Phone (202) 265-8305, ext. 152

A project of National Veterans Legal Services Program that provides free legal services to U.S. military personnel and veterans who served in OIF or OEF, and who need help with disability, discharge, or veterans benefits cases.

Vietnam Veterans of America

You can locate your local service officer by going to this site and entering your state:

<https://benefitsforum.org/Rep.aspx>

The Veterans Pro Bono Consortium (only takes cases at CAVC level)

Case Evaluation and Placement Component

701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 131

Washington, D.C. 20004

(202) 628-8164

Toll Free: (888) 838-7727

Fax: (202) 628-8169

E-mail: mail@vetsprobono.org

Womble Carlyle Pro Bono Veterans Project

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Assists veterans in North Carolina with the first stage of VA benefits applications

Urban Justice Center – Veterans and Servicemembers Project

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www.urbanjustice.org/ujc/projects/veterans.html

Offers free legal services to people affected by the military in a variety of ways: veterans in need of benefits, servicemembers seeking discharge or protection against harassment, potential recruits, and others.

The Veterans Legal Support Center

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vlsc@jmls.edu

www.jmls.edu/veterans

One of the nation's first law school clinics dedicated solely to addressing the legal needs of veterans seeking their benefits from VA.

GI Rights Hotline, 800-395-9544

<http://www.objector.org/girights/>

Provides advice to members of the military seeking information about discharges, grievance and complaint procedures and other civil rights.

National Lawyers Guild, Military Law Task Force

415-566-3732

<http://www.nlgmltf.org/>

Assists those working on military law issues as well as military law counselors working directly with GIs.

Disposable Warriors

Sgt. Chuck Luther, Director
202-465-2059

Many know Sgt. Chuck Luther from news coverage of his brave service (www.joshuakors.com/part3) and from his powerful Congressional testimony (<http://bit.ly/torturehearings>). Luther's organization, Disposable Warriors, assists soldiers who are being wrongfully discharged and denied benefits. Currently he works at Fort Hood in Texas, where he has been able to take rapid action on behalf of soldiers.

Georg-Andreas Pogany

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Andrew Pogany is an independent veterans' advocate, helping soldiers receive proper discharges and assisting wounded veterans with their disability claims. A former investigator for the National Veterans Legal Services Program, Pogany's work on behalf of soldiers has been highlighted by ABC News, NPR and the Washington Post.

Yale Law School's Veterans Legal Services Clinic

203-432-4992

Yale's VLSC assists Connecticut's veterans in a range of litigation, including VA benefits, employment and housing. The clinic's mission is to assist the most vulnerable veterans.

Your Congressional Representatives

You can find all of your Congressional representatives by entering your address here: www.contactingthecongress.org. Start by calling your senior senator. Call the senator's D.C. office; ask who handles veterans' issues there; then ask to speak to that person.

Having a high-ranking senator and his staff working on your side can open previously closed doors and fix once broken situations. Note, though, that these people are extremely short on time. Before calling, make sure you can summarize your entire situation in 30 seconds or less, ending with the question: "Can you help me?" If you can't do it in 30 seconds, practice in front of a mirror until you can. Let the senator's veterans' advocate ask the follow-up questions. If you ramble, they will not assist you.

Note, too, that one of the first questions will be: "Do you have all of your military and VA papers, including your medical, discharge and military performance papers?" Do not call until the answer to that question is yes. Also, once you obtain your papers, never send the originals to anyone. Always make and send copies.

Law Firms Offering Pro Bono Assistance to Veterans

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