

FLORIDA VETERAN HEALTH HEROES



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MISSION

TO PROTECT, PROMOTE AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH
OF ALL PEOPLE IN FLORIDA THROUGH INTEGRATED STATE,
COUNTY AND COMMUNITY EFFORTS.

VISION

TO BE THE HEALTHIEST STATE IN THE NATION.

VALUES

INNOVATION

WE SEARCH FOR CREATIVE SOLUTIONS AND
MANAGE RESOURCES WISELY.

COLLABORATION

WE USE TEAMWORK TO ACHIEVE COMMON GOALS
AND SOLVE PROBLEMS.

ACCOUNTABILITY

WE PERFORM WITH INTEGRITY AND RESPECT.

RESPONSIVENESS

WE ACHIEVE OUR MISSION BY SERVING OUR CUSTOMERS
AND ENGAGING OUR PARTNERS.

EXCELLENCE

WE PROMOTE QUALITY OUTCOMES THROUGH
LEARNING AND CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT.

A TRIBUTE FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



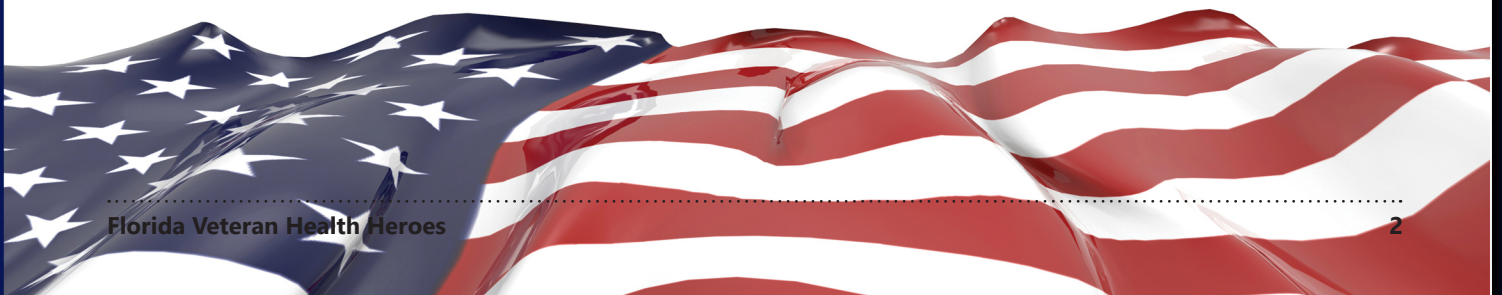
The Florida Department of Health is committed to serving members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces and their families. It is important that we recognize and honor their service to our nation. The Department is proud that over 1.5 million veterans call Florida home, and our continued goal is to make Florida the most veteran-friendly state in the nation.

Military veterans and their families face many challenges. The Department is committed to supporting our military veterans by offering several licensure support services to qualified military families. One service the Department offers is the Florida Veterans Application for Licensure Online Response (VALOR) process,

which provides expedited licensing for honorably discharged veterans and their spouses seeking licensure in all health care professions. Veterans and spouses who apply through the VALOR process receive a waiver of most licensing fees.

The Department offers additional armed forces licensure support, including opportunities for physicians to receive a temporary certificate to practice in areas of critical need, renewal exemptions for active duty service members holding a health care license in Florida, and temporary licensure for spouses of active duty service members who possess a valid license in another state, the District of Columbia, or any possession or territory of the United States. Through these programs, we are creating a veteran-friendly regulatory environment that encourages veterans and their spouses to choose Florida for their health care practice after their discharge from active duty.

**We are thankful for all who serve the people of Florida
and the United States.**



OurHeroes



JOHN H. ARMSTRONG, MD, FACS



Dr. John H. Armstrong is a leader in public health and a veteran of the United States Army. He is an Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of South Florida (USF) Morsani College of Medicine, Adjunct Professor of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and a member of the US De-

fense Health Board Subcommittee on Trauma and Injury Care. He also served as State Surgeon General and Secretary of the Florida Department of Health.

Dr. Armstrong is a graduate of Princeton University, the University of Virginia School of Medicine, and the US Army Command and General Staff College. He performed his surgical residency at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, HI, his trauma/surgical critical care fellowship at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital, and his Master Educators in Medical Education Fellowship at the University of Florida. He is twice recertified by the American Board of Surgery and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American College of Chest Physicians.

Dr. Armstrong retired as a Colonel in the US Army Medical Corps in 2005. His military assignments included DeWitt Army Community Hospital, Ft. Belvoir, VA; Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC; and Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston,

TX. His final assignment was Director, US Army Trauma Training Center (ATTC), in association with the Ryder Trauma Center, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, FL. He served as Chair of the Army (State) ACS Committee on Trauma (COT) and provided oversight of the largest geographic region with the highest number of annual Advanced Trauma Life Support courses in the program. He served as program director for the only Surgical Critical Care Fellowship in the Department of Defense, and as Senior Visiting Trauma Surgeon at Landstuhl, Germany, in December 2011.

In 2012, Dr. Armstrong was appointed State Surgeon General and Secretary of the Florida Department of Health. With his leadership, Florida achieved the lowest infant mortality rate in its history, remained above the national average in life expectancy, and moved from 24th to 12th in healthy weight. During Dr. Armstrong's tenure the Department also received first-in-the-nation national accreditation as an integrated department of health by the Public Health Accreditation Board.

Dr. Armstrong's awards and recognitions include the Army Surgeon General's Physician Recognition Award (top Medical Corps Lieutenant Colonel), the Army Surgeon General's A-designator for General Surgery, the US Army Meritorious Service Medal, 4th Oak Leaf Cluster, the US Army Commendation Medal, 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster, the US Navy Commendation Medal, the 2011 Exemplary Teacher Award at the University of Florida College of Medicine, and the 2016 Florida Medical Association Distinguished Service Award.

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PAUL B. ARTHUR, PhD, OTR/L, OTA



Dr. Paul B. Arthur, OTR/L, OTA, is an Assistant Professor and Lead Faculty with St. Catherine University and a veteran of the United States Army Reserves. He has been active in the field of occupational therapy for over 13 years, initially as a certified assistant, and later as a registered therapist.

Dr. Arthur's primary research interest is in dementia symptom management. He has also been active in student and provider competency assessment and has participated in projects with the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Army Reserves.

Dr. Arthur is a combat Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and served for 11 years in the United States Army Reserves. He enlisted 10 weeks after the terrorist attack on September 11th, 2001 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. From there, he was assigned to Fort Sam Houston, Texas where he received training as a combat medic and as an occupational therapy assistant.

In 2007, Dr. Arthur was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the medical service corps. His first assignment was as the executive officer of the 55th Medical Company in Indianapolis, Indiana, a combat stress control unit responsible for providing behavioral health care interventions for service members. During this assignment he earned his Master of Science degrees in occupational therapy and gerontology from the University of Indianapolis.

Dr. Arthur was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and deployed to Camp Liberty, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009. While there, his unit provided behavioral health care to service members over approximately two-thirds of the country. Dr. Arthur was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, along with the Army Commendation Medal for service in combat.

Upon returning stateside, Dr. Arthur was appointed as the Commander of the 55th Medical Company, responsible for planning and executing individual and collective training for 83 Soldiers to return to full mission readiness. He was tasked with creating a stateside suicide prevention program which served as a quick reactionary force to suicidal and homicidal incidents occurring within the Army Reserve Medical Department. His company was also tasked with a mission to provide on-site suicide prevention training across the United States to units in need. After his tenure of company command, Dr. Arthur was promoted to the rank of Captain and appointed as the operations officer for the 307th Medical Brigade in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Arthur left the service in June 2012 to pursue a PhD in Rehabilitation Science at the University of Florida. He served as a Research Assistant at CINDRR and as a National Institute on Aging Pre-Doctoral Fellow. His research interests include the identification of predictors of caregiver strain and burden, clinical trial design, standardized assessment design, and provider and researcher safety. With support provided by the Social Security Administration, Dr. Arthur is currently working on a research project that will link the ICF-Activity Measure with job titles in the Dictionary of Occupational Titles and the Bob Graham Center for Public Service. He is a published author, with articles in *BMC Geriatrics* and *Occupational Therapy in Mental Health*.

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PAULA CLARK, MSW, LCSW, USAF (RETIRED)



Captain Paula M. Clark recently retired after serving honorably for 21 years in the United States Air Force. Her most recent command leadership was as the Compliance, Quality and Risk Management Executive Officer for the 92nd Medical Group, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with service in the Biomedical Sciences Corps since 2006.

Most recently, she served as an advisor to the 92nd Medical Group Executive Team, supporting a staff of approximately 280 medical professionals who provided care for 38,000 beneficiaries.

Captain Clark's first exposure to military service came through her father, a career member of the United States Marine Corps. She enlisted in the United States Air Force in April 1994, beginning her career as a law enforcement officer. In 2006, she received her commission as an officer and entered the medical field as a Clinical Social Worker.

In addition to her primary responsibility of delivering patient care, Captain Clark served in multiple leadership roles within the Mental Health Flight to include Mental

Health Element Chief, Family Advocacy Program Manager and Chief, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program Manager, and Chief of Exceptional Family Member Program. She has deployed multiple times in support of Operations Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Most recently, Captain Clark served as the Chief of Mental Health Services for the 5th Fleet, US Naval Forces Central Command Detachment where she was the sole mental health provider for 1,900 Joint Warfighters to include an Army Air Defense Artillery and Marine Aircraft Group.

She earned both her Bachelor (Cum Laude) and Master of Social Work degrees from Florida State University (FSU) in Tallahassee, Florida, while also serving with the Florida Air National Guard and working with the Leon County Sheriff's Office and a local hospice.

Captain Clark obtained licensure as a social worker in Florida through the Department of Health's Veterans Application for Licensure Online Response system, or VALOR. She continues to practice as a licensed clinical social worker with a focus on making the FSU campus more veteran friendly. In addition, she directs a cancer support group she co-founded called "Choosing Hope in Cancer" (CHICKs).

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DERRICK C. GLYPH, DNAP, CRNA, AN, USAR



Dr. Derrick C. Glymph's record of exemplary service and compassionate care extends from the battlefield to the classroom. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the United States Army Reserves in 2017 and serves as Chief Anesthetist of the 7456th Medical Backfill Battalion. He has served in the military for 27 years. His mili-

tary achievements include holding numerous leadership positions and serving a combat tour during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

In addition to his military duties, Dr. Glymph serves as a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Nurse Anesthetist Practice at Florida International University (FIU), Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences. He also holds a staff appointment with Miami

Beach Anesthesiology Associates.

He began his nursing career over 20 years ago as a Licensed Practical Nurse and continued to advance his practice to achieve licensure as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. He earned both his Associate and Bachelor of Science degrees from Norfolk State University. He completed his graduate studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, earning both a Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia and Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice. Dr. Glymph has been actively involved in clinical practice, teaching and simulation activities over the course of his tenure at FIU.

In 2015, Dr. Glymph was appointed as a member of the Florida Board of Nursing by Governor Rick Scott. He serves as a member of the board's Credentials "A" Committee, which reviews applications for licensure and makes recommendations on approval or denial to the full board.

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STUART I. KAPLAN, O.D.



Dr. Stuart I. Kaplan is a decorated Gulf War veteran who served four years in the United States Army. He continued his service for four additional years in the Florida Army National Guard prior to starting his collegiate studies. After his military service, he began undergraduate studies at Florida Atlantic University and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Vision Science from Nova Southeastern University. He completed his doctoral studies at Nova Southeastern University's College of Optometry in 2001.

Dr. Kaplan is a board-certified optometrist. He practices comprehensive vision science and is well-versed

in all optical disorders, devoting his skills and training to healthy eyesight for his patients. He is the Program Director for the Dry Eye Treatment Program at Tyson Eye as well as being involved in multiple clinical trials relating to glaucoma management, intraocular lenses and dry eye therapy. He is currently lecturing on Florida optometry jurisprudence.

Dr. Kaplan's community involvement includes his current service as Chairman of the Florida Board of Optometry. He also serves as the vice commander of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 9-1 at Fort Myers Beach. He is the immediate past president of Southwest Florida Optometric Association, past commander of the Southwest Florida Jewish War Veterans Post 400 and past commander of United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 9-1.

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CATHLENE “CATHY” MCGINNIS, CLS (ASCP)



Cathlene “Cathy” McGinnis, a certified clinical laboratory specialist, has a long family history of military service dating back to the Revolutionary War. She followed in her father’s footsteps by enlisting in the United States Army in 1983 and served active duty for six years, mainly at Fort Polk, Louisiana. She was assigned to

work in the clinical laboratory as a technician where she became proficient in the areas of microbiology and serology. She also assisted military morgue personnel as a diener (morgue attendant) when needed.

After retiring from active duty, Ms. McGinnis continued her service as a civilian in the same laboratory she was assigned to as an enlistee. Later, she joined her husband during Operation Desert Storm, continuing her civil service at the Air Force Hospital and the Forensic Drug Testing Laboratory at Wiesbaden Air Base, Germany. Upon her return to the United States, Ms. McGinnis continued her career at a multi-physician internal medicine practice where she oversaw the practice’s laborato-

ry and expanded its testing menu.

In 2001, Ms. McGinnis enrolled in the Medical Laboratory Sciences program at the University of Central Florida. While there, she participated in recruiting students during a career day event at UCF which educated students about the many job possibilities in the laboratory field. Her efforts resulted in an increase in enrollment for the following semester. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology (Clinical Laboratory Science) in 2003.

After 17 years in her previous lab assignment, Ms. McGinnis began work in the Tissue Typing (HLA) laboratory at Florida Hospital in Orlando, where she provides testing for the Solid Organ Transplant and the Stem Cell Transplant programs.

Ms. McGinnis’ focus is to maintain a high standard of excellence and quality care for the patients she serves. She is the proud mother of a son serving in the United States Army and a daughter serving in the United States Navy. In her spare time, she and Maggie, her Aussiedoodle dog, participate in the pet therapy program at Florida Hospital Orlando.

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CARL H. SPEAR, O.D.



Dr. Carl H. Spear, a native of Kentucky, completed his undergraduate education at Western Kentucky University and is a 1991 graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry. Additionally, Dr. Spear completed a Residency in Primary Care Optometry/Ocular Disease at Northeastern State

University College of Optometry in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and earned a Master of Business Administration at Auburn University.

Dr. Spear has worked in a variety of clinical and industry settings including Senior Director, Professional Relations, Vision Group Holdings, Consulting Director, Professional Development and Program Implementation at Alcon, and Assistant Professor of Optometry at North-

eastern State University College of Optometry where he taught courses in laser therapy, systemic medications, and advanced therapeutic and diagnostic clinical procedures. He served as the Southeast Region Director of Growth and Development for Vision Source, Director of Professional Relations for Novartis Ophthalmics, Director of Education and Vendor Relations Consultant at Vision Source. He also was the Center Director at Omega Health Systems, served at a Military Practice in Fort Benning, Georgia and is currently on the Board of Directors for the American Academy of Optometry. Dr. Spear also serves as the Commander of the 403rd ASTS at Keesler Air Force Base.

Dr. Spear has written, lectured and consulted with industry leaders on a variety of disease topics. He served as an active member on the Florida Board of Optometry, the American Optometric Association, the Florida Optometric Association and is a member of the Optometry Times Editorial Advisory Board.



**The Florida Department of Health
salutes our veterans for their hard
work and dedication.**





NEW LAWS IMPACTING MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The following laws impacting veterans, military service members and their families were passed during the 2018 regular session of the Florida Legislature. These laws relate to MQA's focus to be the nation's leader in quality health care regulation.

Chapter 2018-7, Laws of Florida -- Named the "Don Hahnfeldt Veteran and Military Family Opportunity Act," this law expands legislation signed by Governor Scott in 2014. It allows for expedited licensure requirements for active duty military spouses to practice dentistry, and it eliminates the supervision level requirement for a temporary professional license for dentistry. This law also authorizes licensing boards to recognize certain military-issued credentials earned by active duty military members and their spouses for purposes of issuing a license in a health care profession and designates March 25th of each year as "Medal of Honor Day." This law became effective July 1, 2018. For more information, visit <http://laws.flrules.org/2018/7>.

Chapter 2018-8, Laws of Florida -- This law authorizes state colleges and universities in Florida to waive student fees for active duty military service members. This law became effective July 1, 2018. For more information, visit <http://laws.flrules.org/2018/8>.

HEALTH CARE LICENSURE SUPPORT SERVICES

The Florida Department of Health is committed to honoring veterans, active duty service members and their families. We are sensitive to the many challenges military families face when required to relocate, and we are proud to offer a seamless process that eliminates any financial burden.

Florida Veterans Application for Licensure Online Response (VALOR) System

If you are a military veteran, or the spouse of an active duty service member seeking licensure in a health care profession in Florida, you are eligible for expedited licensure processing.

- To qualify, you or your spouse must apply for the license either six months before or after your honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces.
- There is no application fee, licensure fee, or unlicensed activity fee for veterans and spouses of active duty service members who qualify for this type of license.

Military Veteran Fee Waiver

If you are a military veteran, you may be eligible for a waiver of the initial application and licensure fees for all health care professions.

- To qualify, your application must be submitted within 60 months of discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.
- The initial licensure fee, initial application fee, and initial unlicensed activity fee will be waived for veterans returning from active duty service. ***This waiver does not include examination fees.***

Reimbursement for Veterans' Professional Examination Costs

The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs will reimburse eligible applicants for the cost of licensing and certification examinations, not to exceed \$2,000 per test.

- These licensure and certification examinations must generally be deemed necessary to pursue a trade or profession.
- Please see <http://www.fdva.org/saa/LiCert.asp> for potential reimbursement for examination costs.

Temporary Certificate to Practice in an Area of Critical Need

Active duty service members and military veterans who served at least 10 years in the United States Armed Forces may be eligible for a temporary certificate to practice in an area of critical need.

- This certificate limits applicants to practicing in designated areas of critical need, and it is only available to physicians who have an active, unencumbered license in another jurisdiction of the United States.
- There is no application fee for physicians seeking this certificate. This certificate is limited to physicians who will not receive compensation for their service.

Military Platform – Temporary Certificate for Active Duty Military Health Care Practitioners

Persons serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and serving in the United States Public Health Service may be eligible for licensure under the Military Platform. The Military Platform is a military training agreement with a non-military health care provider that allows active duty health care practitioners the opportunity to treat patients admitted to non-military facilities, while also allowing them to develop and maintain the technical skills necessary to meet present and future health care needs of the U.S. Armed Forces.

- To qualify, an applicant must be an active duty service member and hold a valid license as a health care professional in another state, the District of Columbia, and/or any possession or territory of the United States.
- The license is valid for six months but is renewable with proof of continuing military orders for active duty assignment and evidence of continuation as a military platform participant.

Initial Licensure Fee Waiver for Military Spouses

If you are the spouse of a military veteran, you may be eligible for a waiver of the initial application and licensure fees for most health care professions.

- To qualify, your application must be submitted within 60 months after your spouse's honorable discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.
- The initial license fee, initial application fee, and initial unlicensed activity fee will be waived, provided you apply for licensure within 60 months after your spouse is discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. ***This waiver does not include examination fees.***

Temporary License for Military Spouses

As the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States, you may be eligible to receive a temporary license to practice your health care profession in Florida. The purpose of the temporary license is to allow you the opportunity to work in your respective profession while your spouse is assigned to a duty station in Florida.

- To qualify, your spouse must be on active duty and assigned to a duty station in Florida. In addition, you must hold a valid license as a health care professional in another state, the District of Columbia, and/or any United States territory or possession.
- The license is valid for one year.

Please Note: If you desire to practice beyond the expiration of the temporary license, you should begin the regular licensing application process as soon as possible.

To apply for a license or learn more about licensing options for veterans, active duty military members and their families, visit <http://flhealthsource.gov/valor>.

LICENSURE RENEWAL PROVISIONS

You may be able to keep your license in good standing and be exempted from certain license renewal provisions if you meet the following criteria:

- You are an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States.
- You hold a Florida health care practitioner license in good standing with your profession's administrative board or the Department at the time of your enlistment.
- You are entitled to practice or engage in your profession prior to joining the Armed Forces.

If you meet these criteria, your license will be kept in good standing without your having to register, pay renewal fees, or perform any other license maintenance act. This provision remains in effect through the duration of your active duty service and for a period of six months after discharge, provided you are not actively engaged in your licensed profession in the private sector for profit.

Spouses of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who hold a Florida health care practitioner license in good standing may also be exempted from license renewal provisions, but only in cases of absence from the state because of their spouses' active duty assignment.

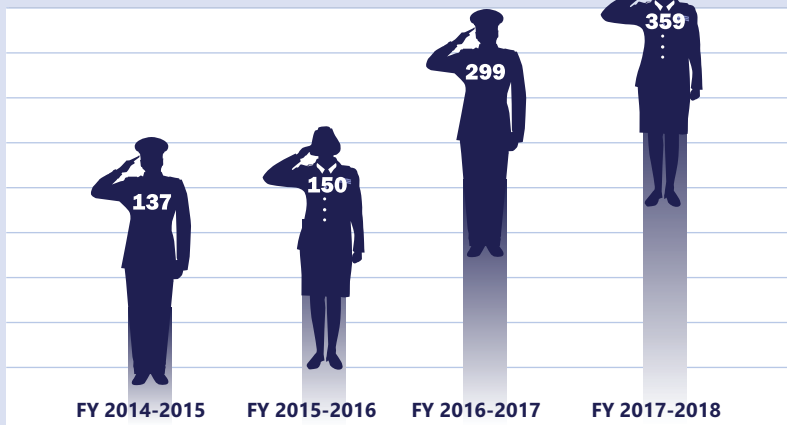
TO OUR MILITARY AND VETERAN COMMUNITY

The Division of Medical Quality Assurance (MQA) continues to create a veteran-friendly regulatory environment to encourage military service members to choose Florida for their health care practice after active duty. A fee waiver program began in fiscal year 2013-2014 to ease most of the financial burden of applying for licensure, and participation has steadily grown.

During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, 359 military veterans and spouses were licensed through VALOR, a 20 percent increase from the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

VALOR expedites the licensure process and is designed with the goal to issue licenses for all qualified initial applicants within one day. MQA is committed to helping ease the transition of military health professionals into civilian life and seeks to encourage them to practice in Florida by making the licensure process one that reflects our gratitude for their service.

Licensed Military Veterans



MILITARY AND VETERAN RESOURCES

The Department is pleased to provide the following resource information for military members, veterans, and their families.

Employment/Business:

Employ Florida Vets

<https://veteran.employflorida.com/>

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

www.esgr.mil

Florida State Veterans' Homes Recruitment

<http://floridavets.org/were-looking-for-you/>
<http://floridavets.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Were-looking-for-you-tri-fold-brochure.pdf>

Florida Veterans' Business Assistance

www.fptac.org

Benefits:

Florida Veterans' Benefits Guide

<http://www.bluetoad.com/publication?i=371864>

eBenefits: Gateway to Benefit Information

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>

Post-9/11 GI Bill and Veteran Education Benefits

www.gibill.va.gov

Florida Military-Friendly Guide

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/2017-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf>

Veterans' Resources:

Florida Attorney General's Consumer Protection Military and Veterans Assistance Program (MVAP)

www.myfloridalegal.com/MVAP

Florida Department of Financial Services Financial Frontlines Program

<http://www.myfloridacfo.com/YMM/FinancialFrontlines/>

Florida Department of Financial Services Small Business Program

<http://www.myfloridacfo.com/YMM/smallBusiness/Default.aspx>

Locate Military Records

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/>

Women Veterans:

Homeless Women Veterans

http://www.va.gov/homeless/for_women_veterans.asp

VA Center for Women Veterans

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

VA Hotline on Health Care and Benefits for Women Veterans

1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636)

Women Veterans Health Care

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

Agencies, Departments, and Organizations:

Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA)

<http://floridavets.org>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

www.va.gov

Florida Department of Military Affairs

<http://dma.myflorida.com/>

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Operation Outdoor Freedom

www.operationoutdoorfreedom.com

Florida Defense Alliance

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

Florida Defense Support Task Force

<http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf>

Florida Veterans Foundation

www.FloridaVeteransFoundation.org

Veterans Florida

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

Consumer Financial Protection

Bureau Office of Service Members' Affairs

www.consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers

General Information:

MyFlorida.com

<http://www.myflorida.com/>

Returning Service Members

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

Florida Military License Plates

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/specialtytags/miltags.html>

Military Holidays/Recognition Days

January

- Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service

February

- Four Chaplains Day
- President's Day
- Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

March

- Month of the Military Caregiver
- Navy Reserve Birthday
- Seabee Birthday
- K-9 Veterans Day
- Medal of Honor Day (Florida)
- Vietnam Veterans Day

April

- Month of the Military Child
- Gold Star Wives Day
- Air Force Reserve Birthday
- Army Reserve Birthday

May

- National Military Appreciation Month
- Silver Star Service Banner Day
- VE (Victory in Europe) Day
- Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- Armed Forces Day
- Memorial Day

June

- D-Day Anniversary
- Flag Day
- U.S. Army Birthday
- Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
- Anniversary of the Start of the Korean War
- National PTSD Awareness Day

July

- Independence Day
- Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

August

- Coast Guard Birthday
- Purple Heart Day
- VJ (Victory over Japan) Day
- Marine Forces Reserve Day

September

- Patriot Day
- U.S. Air Force Birthday
- POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

October

- Columbus Day
- U.S. Navy Birthday
- National Day of the Deployed

November

- Military Family Month
- U.S. Marine Corps Birthday
- Veterans Day

December

- Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday
- Pearl Harbor Day
- National Guard Birthday
- Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Assistant

