HAMILTON COUNTY VETERANS RESOURCE GUIDE

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Benefits & Claims

Hamilton County Veterans Service Office
455 North Highland Park Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Phone: 423-209-7884
FAX: 423-209-7887

Chuck Alsobrook
Veterans Service Officer
calsobrook@hamiltontn.gov

The Hamilton County Veterans Service Office assists veterans, their spouses and survivors in filing claims for benefits earned through service to our nation. Benefits provided to veterans are available from the Federal, State and local governments.

Tennessee Department of Veterans Services
5726 Marlin Road, Suite 513
Chattanooga, TN 37411
Phone: 423-634-6488
www.tn.gov/veteran

George Davis
Veterans Service Officer
615-339-3796
George.Davis2@tn.gov

Daniel Thomas
Veterans Service Officer
423-560-0077
Daniel.L.Thomas@tn.gov

Helping veterans, dependents and surviving family members with claims assistance, advocacy during the appeals process and connection with resources.

U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs
Regional Benefit Office
110 9th Avenue So.
Nashville, TN 37203
www.benefits.va.gov/Nashville
www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage

Heidi Rhodes
Public Contact Team
615-695-6185
Heidi.Rhodes@va.gov

VA's Nashville Regional Benefit Office (RO) administers a variety of services, including Compensation, Education, Insurance, Loan Guaranty, Pension, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) for Veterans, Service members, their families and survivors in Tennessee and at the Fort Campbell Military Base in Kentucky.

Disabled American Veterans
Alvin C. York VA Medical Center
3400 Lebanon Road
Bldg. 7, Rm. G-41
Murfreesboro, TN 37129
www.dav.org

Jerry Hill
HSC/DSO Director
Phone: 615-225-3350
Fax: 615-225-3351
jerry.hill4@va.gov

Chattanooga DSO VA Outpatient Clinic
6098 Debra Rd.
Suite 5200 Room 204
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Lisa Newman-Daniel
Phone: 423-893-6500, ext: 27092
Fax: 423-892-3084
Lisa.Newman-Daniel@va.gov

Providing services and counseling for veterans, their families and survivors to assist in filing claims for earned benefits.

Education & Employment

Chattanooga Day Reporting/Community Resource Center
5751 Uptain Road, 2nd Floor
Chattanooga, TN 37411
Phone: 423-510-1133

Logan Bowers
Director
Logan.Bowers@tn.gov

The DRC serves as an alternative to incarceration by placing eligible participants in structured and intensive outpatient programs. The programs provide resources and services to offenders to assist them as they work towards becoming productive citizens in their communities. The DRC is a one-year three-phase program that will assist offenders with a moderate to high substance use need. In order to be eligible for the program, the participant must be under the supervision of TDOC's Community Supervision, have at least 18 months left on probation or parole supervision.

American Job Center
5600 Brainerd Rd, Suite A-5
Chattanooga, TN 37411
Phone: 423-894-5354
secareercenter.org

Donna Nenney
Veterans Outreach Specialist
423-643-2311
Donna.Nenney@tn.gov

Veterans receive priority of service through Jobs for Veterans State Grants (JVSG)-funded specialists, Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) Specialists who work directly with Veterans to provide intensive services to obtain placement in competitive employment and Local Veterans Employment Representatives (LVERs) who engage with local employers to help Veterans connect to gainful employment.

TN Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
Tennessee Career Center
1313 Old Fort Parkway
Murfreesboro, TN 37129
www.tn.gov/workforce
Fax: 615-898-8068

James Cupp
Veterans Outreach Specialist
615-494-4270
James.Cupp@tn.gov

Peter Prichard
Veterans Outreach Specialist
615-898-8050, ext: 115

Rodger Murray
Veterans Employment Representative
615-494-4280

Peter.Prichard@tn.gov Rodger.Murray@tn.gov

Serves as an outreach to veterans and ensures veterans' priority of service in referral to jobs and other services. Employment related testing, training information and case management are among the services provided. They offer programs such as skills assessment, resume assistance and coaching on how to conduct a successful interview. Additionally, they work with employers to match their needs with the veterans' qualifications.

U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs
Chattanooga State Community College - Veterans Services Office
Student Center **Renee Phifer**
4501 Amnicola Hwy, Bldg. S, Room 261 Veterans Service Coordinator
Chattanooga, TN 37406 423-697-2509
library.chattanoogastate.edu/VA Renee.Phifer@Chattanoogastate.edu

The Chattanooga State Office of Veterans Affairs provides individual assistance for veterans seeking to access their educational benefits. VA students can utilize the space for studying, working on assignments, using the available computers, or building camaraderie with other VA students who have similar experiences.

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) – Office of Veteran and Military Affairs
Hooper Hall **Sylvana Matthews**
615 McCallie Ave, Room 102 Director of Veteran and Military Affairs
Chattanooga, TN 37403 423-425-4663
423-425-4663 Sylvana-Matthews@utc.edu
vma@utc.edu
utc.edu/enrollment-management-and-student-affairs/veteran-and-military-affairs

The college experience for veteran and active-duty students isn't exactly traditional. That's why UTCs Office of Veteran and Military Affairs offer the tools—social and educational programs, unique study spaces, guidance, information, and referrals—to help service-members succeed, in and out of the classroom.

First Things First
1427 Williams St,
Chattanooga, TN 37408 423-267-5383
firstthings.org ftf@firstthings.org

First Things First is a nonprofit, based in Chattanooga, TN, that helps families thrive by providing research-based relationship education, coaching, case management and access to therapy for low income/at-risk couples and parents to create positive generational change.

Programs Offered:

DMD: Dads Making a Difference: 10-week program - 90-minute sessions are held each week for dads (often noncustodial) who struggle with child support or don't get to see their child(ren) enough.
RISE: Relationships in Sync with Each Other: 5-week program - 60-minute sessions are held each week for couples who are looking to build a healthier, stronger connection.
Epic Dads: Empowered Parents in Community: Court-Ordered Parenting Class. Sessions are held every other Thursday for fathers to learn insight into establishing open communication with your children, connecting with your children's emotions, discipline and dealing with technology in children's lives.
Mend: Moms Embracing a New Direction: 10-week program - 90-minute sessions are held each week for noncustodial moms who are involved with child support or don't get to see their child(ren) enough.

Veterans Benefits Banking Program (VBBP)
veteransbenefitsbanking.org/financial-counseling/
vbbp@zeiders.com
855-598-1853

Veteran-focused financial counselors are available to provide personalized coaching, counseling, and financial education tailored to your needs. Get 3 free sessions with an Accredited Financial Counselor to create customized budgets, develop strategies to reduce debt, improve credit, and set realistic savings goals.

Health & Wellness

Tennessee Valley Healthcare System (TVHS)
Chattanooga VA Clinic
6401 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421
Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Phone: 423-893-6500
VA health connect: 833-940-1625
Mental health phone: 423-893-6500

Outpatient clinic provides primary care and specialty health services, including audiology, cardiology, dental care and oral surgery, laboratory and pathology testing, mental health care, physical and speech therapy, podiatry, radiology, women's health, and telehealth.

Pointe Centre VA Clinic
1208 Pointe Centre, Suite 100
Chattanooga, TN 37421
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Phone: 423-893-6500
VA health connect: 833-940-1625

Outpatient clinic provides mental health care, optometry services, pulmonary medicine and compensation/pension exams.

Alvin C. York VA Medical Center
3400 Lebanon Pike
Murfreesboro, TN 37129
Hours: Monday – Sunday, 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Phone: 615-867-6000
VA health connect: 833-940-1625
Mental health phone: 615-225-3600

Provides primary care and subspecialty medical, surgical and psychiatric services to veterans. The campus provides long-term rehabilitation and nursing home care, and serves as a VISN 9 resource for the long-term inpatient care of psychiatric patients. The medical center has a well-established primary care program and provides subspecialty care in dermatology, gastroenterology, hematology/oncology, infectious diseases, neurology, pulmonology, nephrology, rheumatology, and sleep evaluation.

Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (RRTP)
Alvin C. York Campus
3400 Lebanon Pike, Bldg. 11
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Michael Sullivan-Tibbs
Program Manager
615-225-3959
michael.sullivan-tibbs@va.gov

The mission of the program is to provide state-of-the-art, high-quality residential rehabilitation and treatment services for Veterans with mental illness, addiction, homelessness and/or psychosocial deficits. The MH RRTP identifies and addresses goals of rehabilitation, recovery, health maintenance, improved quality of life, and community integration in addition to specific treatment of medical conditions, mental illness, addictive disorders, and homelessness. Entry to the program is only through a medical consult from the veteran's doctor.

Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF)
865-524-3926, ext: 262

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Brad Ellis, LCSW
Veterans Justice Program Social Worker
423-647-5841
James.Ellis2@va.gov

The purpose of the VJO Program is to avoid the unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration among Veterans by ensuring that eligible justice-involved Veterans have timely access to VA services as clinically indicated. VJO Specialists are responsible for direct outreach, assessment, and case management for justice-involved Veterans. Through collaboration with a VJO Specialist Veterans will identify barriers and concerns, then connect with the VA, including the Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA) and Veterans Health Administration (VHA). Ultimately the Veteran

will develop a plan for ongoing connection with the VA, based upon their particular circumstances.

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255, Press 1
Text 838255 for Confidential Chat
veteranscrisisline.net

The caring responders at the Veterans Crisis Line are specially trained and experienced in helping Veterans of all ages and circumstances. Some of the responders are Veterans themselves and understand what Veterans and their families and friends have been through and the challenges Veterans of all ages and service eras face.

Chattanooga VET Center
1300 Premier Drive, Suite 180
Chattanooga, TN 37421
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Phone: 423-855-6570
va.gov/chattanooga-vet-center

Ron Wrigley, MS, LMHC
Director

The Chattanooga VET Center offers confidential help for Veterans, service members, and their families at no cost in a non-medical setting. Services include counseling for needs such as depression, PTSD, military sexual trauma (MST), and grief counseling. The VET Center can also connect you with more support in the VA and your community.

Council for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services (CADAS)
205 Minor St
Chattanooga, TN 37405
423-756-7644
cadas.org

Mary K Roberts
Director of Court Services
423-643-1657
maryk@cadas.org

CADAS is a non-profit substance use and co-occurring disorder treatment facility committed to offering quality treatment, prevention, and education services. CADAS offers Medically-Managed Detox, Residential Rehabilitation, Outpatient Services, Transitional Living, Prevention, Assessment, and Education Programs, and Adolescent Services regardless of the clients ability to pay, ensuring that everyone in need has access to the support they deserve. They accept most insurance plans and have a grant funded Veteran program.

Helen Ross McNabb-Military Services
601 Cumberland Street
Chattanooga TN 37404
865-637-9711

Jessie Bryant
865-296-3754
jessie.bryant@mcnabb.org

The Military Services program is available to anyone who has served in the military and their family or caregivers. Specially trained military services therapists assist individuals facing post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, substance use, co-occurring disorders, thoughts of suicide, and other invisible wounds incurred from service, regardless of discharge status.

Shelters & Housing Assistance

National Homeless Veteran Call Center
877-4AID-VET
877-424-3838
va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp

Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness—and their family members, friends and supporters—can make the call to or chat online with the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans, where trained counselors are ready to talk confidentially 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program
423-893-650, ext: 26043

HUD-VASH is a collaborative program that pairs HUD's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance with VA case management and supportive services. These services are designed to help homeless Veterans and their families obtain permanent housing and access the health care, mental health treatment, and other supports necessary to help them improve their quality of life and maintain housing over time.

Volunteer Behavioral Health – M.A.S.H. Program
(Mission Accomplished: Stable Housing)
423-486-5278
SSVF@vbhcs.org

Nichole Cameron
Manager
423-745-8802
ncameron@vbhcs.org

The M.A.S.H. program provides supportive services to low-income veteran families at risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness. It is funded by the Veterans Administration (VA) through Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF), a national program that provides guidance and oversight to the M.A.S.H. program. This grant allows VBH to assist qualifying veteran families by providing supportive services to promote housing stability.

Friends House Ministries, Inc.
PO Box 25141
Chattanooga, TN 37422

Monty Reeves
423-488-5018

friendshouseministries@gmail.com

A Christ-centered ministry for men empowering men to overcome addiction. We seek to help men, and therefore families, become free of addiction through safe, affordable housing, to help men obtain employment, pay off debts, & learn new life skills.

Eviction Prevention Initiative, Legal Aid of East Tennessee
423-756-4013

LAET offers free legal services to individuals facing eviction in the region. This program provides legal advice, representation, case management, and sometimes financial assistance to help eligible renters stay in their homes.

Chattanooga Housing Authority
801 N. Holtzclaw Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404
423-752-4893
chahousing.org

The Chattanooga Housing Authority (CHA) is a non-profit corporation executing public housing and urban development programs. The agency manages Housing Choice Vouchers, oversees numerous resident services and initiatives, and has completed nearly $100 million in urban renewal projects.

Legal

Veterans Treatment Court
600 Market Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Lauren Messer
Case Manager
423-994-5967
LaurenM@HamiltonTN.gov
Chris Dooley
Mentor Coordinator
702-701-2858
ruffian19@gmail.com

The Hamilton County Veterans Treatment Court program is committed to assisting veterans with intervention, treatment and rehabilitation of typically non-violent substance abuse offenses, and/or mental health issues, who desire to change their lives and break the cycle of substance abuse dependency.

Legal Aid of East Tennessee
100 W Martin Luther King Blvd., Ste 402
Chattanooga, TN 37402
423-756-4013

LAET provides high-quality civil legal services free of charge for qualifying individuals, including areas such as consumer, housing, family, public benefits, and a range of other miscellaneous matters. We are advocates for children, older adults, families, ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) families, and victims of domestic violence. LAET works closely with clients to help navigate legal challenges and seek justice.

Chattanooga Family Justice Center
5705 Uptain Road 423-643-7600
Chattanooga, TN 37411

FJCs provide services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Including help in obtaining an order of protection against an abuser, or other legal issues related to abuse.

Justice for All – A Tennessee Supreme Court Initiative
justiceforalltn.org

Transportation

Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA)
1617 Wilcox Blvd.
Chattanooga, TN 37406
423-629-1473
gocarta.org
Veterans ride FREE with military I.D.

CARTA provides cost effective, efficient and safe multimodal transit for the citizens, visitors and businesses of the City of Chattanooga, Hamilton County and the surrounding areas via Fixed Bus Routes, Paratransit Services, A Free All-Electric Shuttle System, Parking Garages, and Park/Ride Lots.

Disabled American Veterans - Veterans Transportation Service
423-926-1171, ext: 7520
DAV Van 865-694-7101

Helpful Websites

Benefits and Healthcare
va.gov

Manage your VA health care in the same place you manage your other VA benefits and services. Get help with the benefits you deserve: Health care, Disability, Education and training, Careers and employment, Pension, Housing assistance, Life insurance, Burials and memorials, Records, Service member benefits, and Family member benefits. Download the VA Health and Benefits App!

Freedom Alliance
freedomalliance.org
703-444-7940
info@freedomalliance.org

Promoting America's heritage of freedom and supporting those who defend it. Freedom Alliance leads the home front efforts to honor the fallen, support fighters in the field, help wounded troops rehabilitate, and assist families struggling with the wounds of war by: Providing college scholarships to the sons and daughters of America's fallen or disabled heroes; Hosting world-class events for our troops to honor their service and help them rehabilitate; Offering life-changing assistance for wounded veterans such as all-terrain wheelchairs, new vehicles, mortgage-free homes, and more; Holding marriage and family retreats to repair personal bonds that have been broken because of dangerous deployments; Offering rehabilitation services to veterans and military families to help them overcome the wounds of war; Sending Gifts from Home care packages to our troops overseas to help them survive harsh and hostile climates; and Giving Christmas gifts to children of military families who are struggling with service-related injuries.

US Vet Connect Inc. - National Veterans Outdoors Resource HUB
usvetconnect.com

Bridging the gap between veterans and the outdoors by providing a place to come together to find military comradery in outdoor experiences. Explore Activities, Charities and Organizations by browsing activity tiles on the homepage. Search nationally or local and click "Learn More" on an organization's logo to see their profile and learn more about each veterans' organization, their adventures, and find their contact details.

Find Help
findhelp.org
Find free or reduced-cost resources like food, housing, financial assistance, health care, and more by your zip code.

Support Organizations

Chattanooga Area Veterans Council
chattareaveterans.com
chattareaveterans@outlook.com

Alan Syler
Treasurer
423-488-5445
asyler@epbfi.com

CAVC provides quarterly briefings by Veteran Administration personnel; streamlined support efforts; celebratory event coordination, and is a centralized resource repository for military veterans and their families in the tri-state area including Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama.

Southeast Tennessee Veterans Coalition
1 Siskin Plaza
Chattanooga, TN 37403
423-634-1771
setnvets.org
infosetnvets@gmail.com

Mickey McCamish
423-394-0024
mickey@riverbendfestivals.com

Providing outreach to all military service persons including veterans and their families by creating partnerships between VA providers and local agencies.

American Legion
The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to their fellow servicemembers and veterans.

TN POST 0014
1200 Mountain Creek Road, Suite 320
Chattanooga, TN 37405

Alan Syler
Adjutant
423-488-5445
asyler@epbfi.com

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 PM at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium.

TN POST 0148
5308 Ringgold Rd
East Ridge, TN 37412

Ronald E. Born
Adjutant
706-866-3836
born@vol.com

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month @ 5:30 PM at Fernando's Restaurant.

TN POST 0257
4950 Swinyar Dr
Collegedale, TN 37363
collegedale-americanlegion.org

Dennis E. Smith
Commander
423-505-5335
desmith155@yahoo.com

Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month @ 6:00 PM at Collegedale Commons.

TN POST 0040
5956 US Hwy 41

Adam Kittle
Commander

Ringgold, GA 30736 706-965-9200
ringgoldgeorgialegion.org hello@ringgoldgeorgialegion.org

Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the post.

TN POST 0214 **Carl L. Gentry, Jr**
540 Park City Rd Adjutant
Rossville, GA 30741 706-866-3992
battlefieldpost214.org alpost214@gmail.com

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the post.

TN POST 0291 **Carel A. Tate**
701 Hooker Rd Adjutant
Chattanooga, TN 37410 904-705-2422
tnlegion0291.com alpost291@outlook.com

Meetings are held the last Saturday of each month at 2:00 PM at the post.

TN POST 0159 **Donald M. Fritz**
5401 School Dr Adjutant
Hixson, TN 37343 423-619-1197
gamplr69@epbfi.com

Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at 11:00 AM at the Hixson Community Center.

Elks Lodge
The Elks are officially known as the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks (BPOE). Elks are American citizens who enjoy living life by the golden rule and contributing to the lives and well-being of those around them. Elks adhere to the founding principles of the order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Elks serve as the cornerstone of American social and civic engagement.

Lodge No. 91
1067 Graysville Road 423-894-8850
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421 info@chattanoogaelks91.com
chattanoogaelks91.com

The Lodge is open daily from 3:00 PM-11:00 PM and weekends noon-10:00 PM (Friday and Saturday until Midnight). Meetings are held the First and Third Tuesdays of each month @ 7:00 PM.

Disabled American Veterans
Robert Loveday Memorial #6 **David E. Ringheimer**
619 Memorial Dr Commander

Chattanooga, TN 37415 423-987-5649
DAV.org

Disabled American Veterans are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. They accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
The VFW mission is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and their communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans. They strive to ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.
vfw.org

Post 1289 - Cooper T. Holt Post **Terry Thomas**
2193 Park Dr Quartermaster
Chattanooga, TN 37421
423-892-2772

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the post.

Post 4848 – Wilkes T. Thrasher Post
2402 Amnicola Hwy Gerald Drain
Chattanooga, TN 37406 Quartermaster
423-624-6687

Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the post.

Vietnam Veterans of America
The Vietnam Veterans of America is the only national Vietnam veterans' organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA's goals are to promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change public perception of Vietnam veterans.

VVA Chapter #203
7329 Valley Ln
Hixson, TN 37343 423-991-5858
vva203.org nam67mp@aol.com

VVA Chapter #942
9615 West Ridge Trail Road

Soddy-Daisy, TN, 37379 423-718-1735
vva942.com drilltm6@comcast.net

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing
Chestnut Hall at Collegedale Commons **Ross Schweinforth**
4750 Swinyar Drive ross.schweinforth@projecthealingwaters.org
Collegedale, TN 37363
projecthealingwaters.org

The Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program provides basic fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying and rod building classes, along with clinics participants ranging from beginners who have never fished before, to those with prior fly fishing and tying experience who are adapting their skills to their new abilities. All fly fishing and tying equipment is provided to the participants at no cost. Fishing trips, both one day and multi-day, are also provided free of charge to participants.

A Soldier's Child Foundation
1197 Hazelwood Drive **Daryl Mackin**
Smyrna, TN 37167 Executive Director
asoldierschild.org 615-427-2970
daryl@asoldierschild.org

Their mission is to serve the children of fallen active-duty military personnel, who have given their lives while defending the United States of America. A Soldier's Child Foundation's three points of service are: Birthday celebrations every year, up to the 18th birthday; Mentorship programs, including camping, hunting and fishing for ages 12-16; College scholarships up to $35,000, through The Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation.

Freedom Sings USA
3317 Dayton Blvd, B 17205 **Angela Hunt**
Chattanooga, TN 37415 Veteran Liaison
freedomsingsusa.org 315-283-8203
info@FreedomSingsUSA.org angela.hunt@freedomsingsUSA.org

Freedom Sings USA provides songwriting and music-arts therapy programs for Veterans and Military families. Based in Nashville and Chattanooga (TN), we are now providing weekly classes, monthly workshops and touring events nationwide (live and online). Whether you're a veteran searching for a place to connect with peers, a songwriter looking to share your talents, or an organization interested in supporting our Veteran-focused mission, we invite you to get involved today. Music is Good Medicine.

Sessions:

LIVE Songwriting Class - every 2nd & 4th Tuesday evening @ 6:00 PM - at 115 Morrison Springs Rd., Red Bank, TN 37415. Feat. songwriting coaches Steve Dean and Josh Wheeler.
VET Center Class (LIVE & ZOOM) – every Thursday Evening @ 5:00 PM – Hosted by Chris Akridge.
All Female Vets Class (Zoom) – every Tuesday Evening @ 7:00 PM
National Vets Class (LIVE+ZOOM) – every Wednesday Morning @ 9:30 AM

Friends of the Troops
friendsofthetroops.org
423-599-9901
support@friendsofthetroops.org

Friends of the Troops was founded to support service members and veterans who, for any reason, slip through the cracks of other organizations. Friends of the Troops is a volunteer-led nonprofit organization founded to support, encourage, and honor Veterans and members of the United States Armed Forces in times of need.
Friends of the Troops help Veterans and those currently serving our country and their families by:
· Sending cards of encouragement and appreciation to deployed troops, troops serving stateside and to veterans, including those at VA hospitals, veteran homes and those taking honor flights
· Sending care packages to troops serving overseas
· Sending snacks, coffee and other requested items to military chaplains to help boost troop morale
· Sending snacks, hygiene and other needed supplies to VA hospitals and veteran homes
· Providing food, diapers, winter coats, clothing and other necessities to veterans and stateside troops and their families throughout the year
· Providing emergency assistance to troops, veterans and their families during times of crisis
· Distributing toys and fulfilling wish lists of military children during the holidays

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Warrior Freedom Service Dogs
209 Walker Hollow Rd
Flintstone, GA 30725 706-944-3699
warriorfreedom.org info@warriorfreedom.org

Warrior Freedom Service Dogs is committed to helping Veterans with service induced brain injuries, such as Post Traumatic Stress or TBI, reconnect through the unconditional love of a service dog, provided free of charge. We strive to give this gift of life and reconnection to the most deserving humans in our society: the American soldier. Our focus is on veterans who have returned home with service induced deep physical, mental, and emotional wounds that make reintegrating into society a significant struggle. Our goal for each veteran who enters our program is to become successful with their new canine life partner.

Wreaths Across America – Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404 423-250-3215
chattanoogawaa.com chattanoogawaa@gmail.com

Each December on Wreaths Across America Day, we Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud. REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

Project Gallantly Forward
81 Potts Rd **Christine Lewis**
Graysville, TN 37338 Executive Director
423-451-6239 Christine@ProjectGallantlyForward.org
projectgallantlyforward.org

PGF offers Rest & Relaxation at a retreat in rural Tennessee to Veterans with their families who are located nationwide, as well as opportunities for local Veterans to connect. Participation in programs is free of charge. Through these programs, PGF provides time and space for Veterans to begin healing while in the company of other Veterans who are on the same path.

Fishing Nights at PGF: catch-and-release fishing on Monday evenings from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The pond is stocked primarily with bass, crappie and catfish. Bring your own poles and gear.

Scenic City Clay Arts
301 E. 11th Street #100
Chattanooga, TN 37403 423-883-1758
sceniccityclayarts.org studio@sceniccityclayarts.org

Scenic City Clay Arts offers a free bi-monthly clay hand building workshop, available for active duty, retired, or former US military individuals and their family members. Military Family Workshops offers moments of grounding, healing, and quality time to those who give so much. Clay becomes a tool for reconnection. No clay experience required! Beginners are welcome. Children must be at least 4years old to attend and accompanied by their military relative. Military Family Workshop is held every other Friday from 6pm to 8pm.

YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga
301 W. 6th Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402

423-266-3766
ymcachattanooga.org

HERE FOR OUR HEROES
All year long our military members receive 10% off monthly and no join fee. In honor of Veterans Day and National Veterans and Military Families Month, we're extending one free month to new YMCA members, who are active military, retired or veterans. Thank you for your sacrifice and your service. At the Y, you're joining a supportive community that includes many who have served our country.

*Must show identification to verify current or previous military service.
* November Free for Veterans When You Join Nov. 1-17

Team Red, White & Blue
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Team Red, White & Blue (Team RWB) is America's health and wellness community for Veterans. We were founded by Veterans. We know firsthand that many of us carry a mission-first mindset from our service, often neglecting our own health in the process. That's why, since 2010, our community of over 250,000 Veterans, Service Members, military families, and supporters (our "Eagles") have enriched the lives of Veterans through events and programs focused on building a healthy lifestyle.

Challenge America Veteran Arts Community (CAVARTS)
cavarts.org

Created by Veterans, for Veterans, the Challenge America Veteran Arts Community (CAVARTS) is a national hub that brings together Veterans of various backgrounds who support one another as they connect, learn, and grow through the Arts. Create a profile and connect with other Veterans near you or across the country. Engage in discussions and find information and encouragement around your favorite artwork. Post and participate in creative arts events, stories and collaborations.

Membership to CAVARTS is FREE and exclusive to Veterans and service members!