

Rhode Island Veterans Resources

Returning Iraq or Afghanistan Veteran

Contact a returning Combat Veteran Program Manager at your local VA Medical Center for additional information and assistance

Link: <http://www.visn1.med.va.gov/freedom/index.asp>

Providence VA Contact: Paul Shapiro 401-273-7100 x 2207

Operation Stand Down

Founded in 1988 in 35 states, Operation Stand Down is a national coalition of concerned Americans who have dedicated themselves to eliminating homelessness among our nation's Veterans. In 1993 "Stand Down" (meaning at ease) Rhode Island initiated an annual three day residential program to assist area homeless veterans to secure social, medical, legal, and housing assistance. No homeless veteran is turned away. We either provide emergency housing or pay for the Veteran to live in a motel or boarding home. "A Hand up, not a Handout" is the motto that guides us in our work with Veterans. We realized that Veterans needed more assistance so we established permanent housing for eight Veterans in Johnston, RI in 2001. An additional home was opened in 2005 in West Warwick. We are currently working towards opening homes in other areas.

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Website- www.osdri.com

Phone- 1-800-861-Vets

Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless

The Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless has a statewide membership of over one-hundred full organizational, affiliate and individual members. The members of the Board of Directors include: leaders of homeless service organizations; government officials; educators; interested members of the public; and formerly homeless individuals. Board members are active in governmental relations, communications, fund-raising, and advocacy work.

Website- www.rihomeless.com

Phone- 401.421.6458

The Rhode Island Veteran's Home

The Rhode Island Veterans Home, a 110-acre complex located on Mount Hope Bay, at 480 Metacom Avenue in Bristol, Rhode Island. The mission of the home is to provide quality nursing and residential care to those Rhode Island war veterans in need. Social, medical, nursing and rehabilitative services are also provided to veterans and their survivors and/or dependents to improve their physical, emotional and economic well-being. The Veterans Home consists of 260 nursing care beds in three skilled and semiskilled units and two ambulatory care units and two ambulatory care units with an additional 79 beds. **Website-**www.dhs.state.ri.us/dhs/dvethom.htm **Phone-**401-253-8000 Ext. 695

Rhode Island Veterans Benefits Counseling

The Rhode Island Veterans Affairs Office offers benefit counseling including a variety of social services to Rhode Island armed forces personnel, veterans, and their dependents who are seeking assistance. **Phone** (401) 253-8000 ext. 695

The Rhode Island Veteran's Cemetery

The Division of Veterans Affairs maintains a dignified and solemn military cemetery on 265 acres in Exeter, Rhode Island. The cemetery serves as a final resting place for Rhode Island Veterans who have served their country honorably during wartime and their eligible dependents. Twenty-year retirees of the Rhode Island National Guard have recently become eligible, as have reserve components of the National Guard and two-year active services personnel with honorable discharges. **Contact:** Thomas Podgurski, (401) 268-3088

Department of Labor and Training (Unemployment Insurance Veterans Benefits)

Link: <http://www.dlt.state.ri.us/ui/vetsUI1.htm>

Quick Links (RI)

Healthcare

VA Benefits	380 Westminster St., Providence	800-827-1000
VA Medical Center	830 Chalkstone Ave., Providence	401-273-7100
Vets Center	2038 Warwick Ave., Warwick	401-739-0167
Women Veterans	830 Chalkstone Ave., Providence	401-273-7100
National Coalition for Homeless Veterans		800-838-4357
Persian Gulf War Helpline		800-749-8387
VA Health Benefits Hotline		877-222-8387

Employment

NetWork RI	One Reservoir Ave., Providence	401-462-8947
RI Veterans Action Center	685 Cranston St., Providence	401-521-6710
Social Security/SSI	380 Westminster St., Providence	800-772-1213
SBA Office (Small Business)	380 Westminster St., Providence	401 528-4561
Veterans Employment and Training Services		401-528-5134

Transportation

RI Public Transit Authority		401-781-9400
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Help lines

Gamblers Hotline		800-942-6253
Legal Clinic		401-421-6458
National Aids Hotline		800-342-2437
Project Aids Rhode Island		800-726-3010
RI Domestic Violence		800-494-8100
RI Council on Alcoholism		800-622-7422