

## Resources Contacts for Calvert County Veterans

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### **American Legion**

Post 85, Huntingtown 410-535-3341 [www.americanlegioncalvertpost85.org](http://www.americanlegioncalvertpost85.org)

Contact: Charles "Chick" Michael, Commander

Post 206, Chesapeake Beach 301-855-6466 [www.alpost206.org](http://www.alpost206.org)

Contact: Kirk Larman, Commander

Post 220, Prince Frederick 410-535-1477

Contact: Cheryl Chew, Commander

Post 274, Lusby 410-326-3274 [www.facebook.com/American.Legion.Post.274.Lusby](http://www.facebook.com/American.Legion.Post.274.Lusby)

Contact: Brian Makowski, Commander

American Legion Department Service Officers [www.legion.org/departmentserviceofficers](http://www.legion.org/departmentserviceofficers) DSOs offer free advice and guidance for veterans as they work through issues with the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

**Benefits** (General Information) [www.eBenefits.va.gov](http://www.eBenefits.va.gov) Gateway for benefits for veterans, service members and their families.

Md. Dept of Veterans Affairs 301-884-8171, Ext. 7155 Contact: Nora Bachelder, benefits specialist at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

VA Eligibility Specialist 202-745-8000, Ext. 5216 Contact: Lutherina Walk, MSW.

**Consumer/Finance Issues** [www.consumerfinance.gov.servicemembers](http://www.consumerfinance.gov.servicemembers) The Office of Service Member Affairs is a voice for military personnel within the newly formed Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. It investigates unethical business practices targeted toward military members, their families and veterans.

## **Counseling**

Annapolis Vet Center 443-257-7286, 410-212-8949  
Contact: Dr. Mark Chapin 443-388-6196 Dr. Chapin is Team Leader at the Annapolis Vets Center. Calvert veterans (with appointments) can receive free counseling on Friday afternoons at the Barstow Office of the Substance Abuse Treatment Program.

Chesapeake Christian Counseling Center 410-257-5200 [www.christiancounselors.org](http://www.christiancounselors.org).

Coaching into Care 888-823-7458 [www.mirecc.va.gov/coaching](http://www.mirecc.va.gov/coaching). VA program to assist family members and friends as they encourage veterans to seek help.

Maryland's Commitment to Veterans 410-725-9993 Contact: Arianna Day, Southern Resource Coordinator. She works with veterans and their families to ensure access to behavioral healthcare services through either the VA or local providers. This program has funding to cover services for veterans without insurance and not enrolled in the VA healthcare system.

Pro Bono Counseling Project 410-323-5800 or 877-323-5800

Southern Maryland Battle Buddies 443-975-5262 A drop-in Center at Trinity UMC, Prince Frederick, M & Th, 10 to 4. Contact: Al Brewster, (Lt. Col. Ret.) to or Gill Rivera to be connected to resources including peer support, informed advocacy and expert referral.

VA Outpatient Clinic 301-884-7102 The clinic at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home offers behavioral health outpatient services, including mental health and addictions therapy.

VA Mobile Unit 804-353-8958, Ext. 36 Contact: Tim Hunt Gibbon. His mobile unit visits the Charlotte Hall CBOC on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday and Friday of each month, except November when it visits the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday and Friday.

Tri-Care Certified Counselor            443-295-3341    Contact: Olga Booth, Ph.D., NCC, LCPC

Vet Centers: [www.vetcenter.va.gov](http://www.vetcenter.va.gov) 1-877-WAR-VETS (927-8387)

Two new vets centers are in the process of opening at Joint Base Andrews and Fort Belvoir.

### **Credit Counseling**

Consumer Credit Counseling Service    800-642-2227    [www.cccs-inc.org](http://www.cccs-inc.org) Non-profit agency established in 1968 to help people resolve financial problems via budgeting guidance, money management, housing, bankruptcy counseling.

### **Crisis**

Crisis Intervention Center/Calvert    410-535-1121 or 301-855-1075    24-hour helpline

[www.calverthealth.org/personalhealth/crisisintervention/index.htm](http://www.calverthealth.org/personalhealth/crisisintervention/index.htm).

Safe Harbor                                    410-257-7225    Calvert County's domestic violence shelter.

[www.calverthealth.org/personalhealth/crisisintervention/shelter.htm](http://www.calverthealth.org/personalhealth/crisisintervention/shelter.htm) .

**Suicide Prevention Hotline            800-273-8255    Chat line: [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org).**

VA Psychiatrist On-Call 24/7            202-745-8156

### **Education**

College of Southern Maryland            443-550-6000    [www.csmd.edu/Current/Veterans](http://www.csmd.edu/Current/Veterans) Contact: Daniel Turner, VA advisor, 301-934-7588, about DVA education benefits. [veteransbenefits@csmd.edu](mailto:veteransbenefits@csmd.edu).

Southern Md. Higher Education Center 301-737-2500    [www.smhec.org](http://www.smhec.org)    [admin@smhec.org](mailto:admin@smhec.org).

GI Bill Information                        1-888-GIBILL-1    [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) .

## **Employment**

America Works of Washington, D.C. 202-503-9928 Contact: Jackie Iverson. She assists homeless veterans and those at risk of homelessness. [jiverson@americaondemend.net](mailto:jiverson@americaondemend.net).

Easter Seals Program 301-588-8700 Applicants must be recently discharged veterans within the last 48 months with a service-connected disability. [info@eseal.org](mailto:info@eseal.org).

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind 202-454-6400 <http://www.clb.org> Bridge to Work program assists vision-impaired veterans with employment counseling and placement.

Md. Dept of Labor, Licensing & Regulation 443-550-6755, 200 Duke Street, Goldstein Building, Prince Frederick. Contact: Alan Crawley, Local Veterans Employment Representative in Southern Maryland, 301-374-1144, [acrawley@dllr.state.md.us](mailto:acrawley@dllr.state.md.us). Assistance or veterans in their search for re-employment in Calvert and St. Mary's Counties (Tue & Thurs in Prince Frederick; M,W,F in Leonardtown at 301-880-2802).

So. Md. Work Source (DLLR) 443-550-6750 301-645-8712 [www.mwejobs.com](http://www.mwejobs.com)  
Calvert County's One-Stop Employment Services Center, 200 Duke Street, Suite 1400, Prince Frederick (to inquire about employment opportunities).

VA for Vets <http://vaforvets.va.gov> On 11-11-11, the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs will launch a website to help veterans find careers in the VA. It will be a high-tech approach to recruiting, hiring, retaining and reintegrating veterans into the VA workforce. This online Career Center will include a military skills translator, a resume builder and an avatar-based technology that connects deployed troops back to the VA during operational missions. The goal is to increase the veteran workforce within the VA from 30 to 40 percent.

**Federal Benefits for Veterans** VA guide: [http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits\\_book.asp](http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp).

## **Food**

Food Pantries in Calvert County [www.co.cal.md.us/assets/CalvertFoodPantries2011.pdf](http://www.co.cal.md.us/assets/CalvertFoodPantries2011.pdf).

## **Health**

Calvert County Health Department 410-535-5400 [www.calverthealth.org](http://www.calverthealth.org).

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder 802-296-6300 National Center for PTSD Information line  
[www.ptsd.va.gov](http://www.ptsd.va.gov) [ncptsd@va.gov](mailto:ncptsd@va.gov).

Substance Abuse Treatment Center 410-535-3079 [SubstanceAbuseCCHD@dhmh.state.md.us](mailto:SubstanceAbuseCCHD@dhmh.state.md.us)  
[www.calverthealth.org/personalhealth/substanceabuse/services.htm](http://www.calverthealth.org/personalhealth/substanceabuse/services.htm).

VA Healthcare for Homeless Vets 202-230-2692 Contact: LaRita Mullins, senior social worker, MSW, LICSW, LICSW-C.

VA Medical Advice Line 202-745-8247

VA Medical Services 202-745-8000 Facility at 50 Irving Street, NW, Washington, D.C., helps veterans access specialty care services.

VA Outpatient Clinic 301-884-7102 Clinic at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29431 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, Md. 20622, helps veterans access primary care services and enroll for health care if living in the tri-county area.

Veterans Health Council 301-585-4000 [www.veteranshealth.org](http://www.veteranshealth.org) [vhc@veteranshealth.org](mailto:vhc@veteranshealth.org)  
Informs veterans and their families about health issues and benefits available to them.

War Related Illness & Injury Study Center [www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/](http://www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/) Referrals and clinical services for health conditions and exposures.

### **Homelessness**

MCVET [www.mcvet.org](http://www.mcvet.org) 410-576-9626 Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, Baltimore, [info@mcvet.org](mailto:info@mcvet.org), offers emergency & transitional & single room occupancy housing, counseling, supportive services, health care referral, education, substance abuse treatment.

National VA Homeless Hotline 877-424-3838 Counseling, referral, food, clothing 24/7.

Project ECHO 410-535-0044 Contact: Trisha Gipson, executive director.  
Calvert County's primary homeless shelter [www.projectecho.net](http://www.projectecho.net).

Washington DC VA Medical Ctr. 202-745-8000, Ext. 6128 or 202-215-8020. Contact: Kevin Morton, director, Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program at the Center.

### **Housing**

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home 800-522-VETS Nursing home care only. [www.charhall.org](http://www.charhall.org)  
[admissions@charhall.org](mailto:admissions@charhall.org)

Charlotte Hall CBOC 301-884-8171, Ext. 7155 Contact: Nora Bachelder, Service Officer.

Housing Authority of Calvert County 410-535-5010 Contact: Wayne Boyle, Executive Director, Ext. 19  
[www.co.cal.md.us/government/departments/resources/housing.asp](http://www.co.cal.md.us/government/departments/resources/housing.asp).

### **Legal**

Md. Volunteer Lawyer Service 800-510-0050 410-547-6537

Maryland Legal Aid Bureau 410-951-7777 [www.mdlab.org](http://www.mdlab.org)

National Veterans Legal Services Program [www.nvlsp.org](http://www.nvlsp.org) Lawyers and non-lawyer advocates assist veterans and their families with claims for VA benefits.

Public Defender 443-550-6800 or 877-430-5187  
So. Maryland Legal Aid Bureau 410-535-3278 or 877-310-1810 Hughesville Office  
Veterans Assistance Project 800-777-3430 or 410-685-6589 Staff provides representation for discharge character upgrades and with VA disability claims.

### **Library/Research**

Calvert County Public Library 410-535-0291 <http://calvert.lib.md.us>  
Public computers free of charge, assistance answering questions, collections of materials on many topics, events and classes, one-on-one computer training in small classes, research assistance.

### **Mediation**

Community Mediation Center of Calvert County 443-975-4973 [CALVERTMEDIATION@hotmail.com](mailto:CALVERTMEDIATION@hotmail.com)  
Contact: Susan Rork. [WWW.CALVERT-MEDIATION.ORG](http://WWW.CALVERT-MEDIATION.ORG) Support for returning veterans: mediation and respites.

### **Mortgage Assistance**

Emergency Mortgage Assistance 866-731-8486 [www.mdhope.org](http://www.mdhope.org) Maryland state government program designed to assist homeowners who are facing foreclosure.

So. Md. Tri-County Community Action Committee 410-535-1010 Staff provides housing counseling.

### **Operations**

Gulf War Veteran Resource Pages [www.gulfweb.org](http://www.gulfweb.org) 2011 Task Force Report on Gulf War Illnesses: [http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/Draft\\_2011\\_GWVI-TF\\_Report.pdf](http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/Draft_2011_GWVI-TF_Report.pdf).

Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America 202-544-7692 [www.iava.org](http://www.iava.org).

VA OEF/OIF Programs 877-643-6331 Assistance for veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Vietnam Veterans of America      800-VVA-1316 [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org).

### **Recreation**

Solomons Navy Recreation Center 410 286-5529 or 410 286-7301.

### **Re-entry**

VA Incarcerated Veterans Re-entry 202-745-8000, Ext. 5267. Contact: Rodney Carter. He works with incarcerated veterans prior to their release and afterward. [rodney.carter2@va.gov](mailto:rodney.carter2@va.gov).

VA Veterans Justice Outreach      202-745-8338 Contact: Karen Carrington. She works with incarcerated veterans in pre-trial stage. [Karen.Carrington2@va.gov](mailto:Karen.Carrington2@va.gov).

### **Referral to Services**

American Veterans (AMVETS)      877-726-8387 [www.amvets.org](http://www.amvets.org) [amvets@amvets.org](mailto:amvets@amvets.org).

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)      [md26mail@davfrat.org](mailto:md26mail@davfrat.org).  
Chapter #26, California, Md.      301-373-4927

Calvert County Government      410-535-4370 Contact: Curt Hules, Community Resources Dept.  
[hulescl@co.cal.md.us](mailto:hulescl@co.cal.md.us) More links for veterans: [www.co.cal.md.us/News/NewsHighlight4.asp](http://www.co.cal.md.us/News/NewsHighlight4.asp).

Calvert Dept. of Social Services      443-550-6969 Contact: Adult Services Unit  
[www.dhr.maryland.gov/county/calvert/index.php](http://www.dhr.maryland.gov/county/calvert/index.php).

Maryland Dept. of Veterans Affairs 410-260-3838, 800-446-4926, Ext. 6450 [www.mdva.state.md.us](http://www.mdva.state.md.us).  
Contact: Cate Conroy, acting director, outreach program, [cconroy@mdva.state.md.us](mailto:cconroy@mdva.state.md.us).

Military Order of the Purple Heart 703-354-2140 [www.purpleheart.org](http://www.purpleheart.org) Assistance for veterans and their families. For car donations, call 877-222-8387. For clothing/household items pick-up and info on public services, call 410-789-7692 or 301-277-0063, [www.PurpleHeartPickup.org](http://www.PurpleHeartPickup.org).

National Alliance on Mental Illness 301-737-1988 or 301-475-3434 Contact: Amy Henderson, So. Md. Chapter, [namisomd@verizon.net](mailto:namisomd@verizon.net) [www.namisomd.org](http://www.namisomd.org) [walkerca@md.metrocast.net](mailto:walkerca@md.metrocast.net).

(Southern Md.) Tri-County Council 301-874-1922 Contact: Wayne Clark, Executive Director, or Commissioner Thomas Mattingly, Veterans Regional Advisory Committee.

U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs 800-827-1000 [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)  
myVA [www1.va.gov/opa/myva/index.asp](http://www1.va.gov/opa/myva/index.asp) Assistance for vets returning from OEF and OIF seeking health care, job assistance, education benefits, home loans and readjustment counseling.

### **Rehabilitation**

Operation Second Chance 301-938-2834 Contact: Cindy McGrew, president & founder, [cindy@operationsecondchance.org](mailto:cindy@operationsecondchance.org) [www.operationsecondchance.org](http://www.operationsecondchance.org) Maryland-based agency  
2011 Chesapeake Beach event contact is Mary Mathis, 410-610-2710, [marymathis502@comcast.net](mailto:marymathis502@comcast.net).

Paralyzed Veterans of America 800-555-9140 [www.pva.org](http://www.pva.org) [info@pva.org](mailto:info@pva.org).

### **Stand Downs**

202-273-5764 One-day events sponsored by the DC VA Medical Center to provide food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, benefits counseling and referrals to homeless veterans.

### **Suicide Prevention Hotline**

800-273-8255 Chat line: [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

## **Transportation**

Md.'s Commitment to Veterans 877-770-4801 Contact: Arianna Day [aday@msmhs.org](mailto:aday@msmhs.org). Referral and information service, and provides transportation services only for veterans unable to access transportation to behavioral health appointments.

## **Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)**

Online Self-Care Tools [www.afterdeployment.org](http://www.afterdeployment.org) Assistance for a range of adjustment concerns, including TBI, PTSD, sleep, anger and relationships. Contact: Dr. Robert Ciulla at 253-968-2849 or [Robert.Ciulla@us.army.mil](mailto:Robert.Ciulla@us.army.mil).

TBI Technical Assistance Center 301-656-3500 Center is affiliated with the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators, 4330 East West Highway, Suite 301, Bethesda, Md., 20814.

TBI Center of Excellence 866-838-2778 or 713-794-8157 Contact: Michael E. DeBakey, VA Medical Center. [TBICOErecruitment@va.gov](mailto:TBICOErecruitment@va.gov). Additional Information on TBI.

## **Vaccinations**

[www.publichealth.va.gov/vaccines.asp](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/vaccines.asp) .

## **Volunteering**

Give An Hour [www.giveanhour.org](http://www.giveanhour.org) The agency develops national networks of volunteers capable of responding to both acute and chronic conditions that arise within our society, and its first target population is U.S. troops and families being affected by the current military conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

VA Maryland Health Care System 800-463-6295, Ext. 5505.

VA Voluntary Service [www.volunteer.va.gov](http://www.volunteer.va.gov)

VA Volunteer drivers are needed to help veterans make their medical appointments: Call 202-745-2488. [www.washingtondc.va.gov](http://www.washingtondc.va.gov).

## **Women**

Comprehensive Care 301-884-7102 Contact: Sharon Johnson, Comprehensive Care Nurse Practitioner, at the VA Clinic, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

Service Women's Action Network 888-729-2089 M-F 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. SWAN supports, defends and empowers women veterans and servicewomen of all eras through advocacy initiatives and community healing programs [www.servicewomen.org](http://www.servicewomen.org) [peersupport@servicewomen.org](mailto:peersupport@servicewomen.org).