

Suffolk County Veterans Resource Guide



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COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Steven Bellone
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Veteran,

Welcome to the Suffolk County Veterans Resource Guide.

First and foremost, on behalf of the 1.5 million residents of Suffolk County, I would like to thank you for your extraordinary service. As a veteran of the United States Army, I am proud to serve Suffolk County's veteran community. Whether you served overseas or here at home, we appreciate your service to our country.

Suffolk County is home to the largest veteran population in New York State and we understand how difficult it may be to reintegrate back to civilian life. While our Veterans Service Agency has a large directory of information, we hope that this comprehensive guide serves as an easy to navigate informational book of benefits and opportunities for you and your families.

All of these resources have been earned through your time in service. For more information, contact Thomas Ronayne, Director, Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency at 631-853-VETS (8387).

Sincerely,

STEVEN BELLONE
Suffolk County Executive

LOCATION:
H. LEE DENNISON BUILDING, 12th FLOOR
100 VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

MAILING ADDRESS:
P.O. BOX 6100
HAUPPAUGE, NY 11788-0099

OFFICE (631) 853-4000
FAX (631) 853-4818

Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency



Veterans Service Agency Director Thomas “Tom” Ronayne

Prior to joining the Agency, Tom was a Construction Manager in NYC for firms including Tishman Construction Corp. as Lead Superintendent and employee veterans’ liaison. Past Post, Suffolk County Council, District #1, NYS Aide de Camp, National Assistant Inspector General of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.. Tom served on active duty in the U.S. Navy for four years as a Tin Can (Destroyer) sailor and was deployed to El Salvador and Beirut, Lebanon during separate deployments as a Landing Forces Party and Weapons Security Petty Officer. While in service he was a STG2. He served aboard USS Vogelgesang DD-862 and USS Vreeland FF-1068. He was awarded a Navy Expeditionary Medal, Navy Battle “E” Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (w star), and Navy Pistol Expert.

Veterans Service Officer Gary W. Richard, Retired 1SG

Gary served active duty in the U.S. Army for thirty years. He is a Grenada, Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan veteran. While in service he was a First Sergeant for the Airborne Infantry 151st TIOG/Special Operations Command. He was awarded the Bronze Star w/V device, Purple Heart w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, ARCOM, AAM, Good Conduct Medal, Expeditionary Medal, Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, SWA Medal, AFRAM, ASR, NDSM w/BS, AOVSM, NCODP w/3, OSR w/2, IRAQ Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, GWOT Medal, ARCAM, Air Assault Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge 2nd award, Master Airborne Badge, Drivers Badge w/wheel and track, Expert Rifle Badge w/pistol and Machine Gun tab, Gold Recruiters Badge, Infantry Cord, Order of Saint Barbara Medal, Army Outstanding Unit Citation w/BS, Unit Meritorious Unit Citation. He is an advocate for veterans and advocate of the Burn Pits issue.

Veterans Service Officer Melissa R. Pandolf USAF/ANG MSgt (Ret)

Melissa’s military career spans over 20 years. She served four years on active duty in the Air Force as a flight medic both overseas and stateside. After separating active duty she joined the reserves and deployed to the United Arab Emirates. She then transferred from the reserves to the Air National Guard where she retrained from flight medicine to financial management for seven years before returning to her original career field as a medic. Among other awards and medals, she was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement medal with 2 devices, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with 5 devices, National Defense Service Medal with 1 device, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the New York Defense of Liberty medal with 1 device for her deployment to Ground Zero following the events of 9/11. Melissa retired in 2016 at the rank of Master Sergeant.

Veterans Service Officer Brian Rooney U.S. Navy Veteran & Navy Reservist

Brian served in the United States Navy for five years active duty as a Quartermaster onboard DDG-51 USS Arleigh Burke. Within those five years, his ship supported Joint-Warrior operations with all NATO ships off the coast of Scotland in 2009 and 2011, pirate operations off the coast of Africa in 2009, and in 2012, supported Israel in numerous operations. During his service on active duty, he has earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist pin. He is currently serving in the Navy Reserves as a Quarter Master First Class Surface Warfare. In the reserves, QM1(SW) Rooney is on the funeral honor guard and services veteran families all over Long Island.

Veterans Service Officer Anthony Delvalle

Anthony served in the US Navy active duty for 4 years as a Personnelman counseling enlisted personnel concerning Navy ratings, training, advancement, awards, educational opportunities, their rights, benefits and advantages of a Navy career. He was then in the Army Reserve for a short time thereafter. He formerly worked for the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans Service Officer Brian Gilroy

Brian served 4 years active duty in the U.S. Army. He was in the first cavalry division at Ft. Hood, 1st brigade 12th cavalry regiment. He served as an m1 armor crewmember. He is a veteran of OIF.

Veterans Service Officer Melinda Gobin

Melinda served 3 years Active Duty in the US Navy. She served aboard the USS Simon Lake (AS-33) in La Maddelena, Italy as a Fireman and the USS Wasp (LHD-1) as an Operation Specialist 3rd class. Melinda earned her ESWS (Enlisted Service Warfare Specialist) as an E-3 on the USS Simon Lake (AS-33). She then went on and served 4 years in the Naval Reserves as a OS2 (Operation Specialist Second Class Petty Officer). She received the Armed Forces Service Medal, Navy "E" Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

Veterans Service Officer Victor C. Smith

Victor served 3 years Active Duty in the US Navy. He was an Aviation Electronics Technician for Patrol Squadron 23 stationed at Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine. P3 Squadron's Mission was primarily as Intelligence and Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Platforms. He served as an Inflight Technician while deployed overseas. Deployments included: NAS Rota Spain, NAS Bermuda, NAS Keflavik Iceland, NAS Sigonella Sicily, and Lajes Airfield, Azores Portugal.

Veterans Service Officer Hillary DiPasquale

Hillary is an Army veteran who served 5.5 years as an active duty Military Police Officer. Some of her assignments include the 561st MP CO Ft. Campbell Kentucky, and the United States Army Garrison MP Detachment at West Point, NY. Her duties included all Law Enforcement Ops, as well as Investigative and Protection details.

If you would like an appointment with one of our Officers please call 631-853-VETS (8387)

Suffolk County Veterans ID Card Program

Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency in partnership with local businesses, wish to extend their thanks to the Veterans of Suffolk County for their service by providing the Veterans ID Card, which provide Veterans discounts at local businesses. The discounts will be determined by each business and their application will need to be approved by Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency. Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency is issuing ID cards to those veterans who meet the following criteria:



- Proof of their Suffolk County Residency
 - Photo ID with resident address (driver or non-driver license)
- DD-214 Form showing an honorable discharge & active years served
- Rating Decision Letter showing service connected disability, if applicable

For a list of participating businesses and more information please visit <https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/veterans/Discount-Program> or contact the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency at 631-853-8387.



SUFFOLK COUNTY
**Traffic and Parking
Violation Agency**

Veteran's Docket Day

Veterans Docket Day provides the opportunity for honorably discharged veterans, or those currently serving who have traffic, parking or red light camera citations pending before TPVA to participate in a special conference with a prosecutor.

Veterans Docket Day is held at the Suffolk County Traffic and Parking Violations Agency in Hauppauge on the **third Friday of the month at 2:00 P.M.**

Suffolk County Traffic and Parking Violation Agency
100 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11778

Website: <https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/tpva/>

Important Numbers for Vets

- VA Regional Office (800) 827-1000
- VA Hospital - Northport (631) 261-4400
- Veteran Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 Press 1
- VA Life Insurance (800) 669-8477
- VA Home Loans (888) 768-2132 Option 1
- Vets Food Pantry (631) 924-1601
- Veteran Crisis Line (800) 273-TALK
- DAV Transportation (631) 754-7980 (2 week notice required)
- Long Island State Veterans Home (631) 444-8500
- Department of Social Services: (631) 854- 9935 Emergency after office hours (631) 854-9100
- Office of Aging (631) 853-8200
- Women Services (631) 853-8222
- Homeless Veterans, The Vets Place (631) 924-8088



Town Tax Assessors

All veterans are encouraged to contact their town tax assessors to verify they are receiving their local veteran tax exemption discount. Deadlines to apply for tax exemptions are March 1st.

- Babylon Tax Assessor's Office at (631) 957-3014
- Brookhaven Tax Assessor's Office (631) 451-6300
- East Hampton Tax Assessor's Office (631) 324-4187
- Huntington Tax Assessor's Office at (631) 351-3226
- Islip Tax Assessor's Office at (631) 224-5585
- Riverhead Assessor's Office at (631) 727-3200
- Shelter Island Tax Assessor's Office (631) 749-1080
- Smithtown Tax Assessor's Office (631) 360-7560
- Southampton Tax Assessor's Office at (631) 283-6020
- Southold Tax Assessor's Office at (631) 765-1937

Suffolk County Legislature

For more information visit <https://www.scnylegislature.us/>



Name	District	Office Address Phone Fax
Legislator Al Krupski	1	423 Griffing Ave Suite 2 Riverhead, NY 11901 Phone: 631-852-3200 Fax: 631-852-3203
Legislator Bridget Fleming	2	75 Washington St. PO Box 1827 Sag Harbor, NY 11963 Phone: 631-852-8400 Fax: 631-852-8404
Legislator Rudy A. Sunderman	3	1120 Montauk Hwy., Suite G Mastic, NY 11950 Phone: 631-852-1300 Fax: 631-852-1303
Legislator Tom Muratore	4	325 Middle Country Rd., Suite 3 Selden, NY 11784 Phone: 631-854-9292 Fax: 631-854-9351
Deputy Presiding Officer Kara Hahn	5	306 Main St. Pt. Jefferson, NY 11777 Phone: 631-854-1650 Fax: 631-854-1653
Legislator Sarah S. Anker	6	620 Route 25A, Suite B Mt. Sinai, NY 11766 Phone: 631-854-1600 Fax: 631-854-1603
Presiding Officer Robert Calarco	7	90 W. Main St., Suite 2N Patchogue, NY 11772 Phone: 631-854-1400 Fax: 631-854-1403
Legislator Anthony Piccirillo	8	1609 Grundy Avenue Holbrook, NY 11741 Phone: 631-854-9611 Fax: 631-854-9687

Legislator Samuel Gonzalez	9	55 2 nd Ave., Suite 7 Brentwood, NY 11717 Phone: 631-853-3700 Fax: 631-853-3568
Legislator Tom Cilmi	10	96 E Main St., Suite 5 East Islip, NY 11730 Phone: 631-854-0940 Fax: 631-854-0943
Legislator Steven J. Flotteron	11	4 Udall Rd., Suite 4 West Islip, NY 11795 Phone: 631-854-4100 Fax: 631-854-4103
Legislator Leslie Kennedy	12	725 Veterans Memorial Hwy. PO Box 6100- Building 17 Hauppauge, NY 11788 Phone: 631-854-3735 Fax: 631-854-3744
Legislator Robert Trotta	13	59 Landing Ave., Suite 1 Smithtown, NY 11787 Phone: 631-854-3900 Fax: 631-854-3903
Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey	14	125C S. Wellwood Ave. Lindenhurst, NY 11757 Phone: 631-854-1100 Fax: 631-854-1103
Vacant	15	
Legislator Susan A. Berland	16	6080 Jericho Tpk., Suite 307 Commack, NY 11725 Phone: 631-854-5100 Fax: 631-854-5103
Legislator Tom Donnelly	17	130 W. Jericho Tpk. Huntington Station, NY 11746 Phone: 631-854-4433 Fax: 631-854-4415
Legislator William Spencer	18	224 Wall St., Suite 303 Huntington, NY 11743 Phone: 631-854-4500 Fax: 631-854-4503

Suffolk County Government

For more information visit www.suffolkcountyny.gov/



Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone	H. Lee Dennison Bldg. 100 Veterans Memorial Highway Hauppauge, NY 11788-0099 Phone: (631) 853-4000
Suffolk County Comptroller John Kennedy Jr.	H. Lee Dennison Bldg. 9 th Floor 100 Veterans Memorial Highway Hauppauge, NY 11788-0099 Phone: (631)-853-5040
Suffolk County County Clerk Judith A. Pascale	310 Center Drive Riverhead, NY 11901 Phone: 631-852-2000
Suffolk County District Attorney Timothy D. Sini	North County Complex, Bldg. 77 725 Veterans Memorial Hwy Hauppauge, NY 11788 Phone: 631-853-4161
Suffolk County Sheriff Errol Toulon Jr.	Riverhead Correctional Facility 100 Center Drive Riverhead, NY 11901 Phone: 631-852-2205

New York State Senate and Assembly Representatives for Suffolk County

*District maps and more information can be found at
<https://nyassembly.gov/> or <https://www.nysenate.gov/>

NYS Senator Kenneth LaValle	1 st Senate District	28 North Country Rd, Suite 203 Mount Sinai, NY 11766 Phone: 631-473-1461
NYS Senator John Flanagan	2 nd Senate District	260 Middle Country Road, Suite 102 Smithtown, NY 11787 Phone: 631-361-2154
NYS Senator Monica Martinez	3 rd Senate District	250 Veterans Memorial Highway, Perry B. Duryea State Office Building, Suite 3B-41 Hauppauge, NY 11788 Phone: (631) 360-3356
NYS Senator Philip Boyle	4 th Senate District	69 W Main Street Suite B Bay Shore, NY 11706 Phone: 631-665-2311
NYS Senator James Gaughran	5 th Senate District	485 Underhill Blvd Suite 102 Syosset, NY 11791 Phone: 516-922-1811
NYS Senator John Brooks	6 th Senate District	5550 Merrick Road Suite 205 Massapequa, NY 11758 Phone: 516-882-0630
NYS Assemblyman Fred Thiele	1 st Assembly District	3350 Noyac Road Building B, Suite 1 Sag Harbor, NY 11963 Phone: 631-537-2583
NYS Assemblyman Anthony Palumbo	2 nd Assembly District	30 West Main Street Suite 103 Riverhead, NY 11901 Phone: 631-727-0204
NYS Assemblyman Joe DeStefano	3 rd Assembly District	1735 N. Ocean Ave. Ste. A Medford, NY 11763 Phone: 631-207-0073

		Fax: 631-207-2006
NYS Assemblyman Steve Englebright	4 th Assembly District	149 Main Street East Setauket, NY 11733 Phone: 631-751-3094
NYS Assemblyman Doug Smith	5 th Assembly District	991 Main Street Suite 202 Holbrook, NY 11741 Phone: 631-585-0230
NYS Assemblyman Phil Ramos	6 th Assembly District	1010 Suffolk Ave. Brentwood, NY 11717 Phone: 631-435-3214
NYS Assemblyman Andrew Garbarino	7 th Assembly District	859 Montauk Hwy Suite 1 Bayport, NY 11705 Phone: 631-589-0348
NYS Assemblyman Michael Fitzpatrick	8 th Assembly District	50 Route 111 Suite 202 Smithtown, NY 11787 Phone: 631-724-2929
NYS Assemblyman Michael LiPetri	9 th Assembly District	512 Park Blvd. Massapequa Park, NY 11762 Phone: 516-541-4598
NYS Assemblyman Steve Stern	10 th Assembly District	95 Broad Hollow Road Suite 100 Melville, NY 11747 Phone: 631-271-8025
NYS Assemblyman Kimberly Jean-Pierre	11 th Assembly District	640 West Montauk Highway Lindenhurst, NY 11757 Phone: 631-957-2087
VACANT	12 th Assembly District	N/A

New York Congress and Senate Representatives for Suffolk County

*District maps and more information can be found at
<https://www.house.gov/> or <https://www.senate.gov/>

US Congressman Lee Zeldin	1 st District	East End Office: 30 West Main St., Suite 201 Riverhead, NY 11901 Phone: (631) 209-4235 Main District Office: 31 Oak St., Suite 20 Patchogue, NY 11772 Phone: 631-289-1097 Fax: 866-404-6613
US Congressman Peter King	2 nd District	Massapequa Park District Office: 1003 Park Boulevard Massapequa Park, NY 11762 Phone: 516-541-4225
US Congressman Thomas Suozzi	3 rd District	Huntington Office: 478A Park Avenue Huntington, NY 11743 Phone: 631-923-4100
US Senator Charles E. Schumer	Senator for New York	Melville Office: 145 Pine Lawn Road, #300 Melville, NY 11747 Phone: 631-753-0978
US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand	Senator for New York	Melville Office: 155 Pine Lawn Road Suite 250 North Melville, NY 11747 Phone: 631-249-2825

DAYS AND OBSERVANCES FOR US ARMED FORCES

January: 	July: 27 th - Korean War Veterans Armistice Day 29 th - Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Corps
February: 3 rd - Four Chaplains Day 18 th - President's Day 19 th - Coast Guard Reserve Birthday	August: 4 th - Coast Guard Reserve Birthday 7 th - Purple Heart Day 8 th - VJ Day 29 th - Marine Forces Reserves Birthday
March: Month of the Military Caregiver 3 rd - Navy Reserve Birthday 5 th - Seabee Birthday 13 th - K 9 Veterans Day 29 th - Vietnam Veterans Day	September: 11 th - Patriot Day 18 th - Air Force Birthday 21 st - POW/MIA Recognition Day 29 th - Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day
April: Month of the Military Child 5 th - Gold Star Wives Day 14 th - Air Force Reserve Birthday 23 rd - Army Reserve Birthday	October: 7 th - Ms. Veteran America Pageant 13 th - Navy Birthday 14 th - Columbus Day 26 th - National Day of the Deployed
May: National Military Appreciation Month 1 st - Loyalty Day 1 st - Silver Star Service Banner Day 8 th - VE Day 10 th - Military Spouse Appreciation Day 13 th - Children of Fallen Patriots Day 18 th - Armed Forces Day 27 th - Memorial Day	November: Military Family Month 10 th - Marine Corps Birthday 11 th - Veterans Day
June: 6 th - Anniversary of the World War II Allied Invasion in Normandy, France, known as D-Day 14 th - Flag Day 14 th - Army Birthday 23 rd - Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday 25 th - Anniversary of the start of the Korean War 27 th - National PTSD Awareness Day	December: 1 st - Civil Air Patrol Birthday 7 th - Pearl Harbor Day 13 th - National Guard Birthday 14 th - National Wreaths Across America 28 th - Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Assistant

Heroes of the Game

The Long Island Ducks, Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and Legislator Susan A. Berland are proud to honor veterans. Veterans will be honored at every home game and will receive 10 complimentary tickets to the game for family and friends.

Contact Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency for more information at (631) 853-8387



Armed Forces Day Ceremony

Date: May 16th, 2020

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Armed Forces Plaza, Hauppauge in front of the H. Lee Dennison Building

Keynote Speaker: TBD

For more information please contact the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency at (631) 853-8387





Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project



A Joint Initiative of Suffolk County United Veterans & Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency

Group Site Address Listing
Updated as of February 13, 2020

Weekly Groups:

Liberty Village - 600 Albany Avenue, N. Amityville, NY 11701

Every Monday: 6 – 7 pm

The Vets Place - 32 Mill Road, Yaphank, NY 11980

Every Tuesday: 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Beacon House - 1715 Union Blvd., Bay Shore, NY 11706

Every Tuesday: 5 – 6 pm

Long Island Community Hospital – 101 Hospital Rd. Patchogue, NY 11772

Every Tuesday: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Sag Harbor – 1357 Brick Kiln Rd. Sag Harbor, NY 11963

Every Wednesday: 6 -7 pm

Liberty Landing – 58 Portion Road, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Every Wednesday: 4 – 5 pm

Monthly Meetings

Woman Veteran Group: Liberty Village - 600 Albany Avenue, N. Amityville, NY 11701

2nd Monday of the month: 6 – 7 pm

Senior Veteran Group: Brookhaven Vets Chat - Rose Caracappa Senior Center
739 Route 25A, Mt Sinai, NY 11766

2nd Thursday of the month: 10 – 11 am

American Legion Post 269 Monthly Community Breakfast (open to all community)
215 South Ocean Avenue Patchogue, NY 11772

3rd Saturday of the month: 10 – 11 am

Phone: (631) 853-8345 e-mail: vetspeertopeer@suffolkcountyny.gov

Facebook: Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project



**SUFFOLK COUNTY
UNITED VETERANS**
BRINGING OUR VETS HOME

A Project of The Association for Mental Health and Wellness



SAVE THE DATE!!!

7th ANNUAL

VETERAN & FAMILY

DAY OF WELLNESS

Saturday June 13th 2020

9 AM – 4 PM

Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck

2 Chet Swezey Road

Center Moriches, NY

Registration information to follow.

Hosted by the

Joseph Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project

A Joint Initiative of Suffolk County United Veterans &

Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency



Phone: (631) 853-8345 www.dwyerproject.org

Facebook: Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project

Suffolk County Veterans Run Series

- **2020 Runs To Be Announced**



- **2020 Date To Be Announced**



Food Assistance

Military Appreciation Tuesdays: Hosted each week at Long Island Cares' pantries located in Huntington Station, Lindenhurst, and Freeport, this is a chance for veterans and their families to access food, as well as personal care items, household products, pet food, and school supplies when available. All veterans are provided with information and resources pertaining to veteran-specific benefits. We are grateful to have BNY Mellon Wealth Management as the sponsor of this critical program.



Mobile Pantry: Delivers nutritious groceries to homebound, disabled veterans unable to access their local pantries.

VetsWork: Assistance that can help veterans build job skills (i.e. cover letter and résumé writing), aid in their job search process, and facilitate real workplace experience through various volunteer and training opportunities.

Community Outreach Initiatives: By collaborating with both the Nassau and Suffolk County Veterans Service Agencies and the Northport VA Hospital, we are able to support events such as Veteran Stand Downs which provide vital health and social services to veterans of all ages and circumstances. In addition, our services are made available to various community organizations providing counseling, homeless outreach, and emergency assistance to veterans in need.

Long Island Cares, Inc.

10 Davids Drive (Harry Chapin Way), Hauppauge, NY 11788

Phone: 631-582-FOOD (3663) Fax: 631-273-2184

Nassau Center for Collaborative Assistance

21 E Sunrise Highway, Freeport, NY 11520

Phone: 516-442-5221, Fax: 516-442-5224

South Shore Service Center

163-1 North Wellwood Ave, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Phone 631-991-8106 Fax 631-991-8109

Harry Chapin Food Bank and Humanitarian Center

220 Broadway, Huntington Station, NY 11746

Phone 631-824-6384

For more information visit our website at: www.LICares.org

Phone: 631-582-FOOD Email: info@licares.org



Staff along with volunteers who also are veterans, and working with local veteran's organizations, Operation: HOPE delivers food and supplies to the doors of Long Island veterans and their families 2 days a week. In addition, Operation: HOPE volunteers and staff provide information and referrals to link veterans and military families with benefits and services that can help them.

To learn more, please contact John Maher at (516) 294-8528 ext.221
or JohnM@islandharvest.org

Island Harvest Food Bank Locations:

40 Marcus Blvd. Hauppauge, NY 11788

15 Grumman Rd. W. Bethpage, NY 11714

875 Jerusalem Ave. Uniondale, NY

Calverton NY

Island Harvest Phone Number: 516-294-8528

Website: <https://www.islandharvest.org/>



***This list is not exhaustive, if you or someone you know is in need of food please contact Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency at (631) 853-8387**

Health Services



Northport VA Medical Center

Address: 79 Middleville Rd. Northport, NY 11768

Phone: 631-261-4400

Administrative hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 4:00pm

VA Nurses Helpline 24 hour VA Nurses Help Line for Veterans:

1 800-877-6976

Website: <https://www.northport.va.gov/index.asp>

Long Island State Veterans Home



AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

Address: 100 Patriots Rd. Stony Brook, NY 11790

Phone: (631) 444-VETS

Website: <https://veteranshome.stonybrookmedicine.edu/>

Women Veterans Health Services at Northport VA

Contact: RosaMaria Williamson. LCSW

Women Veterans Program Manager

(631) 261-4400 x5793

Website: <https://www.womenshealth.va.gov>

Women Veterans Call Center: 1 (855) 829-6636

Call Center is available:

Monday-Friday, 8am-10pm Saturdays, 8am-6:30pm

Social Media:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VeteransHealth>

Twitter: <https://www.twitter.com/VeteransHealth>

Blog: <https://www.blogs.va.gov>

Health Screenings for Women

Women's Wellness Center (11W)

Northport VA Medical Center Bldg. 200/4th Floor/Unit 44

79 Middleville Rd. Northport, NY 11768

Phone: (631) 261-4400 x5778 Fax: (631) 754-7934

*To schedule or cancel appointments for Women's Primary Care or Gynecology phone the CALL CENTER at (631) 754-7934

Mental Health Services

Babylon Vets Center- (631) 261-4400

Nassau Vets Center- (516) 348-0088

Northwell Health Unified Behavioral Health Center- (631) 647-2530

- Family counseling provided

Here to Help Military and Families

- Free, Confidential Psychological Counseling for Post 9/11 Long Island Military Service Members and Their Families
- **For help** call (631) 602-0075. We will return your call within 24 hours to discuss your needs.
- **To volunteer** as a clinician or as a general volunteer, call or email for an application: (631) 602-0075, militaryandfamilyhelp@gmail.com

Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project

- Phone: (631) 853-8345
- Email: vetspeertopeer@suffolkcountyny.gov
- Facebook: Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project
- Website: www.dwyerproject.org

Crisis Hotlines

VA National Veterans CRISIS HOTLINE- 1(800) 273-8255 *Press 1

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline- 1 (800)-273-TALK or text TN to 741741

Response of Suffolk County- (631) 751-7500

Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk (VIBS) - (631) 360-3606



Housing Assistance

Suffolk County United Veterans (SCUV)

- Please Call (631) 924-1601

Supported Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

- Please Call (631) 289-2601 ext. 124

Economic Opportunity Council

- Please Call (631) 289-2601

United Veterans Beacon House

- Please Call (631) 665-1571

***This list is not exhaustive, if you or someone you know is in need of housing assistance please contact Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency at (631) 853-8387**

Top 10 Reasons to Hire Vets!

1. Faster Learning Curve

Veterans learn new skills and concepts quickly. They also come in with transferable job skills.

2. Leadership

Veterans lead by example. They know how to manage for results.

3. Teamwork

Veterans know how teamwork grows out of a responsibility to your peers. Their duties involve a blend of both individual and group work.

4. Diversity in Action

Veterans have learned to work with people of different backgrounds. They do not discriminate by race, gender, geographic origin, ethnic background, religion or economic status. They also may have worked with people of different mental and physical ability.

5. Efficient Performance under Pressure

Veterans work with tight schedules and limited resources. They know how to finish jobs on time, under stress. They know how to stay with a task until it is done right.

6. Respect for Procedures

Veterans have a unique view on accountability. They can grasp their place in an organization. They are responsible for both subordinates' work and supervisory tasks.

7. Technology and Globalization

Veterans keep on top of international and technical trends in the business world.

8. Integrity

Veterans know what it means to do "an honest day's work." They have a track record of integrity, including security clearances.

9. Conscious of Health and Safety Standards

Veterans know health and safety protocol. They maintain personal health and fitness. On a company level, this means protection of employees and property.

10. Triumph over Adversity

Veterans beat the odds. They have been in tough situations and may have overcome a disability.

Education and Employment

VetsWork through Long Island Cares

- Help with creating a resume, writing a cover letter, interview skills, skills development, and more.
- If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

Fern Summer, Veteran Life Skills Specialist
(631) 824-6385 | fsummer@licares.org

Michael Haynes, Chief Government Affairs Officer
(631) 824-6386

SeniorNet Computer Classes (Northport VA)

Thursdays | 9:00am-11:00am | Building 12, Library

Free and Open To All Veterans

Classes Held on Thursdays- Dates TBD

To register contact Jinny Mullen, MHA, CTRS

(631) 261-4400 x7233

Suffolk County Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs One-Stop Employment Center

Phone: (631) 853-6600

Address: 725 Veterans Memorial Highway

Hauppauge, NY 11788

Website: <https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Labor/Employment-Center>

Community Based Employment Services (CBES) (Northport VA)

Offers rapid exploration of competitive employment opportunities to Veterans after identifying your goals; job development and placement services as well as identification of job-site accommodations necessary to empower you to function successfully in employment at your highest level. Assists with obtaining and maintaining employment, therefore, building a strong work history.

CBES Staff

James Fleischmann, MS, CRC

Chief Vocational Rehabilitation (631) 261-4400 x 2199

Monica Lanning MS, CRC

Vocational Rehab Specialist (631) 261-4400 x2721

Supported Employment Program at (Northport VA)

The Supported Employment program offers an opportunity to Veterans who have experienced difficulty finding and maintaining employment due to the ups and downs of mental issues.

Contacts

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Evelyn Nowlin, VRS, BSCS

Employment Specialist (631) 261-4400 x2943

Dorothy Lippincott

Program Support Assistant (631) 261-4400 x2198

Suffolk County Community College

Shannon O'Neill

College Director of Veterans Affairs (631)-451-4869

Legal Services

Suffolk County Bar Association

Military & Veterans Affairs Committee

For further information please contact Suffolk County Bar Association Executive Director Jane LaCova (631) 234-5511 x231

Legal Health

Appointments: Carissa Buchko (631) 261-4400 x6591

Location: Northport VA Medical Center

Building 9, First Floor, Room 114, 79 Middleville Road, Northport, NY 11768

Schedule: By Appointments Only, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30am-2:00pm

Legal Services

Touro Law Center

Veterans' & Service members' Rights Clinic

Contact Information:

Directors:

Craig Bruno

Deborah Misir

Phone: (631) 761-7476

Phone: (631) 761-7080

Fax: (631) 761-7089

Fax: (631) 761-7089

cbruno@tourolaw.edu

vetsclinic@tourolaw.edu

Address: Touro Law Center 225 Eastview Drive, Central Islip, NY 11722

Military Children

VA Kids Care

Provides drop-in childcare services to assist veterans who may have difficulty in making VA appointments when they are also responsible for providing care to young children. VA Kids Care is a convenient and safe place for veterans to bring their children while they attend their medical and mental health clinics.

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday from 7:30am-4:30pm

Address: Northport VA Medical Center 79 Middleville Road- Building 20 Northport, NY 11768

Phone: (631) 261-4400 x5866

Pet Therapy

Paws of War: Vets to Vets

Veterans and First Responders are invited to bring their pets for free services including:

- Annual exams
- Annual vaccinations
- Dental checks
- FIV/FelV testing for felines
- Flea & Tick preventative care
- Grooming & Nail Clipping
- Heartworm Testing for Canines
- Heartworm preventative care
- Microchipping services

*If you would like to schedule services, learn more about our programs, or would like a sponsor a wellness day please call **631-FOR-PAWS**.

Pet Therapy

The Warrior Ranch Foundation

The Warrior Ranch Foundation, which was established in 2016, provides military veterans and first responders with workshops and opportunities to learn from experts on how to work with horses in a variety of ways. Participants experience companionship and lower stress levels while participating in activities that are proven to reduce symptoms of PTSD. Warrior Ranch also rehabilitates troubled horses, making them fit to return home or fit for adoption.



For more information, please visit their website:

<https://www.warriorranchfoundation.org/About.aspx>

Calverton National Cemetery

Address: 210 Princeton Boulevard Calverton, NY 11933-1031

Cemetery Administration Office

Phone: (631) 727-5410

Fax: (631) 727-5815

Burial Arrangements

Phone: (800) 535-1117

Fax: (866) 900-6417

Website: www.cem.va.gov



GI Bill

Phone: 1 (888)-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)

If you're hearing impaired call 1-800-829-4833 **Website:** www.gibill.va.gov

Frequently Asked Questions



1. Where can I get a copy of my military records? Military records can be obtain via the internet at www.archives.gov or by completing an SF180 Request for Military Records
2. I am divorced from the veteran, am I entitled to any VA benefits? No. VA Benefits are for the veteran, spouse or widow of the veteran.
3. How can I get a discount card? Please refer to **page 8** for The Suffolk County Discount Card Program
4. Are adult children of the veteran entitled to any benefits? If the veteran has a child that is disabled prior to their 18th birthday, they may be eligible for some VA Benefits.
5. What is the average wait time for a claim? Compensation claims developed and sent to the New York Regional Office from the SC Veterans Service Agency are typically processed in 6-8 months. Pension claims sent to the Philadelphia Regional Office from the SC Veterans Service Agency are typically processed in 8-12 months.
6. How can I get a copy of my most recent decision letter? The veteran can call the VA Hotline at 1-800-827-1000 to obtain a copy. The SC Veterans Service Agency is not permitted to make copies of the confidential decision letters we receive.
7. Can my spouse be seen at VA hospitals or clinics? No. If a spouse is eligible for any healthcare as a result of the veteran's service-connected benefits, they can call the VA Hotline at 1-800-827-1000 for more information on where they can be seen.
8. Am I eligible for free hearing aids at the VA? Eligible veterans can receive hearing aids at the VA. To verify eligibility, please call the Northport VA at 631-261-4400.
9. I need a caregiver. Will the VA send someone to my home? Please call the Northport VA at 631-261-4400 and speak to a social worker.
10. What benefits am I entitled to? Please call the SC Veterans Service Agency at 631-853-8387 and request to speak to a Veterans Service Officer.