

**EXHIBITOR AND RESOURCES DIRECTORY**  
**“From the War-Zone to the Home-front” Conference**  
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*Italics indicates exhibitor not present but should be considered a resource.*

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**Description:** Field Directors in 12 Field Services offices around the state can provide navigation, coordination and problem-solving assistance to Vermonters who are experiencing barriers in accessing services.

**American Diabetes Association**

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South Burlington, VT 05403  
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**Description:**

Web Site: [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)

**American Legion Post 13**

Pat Moore, Post 13 Commander  
255 Northside Drive, Bennington, VT 05201  
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**Bennington Community Outreach Clinic**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Peter King, MD, Director [Peter.King@med.va.gov](mailto:Peter.King@med.va.gov)  
325 North Street, Bennington, VT 05201, 802-447-6913

**Description:** The Bennington Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC) provides care to approximately 1,975 veteran outpatients and 165 state of Vermont nursing home patients. Services provided to eligible veterans by appointment only: routine health care, preventive services such as flu and pneumonia shots, electrocardiograms, office spirometry, laboratory and x-rays (provided off site at SVMC), urgent care for minor illnesses, and mental health care including state of the art Telehealth psychiatry.

**Brain Injury Association of Vermont**

*Sheila Tourangeau, Information and Referral Specialist*  
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**Description:** Offers information, referral, assistance and support to Vermonters with brain injury.  
Website: [www.biaavt.org](http://www.biaavt.org)

**BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont**

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60 Center Street, Rutland, VT 05701 and  
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**Description:** BROC provides assistance with housing, food, emergency services, weatherization, and Micro-Enterprise Development. Services are geared toward the low-income population, families and persons with disabilities.

Website: [www.broc.org](http://www.broc.org)

### **Department of Veterans Affairs**

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**Description:** VA offers medical and dental health care benefits to eligible veterans as well as disability benefits, pensions, home loans, education assistance, and burial benefits.

Website: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

(See also VA Chaplain Services, VA Mental Health, and VA Women Veterans Program)

### **Disabled American Veterans – Department of Vermont**

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**Description:** DAV's National Service Officer (and 9 chapter service officers) assist veterans and their families in filing claims for VA disability compensation, rehabilitation, and education programs, pensions, death benefits, employment and training programs, etc. The DAV Department of Vermont also oversees the Older Veterans assistance program and DAV Transportation Network which helps get veterans to VA medical appointments.

Website: [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)

### **Friends of Recovery Vermont**

*Patty McCarthy M.S., Executive Director*

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**1 (800) 769-2798 (TOLL-FREE)**

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**Description:** Friends of Recovery - Vermont promotes the power of recovery from addictions to improve the quality of life and health for Vermonters.

Website: [www.friendsofrecoveryvt.org](http://www.friendsofrecoveryvt.org)

### **Friends of Veterans**

*Donna Makarewicz, President*

*Jim Newberry, Bruce Bouley, Larry Daigle*

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*Phone: (802) 296-8368; Fax: (802)296-3663*

*E-mail: [fov@valley.net](mailto:fov@valley.net)*

**Description:** A 501(c)19 non-profit corporation run by volunteers that accepts tax-deductible contributions for the purpose of aiding veterans and their families in times of crisis; primary focus is on preventing homelessness.

Website: <http://www.friendsofveterans.net/>

### **Health Net Federal Services (TRICARE)**

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Phone: **1-877-TRICARE (874-2273)**; Fax: (518)563-1533

**Description:** Health Net is the TRICARE Northeast contractor for military families, active duty personnel, and retirees.

Website: [www.healthnetfederalservices.com](http://www.healthnetfederalservices.com)

### **INVEST Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**

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**Description:** As the Employee Assistance Program for the State of Vermont and many other Vermont employers, INVEST EAP understands the need to respond comprehensively to individuals and families impacted by military service and provides its members with access to confidential counseling and assessment, referral, resources, and follow up.

Website: [www.investeap.org](http://www.investeap.org)

### **Martin's Point US Family Health Plan (TRICARE Prime)**

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Provider Contracting and Network Management

21 Aviation Road, Albany, NY 12205

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Rhonda Dolley, Director, Admin. Operations, Behavioral HealthCare, [rdolley@bhnl.com](mailto:rdolley@bhnl.com)

**Description:** The Martin's Point USFHP is a TRICARE Prime option for military beneficiaries - including families of active duty personnel and retirees and their families – that is now available in Bennington, Brattleboro, Montpelier, Windsor and White River Junction.

Website: [www.martinspoint.org](http://www.martinspoint.org)

### **Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services**

William T. Bradley, [wbradley@town.adams.ma.us](mailto:wbradley@town.adams.ma.us)

Adams Office Director & Veterans Service Officer

Town Hall Building, 8 Park Street, Adams, MA 01220

Phone: (413)743-8340; Fax: (413)743-8316

**Description:** Oversees Massachusetts Chapter 115 veterans' benefits and is a federally certified Vietnam Veterans of America Service Officer who can file VA claims on behalf of veterans.

Website: <http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=veteranshomepage&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Eveterans>

### **Military, Family and Community Network**

1-888-607-8773

Website: <http://www.vtguard.com/famRead/mfcn.htm>

The Military Family and Community Network (MFCN) is a collaboration among community services, government, non-profit and private sector entities, and individuals. We are working together to provide services to all returning service members and their families and to create awareness about the issues these people face following deployment. This multi-organization partnership for Vermont and the surrounding region are directed by a statewide task force, 6 district task forces, and 8 task-oriented subcommittees. **Stop by the National Center for PTSD booth for a MFCN Signup form.** More info about MFCN Trainings and the "Yellow Book" resource directory available at:

[http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/facts/veterans/fs\\_VTresources\\_for\\_vets.html](http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/facts/veterans/fs_VTresources_for_vets.html)

### **Military OneSource**

24/7 Hotline: 1-800-342-9647

**Description:** Military OneSource is provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to all active duty Service Members and members of the National Guard, Reserve and their families. Services may include help with car repair, money management, spouse employment, child care, plumbing, counseling, relocation, and more.

Website: [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

### **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI – Vermont)**

Larry Lewack, Executive Director, [namivt1@verizon.net](mailto:namivt1@verizon.net)

132 So. Main St., Waterbury VT 05676

Phone: (802) 244-1396 or **1-800-639-6480** (toll-free)

**Description:** NAMI-Vermont is a nonprofit organization providing support, education and advocacy to family members and individuals living with mental illness. Services include free support groups and classes for family members, professional education, and a toll-free Information & Referral 'warm line.' Also sponsors the Vermont Vet-to-Vet program, which offers peer-led support groups for veterans in Colchester and White River Junction.

Website: [www.namivt.org](http://www.namivt.org)

### **National Center for PTSD**

Department of Veterans Affairs

Dr. Matthew J. Friedman, Executive Director, [Matthew.J.Friedman@Dartmouth.EDU](mailto:Matthew.J.Friedman@Dartmouth.EDU)

Laurie B. Slone, Ph.D, Assoc. Dir. for Research and Education, [Laurie.B.Slone@Dartmouth.EDU](mailto:Laurie.B.Slone@Dartmouth.EDU)

Peggy Willoughby, Public Affairs Officer, [Margaret.M.Willoughby@Dartmouth.EDU](mailto:Margaret.M.Willoughby@Dartmouth.EDU)

215 N. Main Street (116D), White River Junction, VT 05009

Phone: (802)296-5132

**Description:** The NCPTSD has expertise in dealing with combat stress related problems, creating educational guides and products and conducting trainings to educate service members and the public.

Website: [www.ncptsd.va.gov](http://www.ncptsd.va.gov) Resources page at

[http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/facts/veterans/fs\\_VTresources\\_for\\_vets.html](http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/facts/veterans/fs_VTresources_for_vets.html)

### **Opportunities Credit Union**

18 Pearl Street, Burlington, VT 05401

Leandre Waldo-Johnson, [lwaldojohnson@oppsvt.org](mailto:lwaldojohnson@oppsvt.org)

(802)865-2003 x140 or toll-free **1-800-865-8328, Option 4, ext 140**

**Description:** Non-profit, member-owned and federally insured credit union offering affordable assistive technology loans for disabled Vermonters, as well as programs that help ordinary Vermonters with homeownership, small business development, reliable transportation, financial stability, and economic literacy.

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

### **PAVE Bennington**

Joan M. Sakalas, Executive Director, [pave1@adelphia.net](mailto:pave1@adelphia.net)

Office Phone: 802-442-2370; Fax 802-442-6162

**Description:** PAVE offers a 24 hour, 7 day a week confidential hotline, court advocacy, supervised visitation, transitional housing assistance and case management to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

**Hotline: 802-442-2111**

### **Sunrise Family Resource Center**

Linda Dean Farrar, Executive Director, [lindadf@adelphia.net](mailto:lindadf@adelphia.net)

Linda Bennett, [linda.bccca@adelphia.net](mailto:linda.bccca@adelphia.net)

Phone: 802-442-6934, or 802-447-3778 (for child care support services)

P.O. Box 1517, Bennington, VT 05201

**Description:** Sunrise provides a range of services including general information and referral, parenting education and support in groups and one-on-one, and specialized child care information and referral services including assistance with state subsidy through the Bennington County Child Care Association.

Website: [www.sunrisefamilyresourcecenter.org](http://www.sunrisefamilyresourcecenter.org) or [www.bccca.net](http://www.bccca.net)

### **State Benefits Advisor**

Ronnie LaBounty, 802-338-3473, [Ronnie.m.labounty@vt.ngb.army.mil](mailto:Ronnie.m.labounty@vt.ngb.army.mil)

789 Vermont National Guard Road, Colchester, VT 05446-3099

Fax: (802)338-3445

**Description:** Employed by National Guard Bureau to assist deploying soldiers, newly discharged veterans, and soldiers on medical hold with information about VA benefits, compensation, education, vocational rehabilitation, life insurance, home loans, and burial benefits.

### **Traumatic Brain Injury Program**

Vermont Division of Disability & Aging Services

Ms. Robin T. Castle, [Robin.Castle@dail.state.vt.us](mailto:Robin.Castle@dail.state.vt.us)

Ms. Erin Weaver, TBI Program Supervisor, [Erin.Weaver@dail.state.vt.us](mailto:Erin.Weaver@dail.state.vt.us)

103 South Main St., Weeks 2A, Waterbury, VT 05671-1601

Phone: (802) 241-3719

**Description:** The Traumatic Brain Injury Program diverts and/or returns Vermonters with a moderate to severe TBI from facilities to a community-based setting, and offers consultation, public education and training.

Website: [www.dad.state.vt.us/tbi/](http://www.dad.state.vt.us/tbi/)

### **Turning Point Club of Bennington, Inc.**

Sue Mason, [turningpointclub@adelphia.net](mailto:turningpointclub@adelphia.net)

465 Main Street, P.O. Box 454, Bennington VT 05201

Phone: (802)442-9700

**Description:** The Turning Point Club of Bennington, Inc. is a recovery center that provides a safe, supportive, substance-free space for those interested in recovery. We hold several different recovery meetings, many of which are 12 step programs that share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problems and help others recover. We also have a game room with a ping pong table, pool table and a computer with internet access.

### **VA Chaplain Services**

Rev. Joseph O'Keeffe, M.Div., M.P.A., [Joseph.OKeeffe@med.va.gov](mailto:Joseph.OKeeffe@med.va.gov)

Rev. Mary Lewis Webb, Rev. Susan Gregory-Davis

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center

215 N. Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05009

Phone: (802)295-9363, ext. 5416

**Description:** VA chaplains work with chaplains from the National Guard Family Readiness Program and Vermont State Guard to provide spiritual guidance, pastoral counseling and free copies of the book "Down Range – To Iraq and Back" to veterans and their families.

### **VA Mental Health Services**

VA Medical Center, 215 North Main Street (116A), White River Jct., VT 05009

Toll Free: **1-866-687-8387 ext 6132**

Andrew Pomerantz, MD, Chief of Psychiatry, [Andrew.Pomerantz@med.va.gov](mailto:Andrew.Pomerantz@med.va.gov)

Catherine Kutter, Ph.D., Clinical Director for PTSD Services, [Catherine.Kutter@med.va.gov](mailto:Catherine.Kutter@med.va.gov)

Cliff Trott, PhD, Psychologist, National Guard outreach, [clifford.trott@va.gov](mailto:clifford.trott@va.gov)

**Description:** Walk-in clinic available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Veterans complete a brief assessment and speak with a therapist and/or someone who can prescribe medication (if appropriate). Can discuss issues, possible treatment options and referrals to VA in White River Junction or at community-based outpatient clinics around the state.

### **VA Women Veterans Program**

Bobbie Surrott Kimberly, LICSW, CTRS

VA Medical Center (170), 215 North Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05009-0001

Phone: (802)-295-9363, x5743 or **1-866-687-8387** toll-free

E-mail: [Barbara.surrott-kimberly@med.va.gov](mailto:Barbara.surrott-kimberly@med.va.gov)

**Description:** Serves as liaison between women veterans and the VA system, facilitating access to care and providing assistance with claims issues.

Website: <http://www1.va.gov/vvhp/>

### **Vermont Association for Mental Health**

Ken Liberto, [vamh1@aol.com](mailto:vamh1@aol.com)

PO Box 165, Montpelier, VT 05601

Phone: 802-223-6263 or toll free **800-639-4052**

Fax: 802-828-5252

**Description:** Works to improve access to behavioral health care services for all Vermonters including returning veterans and their families.

Website: [www.vamh.org](http://www.vamh.org)

### **Vermont 2-1-1**

United Ways of Vermont

95 St. Paul Street, Suite 210, Burlington, VT 05401

**Dial 2-1-1** or 1-866-652-4636 (VT only) or 1-802-652-4636 (outside VT)

Sharon Tierra, MS, CIRS, Operations Manager, [Sharon@unitedwaycc.org](mailto:Sharon@unitedwaycc.org), (802)864-7541 x49

Cathy Nellis, Training Manager and Call Supervisor [Cathy@unitedwaycc.org](mailto:Cathy@unitedwaycc.org), (802)864-7541 x48

Jim Tonkovich, Southeast Regional Resource Specialist, [jim@unitedwaycc.org](mailto:jim@unitedwaycc.org), (802)309-2987

Beth Diamond, Southwest Regional Resource Specialist, [bethd@unitedwaycc.org](mailto:bethd@unitedwaycc.org) (802)249-5426

**Description:** Vermont 2-1-1 is a health and human services information & referral program of United Ways of Vermont. 2-1-1 Resource Specialists maintain a resource database of over 600 agencies, 1,700 programs and 4,300 services for a wide range of human needs. 2-1-1 Call Specialists provide the human touch, help solve problems, and stand ready to link veterans and military families with local, statewide, regional and nationwide resources.

Website: [www.vermont211.org](http://www.vermont211.org)

### **Vermont Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve**

John MacLeod, Executive Director

789 Vermont National Guard Road, Colchester, VT 05446-3099

Phone: (802) 338-3249

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**Description:** ESGR works to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment.

Website: <http://www.esgr.com>

### **Vermont Congressional Delegation**

Senator Patrick Leahy

Senator Bernie Sanders

Congressman Peter Welch

Jackie Smith

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**1-800-339-9834**

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<http://leahy.senate.gov>

<http://sanders.senate.gov/>

<http://welch.house.gov/>

**Description:** Caseworkers can help veterans and military families resolve problems with federal benefits and programs – including VA, TRICARE, IRS, Social Security, federal housing programs, military pay – and help identify resources for those who are falling through the cracks.

### **Vermont Department of Labor**

Brian Vesper, Veterans Employment Representative, [bvesper@labor.state.vt.us](mailto:bvesper@labor.state.vt.us)

200 Veterans Memorial Drive, Suite 2, Bennington, VT 05201-9949, (802)447-2865

**Description:** DOL veterans representatives assist returning veterans with re-employment rights under the federal USERRA law; are mandated to provide priority of service to qualified veterans when referring individuals to job openings, USDOL funded training programs or related services; and make referrals to federal, state and veterans service programs.

Website: [www.labor.vermont.gov](http://www.labor.vermont.gov)

**Vermont Medical Sleep Disorders Center, Inc.**

Ray Paquette, RPSGT

139 Pearl Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452

Phone: (802)878-4445 or **1-800-639-9300**; Fax: (802)878-3757

E-mail: [ropaquette@vermontsleepdisorder.com](mailto:ropaquette@vermontsleepdisorder.com)

**Description:** Providing free screening for veterans and their families to determine if they have sleep disorders. Visit our table for information on sleep and sleep screening packets.

**Vermont Army National Guard, Office of the Deputy State Surgeon**

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**Description:** The State Medical Command oversees the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) and Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) of returning service members. A full time case manager manages the medical needs and treatments of soldiers resulting from conducting the PDHRA. Soldiers can receive this care from the VA Hospital or the outpatient programs. We monitor the progress of soldiers who are placed on Medical Hold at an active duty Medical treatment facility or with placement at a Community Based Health Care Organization (CBHCO). We also assess and manage the MRP II program which places soldiers who have been released from active duty back on active duty if their medical needs require this.

**Vermont Center for Independent Living**

Anna Krawczyk

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Brattleboro office: 28 Vernon Street, Suite 401; 802 254-6851 (voice) 802 254-8867

Candace Stoumen, Peer Advocate/Community Outreach, [candace@vcil.org](mailto:candace@vcil.org)

**Description:** VCIL is a statewide, cross-disability, non-profit organization operated for and by people with disabilities providing services to help people with disabilities become more independent through such programs as: Home Access, Community Access, Sue Williams Freedom Fund, Peer Advocacy Counseling, Benefits to Work, Systems Advocacy, and Meals on Wheels for People under 60

Website: <http://www.vcil.org/>

**Vermont National Guard Family Readiness Program**

Phone: **1-888-607-8773** (Available 24/7)

Major Randy Gates, State Family Program Manager, (802)338-3354,

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Chaplain James MacIntyre, (802)338-3398

Chaplain Lt Col Calvin W. Kemp, (802)338-3399

Chaplain Charles Purinton, (802)338-3394

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**FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTERS (FACs)**

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Swanton Armory	Mike Bourgeois	802-868-7927
Lyndonville Armory	Wayne Boyce	802-626-8130
Berlin Armory	Joyce Cloutier	802-223-2975
Rutland Armory	Heather Hinckley	802-775-0194

Air National Guard, So. Burlington      Kelli Langlois      802-652-8035

**Description:** The FACs provide ongoing family support to all military personnel, (National Guard and all other service components to include retirees.) The FACs operate as a one-stop service center, which provides assistance, information and referral to other agencies and organizations that assist our service members and their families in both the military and civilian sectors. Emergency Assistance is provided and FAC Specialists assist in the triaging of Crisis Intervention and follow-up with the families, Education and Training, Tricare & Insurance Issues, ID Cards, Family Care Plans, Counselor Support, Employer Support, Financial, Family Advocacy, Legal, Property & Household Issues, Reintegration, and Adjustment concerns. Our FAC and State FRP provide these services to all our service members throughout all cycles of deployment, to include Pre-deployment, Deployment and Post-Deployment. Our mission is to help families become more self-reliant, decrease isolation, and assist in coping with the cycles and experiences incurred through these deployments.

**Additional Services** for National Guard members and their families include weekend retreats for strengthening relationship bonds and communications, through our marriage enrichment program (PREP), and home visits by our chaplains to coordinate resources and serve spiritual needs. Many special events and educational opportunities for our families to participate in and share time with other military families.

Educational Opportunities contact: Tamra Augustino, [tamra.augostino@us.army.mil](mailto:tamra.augostino@us.army.mil)

Special Events contact John Gill: [John.Gill@vt.ngb.army.mil](mailto:John.Gill@vt.ngb.army.mil)

Website: [www.vtguard.com](http://www.vtguard.com) and <http://www.vtguard.com/famRead/mfcn.htm>

### **Vermont National Guard Youth Program**

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789 Vermont National Guard Road, Bldg 10-14, Colchester, VT 05446-3099

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Fax: (802)338-3115

**Description:** Assists in the development, coordination, and delivery of child and youth services for National Guard youth and their families in collaboration with local youth based organizations such as the YMCA, 4-H and other national and community organizations. Stop by our table for book and activity suggestions to help children of military personnel cope with deployments.

Website: [www.vtguard.com](http://www.vtguard.com)

### **Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs**

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Richard Reed, State Service Officer, [richard.reed@state.vt.us](mailto:richard.reed@state.vt.us)

Laura Curtiss, State Benefits Administrator, [laura.curtiss@state.vt.us](mailto:laura.curtiss@state.vt.us)

118 State Street, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-4401

Phone: **1-888-666-9844** or (802)828-3379

**Description:** Veterans and their families should contact the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs to learn about their benefits, including assistance with VA claims and paperwork, obtaining copies of discharge records, casualty assistance and emergency financial assistance.

Website: [www.va.state.vt.us](http://www.va.state.vt.us)

### **Vermont Parent Information Center**

Mike Mulcahy, Family Support Program Director, [mmulcahy@vtpic.com](mailto:mmulcahy@vtpic.com)

600 Blair Park Road, Suite 301, Williston, VT 05495

Phone: 802-876-5315, ext. 23

In Bennington: Holly Betit, 802-447 6985, [hbetit@vtpic.com](mailto:hbetit@vtpic.com)

**Description:** The mission of the Vermont Parent Information Center is to empower parents, families, and children with disabilities to become effective advocates to improve the child's education and quality of life.

Website: [www.vtpic.com](http://www.vtpic.com)

### **Vermont Protection & Advocacy, Inc.**

Marsha Bancroft, [marsha@vpta.org](mailto:marsha@vpta.org)

141 Main Street, Suite 7, Montpelier, VT 05602

Phone: (802)229-1355 or 1-800-834-7890

**Description:** Private, federally funded non-profit that provides legal services, related to abuse, neglect and violation of rights, for individuals with disabilities.

Website: <http://www.vtpa.org/>

### **Vermont Psychological Association**

Rosanna Czermak, Executive Director

P.O. Box 1017, 100 State Street, Suite 330, Montpelier, VT 05601-1017

Phone: (802) 229-5447; Fax: (802) 225-8948

E-mail: [vpaed@adelphia.net](mailto:vpaed@adelphia.net)

**Description:** VPA is a resource for written materials on "Resilience in Times of War", addressing concerns from the pre-school level through those of the returning Veterans themselves; also providing names of VPA members offering psychological services in Vermont.

### **Vermont Small Business Development Center**

Mark Blanchard, SBDC Business & Technology Advisor

145 Billings Farm Rd., White River Jct., VT 05001

Phone: (802) 281-5236; Fax: (802)295-8862

E-mail: [mblanchard@vtsbdc.org](mailto:mblanchard@vtsbdc.org)

**Description:** The SBDC can provide free business counseling and access to business assistance resources to veterans and their families who are self employed or who wish to start a business. Services are available statewide. Call 800 464-7232 or visit the table or website for more info.

Website: <http://www.vtsbdc.org/>

### **Vermont State Guard and VSG Chaplain Corps**

Pat Boyden, Chaplain Coordinator, 802-872-2619, [vermontveteran@verizon.net](mailto:vermontveteran@verizon.net)

Address: 435 Essex Road, Williston, Vermont 05495

**Description:** Vermont State Guard Chaplains, Chaplain Assistants and Friends are professional clergy, lay ministers and other concerned religious personnel working closely with Chaplain Jim MacIntyre and the Military Family Assistance Program at Camp Johnson. Stop by our booth to see a preview of "VERMONT FALLEN", Norwich University's film tribute to the 25 Vermont soldiers killed in the Afghanistan & Iraq.

Website: [www.vtguard.com/vsg](http://www.vtguard.com/vsg)

### **Vermont Veterans Home**

Colleen Rundell, Administrator, [colleen.rundell@state.vt.us](mailto:colleen.rundell@state.vt.us)

325 North Street, Bennington, VT 05201, (802)442-6353

**Description:** The Vermont Veterans' Home is a skilled nursing facility that provides care to veterans, their spouses, and gold star parents.

Website: [www.vvh.state.vt.us](http://www.vvh.state.vt.us)

### **Vet Center**

Travis Jones, MA , GWOT Outreach Counselor

#2 Gilman Office Complex, 222 Holiday Drive, White River Junction, VT 05001

Phone: (802) 295-2908 or 1-800-649-6603; Fax: (802)296-3653

E-mail: [Travis.Jones3@med.va.gov](mailto:Travis.Jones3@med.va.gov)

**Description:** Vet Centers in White River Junction and South Burlington (802-862-1806) provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to all veterans who served in any combat zone; services are also available for their family members for military related issues.

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

### **VET to VET of Vermont**

Marcus Murphy, Peer Facilitator, 802-343-2501

Ron Waggoner, Peer Facilitator, 802-223-9832

E-mail: [vtvettovet@adelphia.net](mailto:vtvettovet@adelphia.net)

**Description:** Vet to Vet of Vermont is a peer support program for veterans of all eras, whether they served in combat or not. We are a 501©3 non-profit organization under the auspices of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (see [www.namivt.org](http://www.namivt.org)), with support from clinicians at the VA in White River Junction. Through the use of peer-facilitated group discussion, veterans help other veterans who are working to overcome mental illness and substance abuse issues. We believe it is essential that vets, especially newly returning vets, be able to talk safely and openly with a feeling of acceptance that only other vets can provide. Vet to Vet started in 2002 at the VA in West Haven, CT (see

[http://www.nami.org/Content/ContentGroups/Advocate/Spring\\_2003/The\\_Vet\\_to\\_Vet\\_Program.htm](http://www.nami.org/Content/ContentGroups/Advocate/Spring_2003/The_Vet_to_Vet_Program.htm)) and has spread to 26 states. Vermont Vet to Vet currently meets three times a week at the VA in White River Junction, once a week at the VA's Colchester clinic, and soon hopes to be at the Springfield Correctional Facility.

Website: <http://www.vtvettovet.com>

### **Veterans of Foreign Wars**

Thomas Meehan, Commander Post 1332, 133 North Street, Bennington, 802-447-1969

*Leonard Doscinski, Service Officer, (802)296-5168, [leonard.doscinski@vba.va.gov](mailto:leonard.doscinski@vba.va.gov)*

c/o Department of Veterans Affairs VA/ROC

215 North Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001

**Description:** VFW service officers assist veterans and their families in filing claims for VA disability compensation, rehabilitation, and education programs, pensions, death benefits, employment and training programs, and many other programs.

Website: <http://www.vfw.org/>

### **Vietnam Veterans of America**

John Miner, President

Vermont State Council

134 Beech Street, Bennington, VT 05201

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E-mail: [vermontveteran@netscape.net](mailto:vermontveteran@netscape.net)

Ed Jones, State Council Chaplain, [VVAED@verizon.net](mailto:VVAED@verizon.net)

**Description:** VVA service officers can assist veterans in filing claims for VA benefits, and VVA Vermont State Council administers a fund that assists disabled and needy military veterans and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans. See <http://www.vvavtsc.com/> for State Chapter points of contact in Bennington, Brattleboro, Bristol, Chester, Essex, Montpelier, Rutland, and St. Albans.

### **VocRehab Vermont**

Bob Hannan, Counselor, [Bob.Hannan@dail.state.vt.us](mailto:Bob.Hannan@dail.state.vt.us)

Department of Aging and Independent Living

200 Veterans Memorial Drive, Suite 15, Bennington, VT 05201

Phone: (802) 447-6960

**Description:** VocRehab Vermont is a statewide Vermont Agency of Human Services program that provides employment services to all Vermonters with disabilities to assist them to work and participate in the communities of their choice.

Statewide Toll-Free: **1-866-VRWORKS (1-866-879-6757)**

Website: [www.vocrehabvermont.org](http://www.vocrehabvermont.org)

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