

Contact Veterans' Affairs!

For National VA information, visit

www.va.gov. To access a VA hospital,

use the VA Hospital Locator application.

Click on the Health Care menu on the left side, and scroll down to Facility Locator.

You can specify the type of facility you want and then find the nearest location by typing in the zip code. If internet access is not available, call 1-800-827-1000 for information about VA Benefits.

Welcome Home, Soldiers!

A Pastoral Guide of Resources for Soldiers in the National Guard



How the Church can Help!!

Resources for National Guard Soldiers

Returning National Guard soldiers have specific needs. Soldiers may require assistance with employment, health benefits, and insurance; on top of learning how to readjust to life back at home. However, finding these resources is a responsibility sometimes left to the soldier.

The return home from war can be overwhelming. The church feels called to help these soldiers find the resources they need to make a smooth transition to life back home. Inside this brochure are descriptions and links to resources that can help make a smooth transition possible.

Visit the Chief of Chaplains website!

<http://www.chapnet.army.mil/contact.htm>

Click on “Civilian Clergy Information” and a detailed packet in Microsoft Word format will appear. It has helpful information. Look through the packet to determine what would best benefit the needs of the soldier.

Mental Health Resources

Some soldiers may have issues, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), upon return from the war. For more information on mental illness, visit www.NAMI.org

For additional help...

Visit www.pathways2promise.org or www.mentalhealthministries.net. These faith-based sites will give helpful tips in ministering to those with mental illness and provide links to other mental health resources.

If a soldier is in need of help, make sure he or she has contacted the services available through the VA (Veterans Affairs). The VA is one of the primary resources for the needs of Veterans!

*Please keep in mind those soldiers who have mental health concerns may find it difficult to identify that something is wrong. There may be a fear that a stigma will be attached that could affect their place in their community or status in the Armed Guard.



Barnabas Uplift

Barnabas Uplift can also help! Visit www.barnabasuplift.org for more information on affordable access to health care, low-cost prescriptions, job training, and micro-enterprise development

Remember to welcome our soldiers home and thank them for their hard work and dedication to serving this country for you.

For additional help, staff at your local armory will be able to provide contact information for further assistance from a chaplain.