

# **Operation-Initiative**

**A Resource Manual  
for Veterans, Police, Firemen,  
Nurses, First Responders, EMT,  
and Caregivers**



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## A Soldier's Faith

I am a weapon to the world  
Deep down inside my soul.  
I have learned how to live in hell  
I will learn how to grow old.  
The question is to you my people.  
How long will it take to make  
You understand *A Soldier's Faith*?  
Do you think they care "over there," "over there"  
If the war is not fair "over there," "over there."  
While the oil can pumps up the profit  
With our young soldier's blood  
In the sands "over there," "over there."  
To make sure you understand  
What a soldier goes through,  
Stop and think, chill for a while, if you only knew.  
Would you give your life for them?  
If it were a reversal of faith.  
The freedom you breathe is their souls at stake.  
A soldier's creed is what I'm standing for  
So don't you ever get it wrong.  
The suffering they endure for all your mistakes.  
Will you welcome us home?  
No matter how long it takes.  
It's just a soldier's faith  
No matter how long it takes.  
It's just a soldier's faith.  
No matter how long it takes.  
We will welcome them home.

Louis A. Falco © 2007

**Ralph Esposito is dedicated to veterans and community.  
It is with gratitude that Operation Initiative Foundation Resource Manual  
14th Edition is presented to honor Ralph Esposito.**



**Ralph Esposito  
United States Navy Veteran/Nassau County Veterans Service Agency Director**

Ralph is happily married to his wife, Joanna for over 50 years. He is the proud father of John and Micheal and has two wonderful daughters-in-law, Andrea and Kimberlee. Ralph has four great grandchildren, Kayla, Joey, Tommy and Ali.

Ralph served in the U.S. Navy from 1961 to 1964 as the crew leader with the rank of Adran, E3, on board of the USS Tionderoga CVA14 in the South China Sea designated striker.

Ralph moved from Astoria, NY to Elmont, NY in 1974.

Ralph is a member of the American Legion for over 58 years and was the Commander of American Legion Post 1033, Elmont for five years and is currently the Service Officer for the Post.

Ralph is a member of the Disables American Vets, Vietnam Vets and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In 1975, Ralph joined the Elmont Fire Department where he served as Chief from 1992-1995 and is currently District Fire Commissioner since 1997. Ralph is a Director for the Association of Fire Districts, New York since 1999 and currently Treasurer for the Nassau County Association of Fire Districts.

In 1980, Ralph became the Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 94 and is a member of the Sagamore Troop. He has attained the Order of the Arrow. In the same year Ralph was the President of the Elmont North Little League.

Ralph was the Chairman of the St. Vincent de Paul Feast Committee for 25 years and is currently a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Ralph serves on the Board of Northwell Health, St. Martin de Porres and the VEEB Board.

From February 2014 to date, Ralph is the Director of the Veterans Services Agency of Nassau County, NY.



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# Executive Summary

Operation Initiative has been designed and organized to aid and assist United States Uniformed Military and their families. Rotary has extended its commitment of “service above self” to re-entering military personnel in search of the American Dream.

Welcome – We sincerely recognize and appreciate your service. Louis A. Falco, President of Foundation and Katherine Gibson, Editor, creator of the manual in 2012

## **Operation Initiative Foundation, Inc. Mission Statement**

The Foundation was created to bring awareness and to provide support for our Veterans – past, present and future and their families.

Operation-Initiative Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) corporate entity located at 99 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801. 631-926-2066

## **Disclaimer**

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# Purpose of Manual

Operation-Initiative Manual, a project of Rotary Club of Glen Cove, provides information, support, education and service to U.S. Military currently stationed in the United States and abroad, to those who have served in all wars and conflicts and to their families by:

- identifying military personnel returned from combat.
- updating website available with current information.
- producing a resource book to be used by military, military families, Rotarians, caregivers and others that provide services.

The Manual is to be posted on the foundation’s website and in soft-cover format for wide distribution providing dependents of deceased, disabled or other military personnel with information for health and wellness programs.

Website: [www.Operation-Initiative.com](http://www.Operation-Initiative.com)

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We bring awareness and support for veterans, police, fireman, nurses, first responders and EMT suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress and their families who support them.

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**The Operation-Initiative Foundation, Inc. was established in 2014 to Raise Awareness and Raise Funds for veterans, police, fireman, nurses, first responders and EMT and their families—past present and future—who are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress.**

We at Operation-Initiative Foundation welcome you to the 14th Edition of Operation-Initiative Foundation Resource Manual. Since 2014 our mission is to bring Awareness and support to Veterans and their caregiver who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress. In 2023 Operation-Initiative Foundation extended our services to Fireman Police, Nurses, First Responders and EMT who are suffering from Post Traumatic Stress. The information we provide will assist our Veterans and Civil Service Workers in their time of need. All participants can reach us at [www.Operation-initiative.com](http://www.Operation-initiative.com), our web and fill out the intake form which is confidential and a officer from the foundation will be in touch with you. All intake forms must be filled out in order to be enrolled in the program. The monies that are raised goes directly for the holistic treatments for our clients and administration cost. These holistic treatments have successfully assisted our veterans and their caregivers for almost a decade which in turn reduced there chances of committing suicide.

Operation-Initiative Foundation is 501(c)(3) corporate entity. We are sincerely dedicated to assisting our Veterans, Police, Fireman, Nurses, First Responders and EMT who are suffering from Post Traumatic Stress from work related experiences, so we can reduce casualties of the effects of Post Traumatic Stress.

As a former United States Marine, who walked point in Vietnam War, I reach out to all Americans to join the Fight against PTS which is effecting our veterans and civil service workers everyday. Just think of all the important day to day services that they do for us now, add War Crime and Covid, I believe our Holistic Nucleus works to reduce stress. Please join us in the fight against PTS.

Sincerely,  
Louis A. Falco  
President and Founder

**Operation-Initiative Foundation**  
**presents the 2023 Awareness Program for PTS**  
**and the 14th Edition of the Operation-Initiative Resource Manual.**

Operation-Initiative Foundation brings support and awareness to Veterans, Policeman, Fireman, Nurses, First Responders, EMT's and their caregivers who are suffering from PTS.

The Foundation strives to address the psychophysiological and socioeconomic needs of Veterans, Policeman, Fireman, Nurses, First Responders, EMT's and their caregivers diagnosed as experiencing post-traumatic stress. Through outcomes assessments, the Foundation seeks to continuously advance its program and service offerings.

In the Fall of 2023, Operation-Initiative Foundation will introduce the 14th Edition of the Resource Manual. This manual is free to download for all Veterans, Policeman, Fireman, Nurses, First Responders, EMT's and their caregivers, providing information about various organizations and services available to our Veterans.

In addition, the Operation-Initiative Foundation is introducing The Holistic Nucleus which is a network of Holistic methods used in the reduction of PTS:

- |                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1) Meditation                  | 8) Massage Therapy          |
| 2) Sound Therapy               | 9) Reiki                    |
| 3) Yoga                        | 10) Neurofeedback           |
| 4) Acupuncture                 | 11) Holistic Energy Healing |
| 5) Hyperbaric Oxygen Solutions | 12) Holistic Oil            |
| 6) Havening                    | 13) Reconsolidation RTM     |
| 7) Chiropractic                |                             |

In addition, we are addressing the spiritual aspects of PTS, including but not limited to Moral Injury.

Please note that vested Practitioners are located in the PTS Section of the 14th Edition of this Manual.

To access the Manual all Veterans, Policeman, Fireman, Nurses, First Responders, EMT's and their caregivers need to do is go to our website - [www.opinitfdn.org](http://www.opinitfdn.org) - and enroll in the Operation-Initiative Foundation Intake Program. This program gives participants references to choose the treatments they feel will reduce their symptoms of PTS.

All intake information is totally confidential and if the participants does not have insurance or the resources to afford these treatments then Operation-Initiative Foundation will provide payment for the treatment(s).

All Participants MUST provide proof of service and fill out the intake form to be eligible for this program.



# Operation-Initiative Foundation, Inc. History

Spring 2010: The seed was planted when Louis Falco, President of the Rotary Club of Glen Cove, invited Louis Catalanotto of the New York Department of Labor as a speaker. His topic was Veterans' employment. A Marine Veteran was in attendance and shared his experience in job seeking with the club. Katherine Gibson, PDG and past president of the Rotary Club of Locust Valley was a guest at that meeting.

Recognizing the very real need within the community, as well as the nation, Louis Falco and Katherine Gibson chose to commit themselves to a project – later named Operation-Initiative Foundation, Inc. — creating a manual to be used as a resource guide of veterans' services.

The category of Employment quickly expanded to services including Welcome Home, Education, Funding and Support, Health and Wellness, Post Traumatic Stress, Housing, Legal and General Services.

The project was recognized on the program and with speakers at the 7250-7260 combined District Conference in Washington, D.C. – 2011. Robert Donno, DG 7250 and Arnold T. Quaranta, DG 7260 – 2010-11, Irving Toffiver, DG 7260 and Gabor Karsai, DG 7250 – 2011-12, and Connie Gevenski, DG 7260 – 2012-13 made contributions to Operation-Initiative Foundation, Inc.

Districts 7250 and 7260 were officially merged July 1, 2013. Gwen Ramage, DG 7255 – 2013-14 continued to support Operation-Initiative Foundation, Inc. Anthony Civitano DG 7255 – 2014-15 made commitments to support Operation-Initiative Foundation, Inc. and a veterans' program during his administration.

## Rotary History:

The history of Rotary's commitment to United States Military Veterans is worth reviewing. Paul Harris was a cadet at the Vermont Military Academy where he did well in his studies. Paul's brother Claude died in the service to his country in the Philippines at the turn of the century. During WWI, British Rotary rallied its members and communities to patriotic service: international trade, enlistment, war relief, unemployment and development of local industries. Irish Rotarians formed an Ambulance Division which delivered vehicles for wounded soldiers in France. Scottish Rotarians formed a volunteer battalion sent to the front. Rotary clubs in the United States and Canada donated money and material goods to help refugees, the sick and the fighting forces U.S. clubs in Los Angeles, CA and Akron, OH sent ambulances to France. Rotarians across the country raised \$4 million for the War Camp Community Recreation Fund to provide hot meals and hospitality to deployed military. General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing was a Rotarian. During 1917 and 1918, New York Rotarians established an employment bureau for the discharged soldiers and sailors. The list is virtually endless. Representatives of Rotary International were invited to participate in the burial of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in 1921.

The illustrated cover of the Rotarian June 1918 emphasizes a post-World War I recognition of America's participation in the War To End All Wars. The cover portrays a Devil Dog Marine reading The Rotarian in the war zone. The photo phase of a continuous picture gives in-depth meaning to Rotary's support of our military in their "time of need."

"If I could plant a Rotary in every community in the world, I would. If you could plant the spirit of Rotary ... and turn it into practical application, there would not be so much wrong with the human procession." — Warren Harding, U.S. President and Rotarian 1923.

"Thinking of Rotary, I visualize a series of concentric circles which, starting with the smallest and going to the largest, I denominate as the community, national and international influence. I see Rotary International as a generating force of incalculable value." Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S. President and honorary Rotarian.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights written by the United Nations in 1948 was based on the resolution from the Rotary Havana Convention in 1940. It called for freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word and respect for human rights. Rotarians, individually, played an important role in the formation in 1945 of UNESCO. In April 1945, Rotary was in the forefront of finalizing the United Nations Charter with 23 Rotarian observers who guided agendas, performed translations, suggested wording for resolutions and helped resolve disputes. Information from *A Century of Service, The Story of Rotary International*.

## Future:

Consideration is being given to a permanent facility that will serve as a Veterans' Museum, physical fitness center, community room for small group meetings, private office space for professionals to offer therapy, counseling, business coaching, etc. Some office space may be reserved for business transactions by/for veterans.

## Some Rotary Members you will recognize:

- Neil Armstrong, astronaut and first man to walk on the moon, (Wapakoneta, Ohio).
- Frank Borman, astronaut, (RC Space Center, Houston, TX)
- Admiral Richard E. Byrd, arctic explorer (Winchester, VA)
- John F. Kennedy, President, (Hyannis, Mass.)
- General Douglas MacArthur, WW II, (Milwaukee, WI, Melbourne, Australia, Tokyo, Japan, Manila, Philippines)
- General George C. Marshall, Nobel Peace Prize, (Columbus, GE, Savannah, GE, Charles, SC, Uniontown, PA)
- General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing, WW I, (St. Louis, MI, Lincoln, NE, San Antonio, TX)
- President Franklin D. Roosevelt, (Albany, NY)
- President Woodrow Wilson, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, (Birmingham, AL)
- Orville Wright, aviation pioneer, (Dayton, Ohio)

"Thank you for your service."

# Welcome Home

## United Way of Long Island

819 Grand Blvd., Deer Park, NY 11729  
631.940.3700  
[www.unitedwayli.org](http://www.unitedwayli.org)

United Way of Long Island advances the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on the three key building blocks of education, financial stability and health. They recruit people and organizations that bring together the passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done. United Way partners and volunteers come from across Long Island to discuss issues, raise funds that support over 100 community partners and develop programs for the building blocks of a good life.

Two key United Way of Long Island initiatives are the 2-1-1 Long Island information and referral service and Mission United, serving Long Island military and veteran families.

## 2-1-1 Long Island

Call 2-1-1 or 1-888.774.7633  
[www.211longisland.org](http://www.211longisland.org)

Every day, Long Island residents seek assistance for a variety of basic life issues, such as counseling, job training, elder care, disability or health services or emergency needs like food, heat and shelter. Many families struggle to find supportive services in their communities and often don't know where to turn.

2-1-1 Long Island is a free, non-emergency information and referral service that connects Long Island residents to health and human services they may need on a daily basis or during a disaster. Available by telephone and online, 2-1-1 Long Island provides callers and web visitors with detailed information nearly 10,000 community resources for help and assistance.

The 2-1-1 Long Island Call Center is open 8 am to 10 pm 7 days a week and is multi-lingual in more than 200 languages. 2-1-1 call specialists are trained to access caller needs and connect people to available resources quickly and easily – which can prevent problems from growing into crises.

The 2-1-1 Long Island online database is available 24/7 at [www.211longisland.org](http://www.211longisland.org). It features a Keyword Search option, with an Advance Search selection to limit by zip code, as well as two specialty databases for Veteran Resources and Developmental Disability Resources. The homepage offers Special Tabs for information on timely or seasonal topics such as disaster services, severe weather, tax preparation assistance and health insurance. And eleven "Popular Search" tabs quickly bring the user to a pre-sorted list of resources on topics such as domestic violence, child care, substance abuse treatment and more.

## MISSION UNITED

[www.unitedwayli.org/missionunited](http://www.unitedwayli.org/missionunited)  
Sustaining Long Island's Veterans

**MISSION UNITED** is a critical United Way of Long Island program that supports United States military veterans and their families as they re-acclimate to civilian life. MISSION UNITED

focuses on employment services, case coordination and emergency assistance, education, and connection to available local resources.

Case Management & Emergency Assistance helps military personnel and their families assess needs, connect to peer counseling and locate supportive services. Emergency financial assistance is available to provide temporary help with needs such as utility bills, rent/mortgage, vehicle repair, transportation, food, clothing, etc. Services provided through four community partner organizations:

- Association for Mental Health & Wellness/Suffolk County United Veterans 631.924.8088 x 1503
- Family Service League/Armed Forces Relief and Welfare 631.650.2182
- Mental Health Association of Nassau County/Vet2Vet 516-489-2322 ext. 1202
- United Veterans Beacon House 631.665.1571 x 127

The **VetsBuild** program offers job training through at United Way's E3 SmartBuild Training Center, a state-of-the-art facility equipped with the latest technology and equipment to provide students with hands-on training in Green construction and facility maintenance. Veterans may also qualify for advanced training scholarships at local colleges and technical schools including assistance to start their own business.

- Enrollment: Deanna Dentici, United Veterans Beacon House 631.665.1571 [ddentici@UVBH.com](mailto:ddentici@UVBH.com)
- Enrollment: Chris Webster, United Veterans Beacon House 631.665.1571 [cwebster@UVBH.com](mailto:cwebster@UVBH.com)

Together with our supporters, United Way of Long Island's MISSION UNITED program is helping our local heroes write the next chapter of their journey, as their service to their country comes to an end.

**United Veterans Beacon House** provides transitional, safe housing for homeless veterans as they reintegrate into society. They also offer advocacy, education, employment counseling, skills and trade training. Serving: Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, Suffolk — 501(c) 3 — Frank Amalfitano, President, CEO — 631-665-1517 — [www.uvbh.org](http://www.uvbh.org)

East End Veterans Resident, Veteran Homeless Shelter, Riverhead Suffolk County  
Roger Leathers – Program Director 631-275-5915

• **Case Management & Emergency Assistance** helps military personnel and their families assess needs, connect to peer counseling and locate supportive services. Emergency financial assistance is available to provide temporary help with needs such as utility bills, rent/mortgage, vehicle repair, transportation, food, clothing, etc. Services provided through five community partner organizations (Association for Mental Health & Wellness/Suffolk County United Veterans, Family Service League/Armed Forces Relief and Welfare, Hope for the Warriors, Mental Health Association of Nassau County/Vet2Vet and United Veterans Beacon House).



## **NEW YORK STATE Locate a counselor**

www.veterans.ny.gov or call 1888-VETSNYS or email at  
DVAInfo@veterans.ny.gov

**Department of Veterans Affairs** – Northport — 79 Middleville Rd., Bldg. 200, Room C-135, Northport, NY 11768. Program Manager: Vanessa J. Brown, RN, BSN — 631-261-4400 ext 2173, Cell: 631-774-1707, e-mail: vanessa.brown@va.gov  
Program: TCM-OEF/OIF/OND

Crisis: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or confidential chat at  
www.VeteransCrisisLine.net

United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420  
Request Booklet *Plan Today, Protect Tomorrow*.  
Insurance Booklet for Separating Service Members Updated July, 2012. www.vba.va.gov/VBA

**VISN:** VA NY/NJ Veterans Healthcare Network Multiple Locations throughout the tristate area. Go to website for complete listing:  
www.va.gov/directory/guide/region.asp

## **WARRIORS' WATCH**

Veterans, bikers, Americans, brothers and sisters. Welcome home or send-off party, motorcycle escort. Offer support to troops and family of military. Also participate in memorial services. Founded by Wayne Lutz. Trademark: "We have your backs here at home."  
Information: www.warriorsswatch.org

## **VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION**

Thank a Vietnam veteran. Information, photos, videos and commemoration stories at www.vietnamwar50th.com  
Peter Aylward, Senior Advisor, Major General, USA (Ret)  
241 18th Street, S. Suite 101, Arlington, VA 22202  
703-697-4926 and peter.m.aylward.civ@mail.mil

## **Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project**

**St. Joseph's College**  
155 West Roe Blvd., Patchogue, NY 11772  
631-853-8345

**NYS Troopers Marine Corps Association** has launched a Holiday Campaign to show our troops and their families appreciation and support. They will deliver a gourmet dessert gift basket to each family in the local area. A copy of Operation-Initiative® will be included. This project is in conjunction with Family Affair Distributing, Inc. Sponsors are encouraged to participate and may contact either organization to become involved.

**New York State Troopers** with a military background have an opportunity to stay connected with fellow service members, an opportunity to volunteer time to the community, and the peace of mind that their family members will be taken care of if a tragedy occurs. Care packages provided for military members deployed and to provide emotional and economic support to military members and their families wherever and whenever possible.

## **NASSAU COUNTY**

Information on many benefits and resources available to veterans  
240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 11501 – 516-571-2664 –  
www.nassaucountyny.gov

## **NASSAU COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY**

Federal, State and County benefits  
Free transportation program to VA Hospital,  
Ralph Esposito: 516-572-6526  
Information: 572-6565,

## **WOMEN VETERANS – ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES**

VISN 3 Women's Program Lad: 718-741-4110  
www.nynj.va.gov/womenvets.asp  
VA Center for Women Veterans, 202-461-6193 –  
www.va.gov/womenvet  
National Center for PTS: www.nptsd.va.gov  
Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-723  
VA Vet Centers: Eastern -800-905-4675; Pacific – 866-496-8838 –  
www.va.gov/directory  
National Women's Health Center: 800-994-WOMAN  
Women's Research & Education Institute: www.wrei.org  
Women's Bureau, U.S. Dept of Labor: www.dol.gov/wb  
Office of Violence Against Women, US Dept. of Justice:  
www.usdoj.gov/ovw  
Dept. of Health and Human Services: www.4women.gov  
National Assn. – State Dept. Veterans Affairs: www.nasdva.com  
Defense Dept. Advisory Committee on Women in Military  
Services: www.dtic.mil/dacowits  
Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation:  
www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org  
Women in Military Service for America:  
www.womensmemorial.org  
Vietnam Veterans of America: www.vva.org – 1-800-VVA-1316

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**Nassau County Vet Center** 970 South Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11808, 516-348-0088 or 516-877-8387 –Many Counselors are women vets — delivered readjustment services since 1979. Family members are eligible for services which include PTS, Sexual Trauma/Harassment Counseling, Bereavement  
Vet Center Strong www.vetcenter.va.gov – Services are free  
VET Center 1-877-WAR VETS

## **VETERANS BENEFITS COUNSELING**

**Nassau County Veterans' Service Agency**  
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resposito1@nassaucountyny.gov. 2201 Hempstead Turnpike, Bldg. Q, East Meadow, NY 11554. 516-572-6512  
J Paul Vista Deputy Director 516-572-6521  
Services offered:  
Recording Discharge at County Clerk's office DD-214 – proof of service  
Veterans Recognition Program (includes discount card for local services)  
Education benefits  
Employment and job training opportunities  
VA Home Loan guarantee information  
Health care eligibility, medical transport  
Small Business help, legal services Directory of VA Medical Centers  
BENEFITS: understand and apply for benefits: education, vocational rehabilitation, home loans or VA payment history:  
www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal.

### **American Legion**

President Gene Clark, and Ed Murphy  
516-766-9740, 646-289-2654

### **AMVETS**

Open to those who served in U.S. Armed Forces, (Active, Guard or Reserve) after September 25, 1940  
Post 88, 692 Broadway, Massapequa, NY 11758, 516-798-9188,  
Post 22, 67 West Main Street, Oyster Bay, NY 11771, 516 922-4200  
and 516-298-2477, alex.gallego@raymondjames.com – Info: Alex Gallego

### **Nassau County Clerk**

Certificate of Release and Discharge from Active Duty, Veterans' Recognition Program Other Services include: Education benefits, Employment and Job Training Opportunities, VA Home Loan Guarantee Information, Health Care Eligibility, Medical Transport Small Business Help, Veterans Peddler Permit, Legal Services.

Additional resources available:

[www.NASSAUCOUNTYNY.GOV/AGENCIES/CLERK](http://www.NASSAUCOUNTYNY.GOV/AGENCIES/CLERK)

2201 Hempstead Turnpike, Building 'Q', East Meadow, NY 11554,  
516-572-6560, 516-572-6565,  
FAX 516-572-6570

### **SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Edward P. Romaine

### **SUFFOLK COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES AGENCY**

Suffolk County Veteran Services Agency is committed to aiding our county veterans and members of the Armed Forces as well as their dependents and survivors through the pursuance of veterans benefits at the County, State and Federal levels and referrals to other agencies for possible assistance with dignity and respect.  
Veterans Service Agency (631) 853-VETS, Fax: (631) 853-8390  
Veterans Info at [suffolkcountyny.gov](http://suffolkcountyny.gov)

Marcelle Leis, Director

H. Lee Dennison Building, 100 Veterans Memorial Highway,  
PO Box 6100, Hauppauge, New York 11788-0099  
BRANCH OFFICE: 300 Center Drive, Riverhead, New York  
11901-3398, (631) 852-1410, Fax: (631) 852-1412

### **Suffolk County — VETERANS PEER SUPPORT PROJECT (PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Program)**

Vets helping Vets, offering opportunities to come together to listen and benefit from each other's experience with service related issues. Support groups are informal and confidential; no records, no reporting. Meet weekly at different locations, times and days of the week. There is one in Suffolk County convenient for you. No fees, free refreshments.  
Information: 631-672-1201 or email:

[vetpeertopeer@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:vetpeertopeer@suffolkcountyny.gov)

Supported by Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency,  
631-853-8586 and Suffolk County United Veterans, 631-924-8088.

### **Suffolk County – Application for DISABILITY**

IDENTIFICATION CARD SCEX Form 66 and SCEX Form 67 to be submitted to North County Complex Building 158, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, P.O. Box 6100, Hauppauge, NY 11788-0099,  
631-853-8333

Riverhead office: 300 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901  
631-852-1410

### **Division of Veteran Services**

Ingrid Alexander

631-852-1413

[www.veterans.ny.gov/benefitsinformation](http://www.veterans.ny.gov/benefitsinformation)

1-888-838-7697

### **Military One Source for Active Vets**

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/>

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America: [www.IAVA.org](http://www.IAVA.org)

Resources for Active Duty Service members and families:

[www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil), Hotline: 1-800-342-9647

Recovery Warrior Resource Center

1-800-342-9647 For returning veterans

### **Social Security (SSI/SSD)**

1-800-772-1214, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

File SSD online and other information [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

**GI Bill:** [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

Hotline: 1-888-442-4551

(see Education)

### **VET CENTERS, New York**

Suffolk: 116 West Main Street, Babylon, NY 11702 631-661-3930

Nassau: N. Broadway Hicksville, NY 11801 516-348-0088-89

Queens: 75-10B 91st Avenue, Woodhaven, NY 11421

718-296-2871

Bronx: 226 E. Fordam Rd, Rm 220, Bronx, NY 10458

718-367-3500

Brooklyn: 25 Chapel St., St 604, Brooklyn, NY 11201

718-624-2765

Harlem: 55 West 125th St., 11th fl., New York, NY 10027

212-426-2200

Manhattan: 32 Broadway, St. 200, New York, NY 10004

212-742-9591

Staten Island: 150 Richmond Terrace, SI, NY 10301 718-816-4499

Additional locations: [www.vetcenter.va.gov](http://www.vetcenter.va.gov)

### **Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Dem. New York**

Services for uniformed and deployed military – families, housing, careers, medical. Call: 212-688-6262 • Fax: 866-824-6340

[www.gillibrand.senate.gov](http://www.gillibrand.senate.gov)

780 3rd Avenue, Unit 2601, New York, NY 10017

**Angels for Warriors** is a not-for-profit volunteer organization providing information and guidance about the essential resources available to veterans and families. Clients get a personal roadmap based on individual needs to help them locate and navigate local, regional and national resources available. They also serve as advocates to gain benefits. Service is FREE. Contact: [www.angelsforwarriors.org](http://www.angelsforwarriors.org), e-mail: [info@angelsforwarriors.org](mailto:info@angelsforwarriors.org), Rogerlyn Velez Cipriano, Esq., 16 Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743, 631-651-5471.

### **YELLOW RIBBON**

Extensive services available to: National Guard and Reserve Military and Families. See website: [www.yellowribbon.mil](http://www.yellowribbon.mil)

### **GENERAL SERVICES**

#### **Military.com**

“Use all the benefits you’ve earned.” GI Bill and scholarships  
VA loans and mortgages

ASVAB Practice tests and study guide Buddy finder

Benefits: veterans, retirees, spouses [www.MilitaryChannel.com](http://www.MilitaryChannel.com)  
[www.MilitaryFriends.com](http://www.MilitaryFriends.com) News, military blog, forum, store,  
military ebay

**Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors**  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420  
Comprehensive: gives phone numbers, web sites, 15 chapters  
(185 pp) Veterans Benefits: 1-800-827-1000

#### **United War Veterans Council**

Chartered by the City of New York. Produces annual Veterans Day parade and events honoring service. Sponsors other events including job fairs. "to care for him who shall have borne the battle." Abraham Lincoln. Traditions date back to the Civil War. Members include veterans of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan. Welcomes volunteer support. 346 Broadway, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10013

#### **Death and Burial Benefits: National Veterans Foundation.**

Health, education, insurance and housing also covered  
1-888-777-4443 or [www.nvf.org](http://www.nvf.org)

#### **Decedant Affairs Department**

Veterans Hospital at Northport  
1-631-261-4400 ext. 2347

#### **POW/MIA**

Seeking accounting of American Troops still listed as missing from all wars.

Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100,  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, 800-VVA-1316 – [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org)  
Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office:

[www.dtic.mil/dpmo](http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo)

Casualty Resolution Offices

Department of the Army: 800-892-2490

Marine Corps: 800-847-1597

Navy: 800-443-9298

Air Force: 800-531-5803

JPAC – Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command;

[www.jpac.pacom.mil](http://www.jpac.pacom.mil)

National League of Families: [www.pow-miafamilies.org/what.html](http://www.pow-miafamilies.org/what.html)

Milling Man Table/Honor Ceremony:

[www.aiipowmia.com/histories/histcereal.html](http://www.aiipowmia.com/histories/histcereal.html)

History of National League:

[www.dtic.mil/dpmo/powday/flaghistory.htm](http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/powday/flaghistory.htm)

American Former Prisoner of War benefits, compensation:

[www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/POW/POWbenefits.htm](http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/POW/POWbenefits.htm)

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#### **Rebuilding Together Long Island, Inc.**

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Phone: 631.777.7894 Fax: 631.420.7320

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[www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

(518) 463-7427

[AdjutantDNY@VFWNY.com](mailto:AdjutantDNY@VFWNY.com)

[www.vfwny.com](http://www.vfwny.com)

#### **Veterans of Foreign Wars**

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631-495-USMC

#### **Vietnam Veterans of America**

##### **Nassau County Chapter 82**

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Plainview, NY 11803

[rguevara1945@gmail.com](mailto:rguevara1945@gmail.com)

[www.vvachapter82.org](http://www.vvachapter82.org)

Questions: Steve Bonom 516-721-8282

[bonomsupp@optonline.net](mailto:bonomsupp@optonline.net)

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Transition Assistance Program (DTAP) briefing at your military  
facility

Call VA at 1-800-827-1000 and ask to speak with Vocational  
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Visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) and fill out an online application (VONAPP) for  
Vocational Rehabilitation

Apply by completing VA Form 28-1900, Disabled Veterans  
Application for Vocational Rehabilitation, and submitting it to the  
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631-261-4400 x2943; FAX 631-266-6011; Cell 631-609-0477  
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[evelyn.nowlin@va.gov](mailto:evelyn.nowlin@va.gov)

**EEOC** – U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
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Michael Rohas, Program Analyst – Community Outreach, Training  
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Institute @ Fordham University School of Education, 360-731-  
0603, [tom@reclaimingthesky.com](mailto:tom@reclaimingthesky.com). See website for workshops in  
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Start up, Financing Public Law 106-50: [www.vetbiz.gov](http://www.vetbiz.gov)

Small business development: [www.sba.gov/vets](http://www.sba.gov/vets)

Assistance in securing employment: [www.dol.gov/vets](http://www.dol.gov/vets)

Information and services for vets with disabilities: [www.cap.mil](http://www.cap.mil)

Transition from Military to civilian occupations:

[www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

National website for federal employment opportunities:

[www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

**VACareers.gov** – Those seeking a position within the VA.

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Officer 631-824-6386, [mhaynes@licares.org](mailto:mhaynes@licares.org). Fern Summer,  
Veteran LifeSkills Specialist, 631-824-6385, 220 Broadway,  
Huntington Station, NY 11746

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10004 212-943-4364, [eastersealsny.org](http://eastersealsny.org)

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David A. Chiaro, Farmingdale State College,  
2350 Broadhollow Road, Farmingdale, NY 11735  
631-370-8892 – [www.farmingdale.edu/sbdc](http://www.farmingdale.edu/sbdc);  
[chiarod@farmingdale.edu](mailto:chiarod@farmingdale.edu)

**White House Initiative:** Jobs4America: Contacts: James  
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Farmingdale State College, David Chiaro, Veteran Business Advisor, [chiarod@farmingdale.edu](mailto:chiarod@farmingdale.edu)  
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1-631-370-8892  
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[www.nyssbdc.org/services/services.html](http://www.nyssbdc.org/services/services.html)

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Division of Employment and Workforce Solutions  
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576 Broad Hollow Road, Melville, NY 11747  
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#### **[www.VAcareers.VA.com](http://www.VAcareers.VA.com)**

Website devoted to careers that support uniformed military- as advertised on TV.

#### **Suffolk County Department of Labor, Veterans Employment**

190 Ocean Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772  
631-687-4860 – [sc.dol@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:sc.dol@suffolkcountyny.gov)  
Suffolk County, One-Stop Employment Center  
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631-853-6600

#### **Suffolk County DOL Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs**

Job search services: phones, faxes, copiers, computers/internet access, job opportunity listings, career workshops, computer classes and tutorials, career quests. Vocational classroom training for those who qualify.  
725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788,  
631-853-6600  
300 County Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901, 631-852-1955  
Samuel Chu, Commissioner, James DiLeberto, Workforce Investment Board Chair

#### **VA Veteran Employment Services, Northport Veterans Affairs**

79 Middleville Road, Northport, NY 11768 – 631-261-4400  
Employment Specialists:  
Michael Holmes – ext 4220, [Michael.holmes5@va.gov](mailto:Michael.holmes5@va.gov);  
Lillian Denby – ext 4221, [Lillian.denby@va.gov](mailto:Lillian.denby@va.gov);  
Evelyn Nowlin – ext 4222, [evelyn.nowlin@va.gov](mailto:evelyn.nowlin@va.gov)

**AmVets**

4647 Forbes Blvd., Lanham, MD 20706  
 Contact: Jerry Hotop, National Commander  
 Phone: 301-683-4002 OR 877-726-8387 x 4002  
 Cell: 573-513-1615 — FAX: 301-459-7924  
 jhotop@amvets.org and www.amvets.org

**Community Action Partnership – Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc.**

Outreach Coordinator, Rich Dellasso  
 31 West Main Street, 3rd Floor, Patchogue, NY 11772  
 Phone: 631-289-2601 Ext. 125  
 Fax: 631-289-2178  
 Email: rdellasso@eoc-suffolk.com

**SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM — USAF**

Northport VA Medical Center 631-261-4400  
 Vocational rehabilitation for veterans with serious and persistent mental health problems  
 Evelyn Nowlin, VRS, BSCS, Employment Specialist, ext. 2943;  
 cell: 631-609-0477 – evelyn.nowlin@va.gov  
 Rick Sloan, Chief of Vocational Services, ext. 2199  
 Dorothy Lippincott, Program Support Assistant, ext. 2198

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 Michael Haynes, Coordinator of Government Affairs and Veteran Services, mhaynes@licares.org OR Fern Summer, Veteran Lifeskills Specialist, fsummer@licares.org – 631-824-6384.

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 Dept. of Labor, Patchogue, NY, 631-687-4800  
 New York State Civil Service, NYC, 212-961-4326, www.cs.ny.gov  
 Nassau: Hempstead, 516-572-1882 – www.nassaucivilservice.com  
 Federal Job information and testing: www.usajobs.gov  
 Courts: NYS Unified Court System, NYC, 212-428-2580 –  
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 Wendy McClinton, President/CEO 00 718-852-6004 –

www.bvsj.org – 665 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

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 60 Charles Lindberg Blvd. , Uniondale , NY 11553 , 516-227-7756,  
 and Scott.Vodvarka@hhsnassaucountyny.us  
 Ed Willie, WEP Job Developer, 516-2278430,  
 Edward.Willie@hhsnassaucountyny.us

**VETS WORK A Program of LI Cares**

Job development program: writing resume and cover letter, interview skills and more  
 Fern Summer, Veteran Lifeskills Specialist, 631-824-6385,  
 FSUMMER@LICARES.ORG  
 Michael Haynes, Chief Government Affairs Officer, 631-824-6386

**SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

Vocational rehabilitation for veterans with serious and persistent mental health problems.  
 79 Middleville Road (116B) Building 63-Room 1, Northport , NY 11768  
 Evelyn Nowlin, Employment specialist  
 631-261-4400, ext 2943 © 631-609-0477, evelyn.nowlin@va.gov  
 James Fleischmann, Chief of Vocational Rehabilitation, ext 2199  
 Dorothy Lippincott, Program Support Assistant, ext. 2198

**DISABLED VETERANS**

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631-233-4400 – [www.esboces.org/AEV](http://www.esboces.org/AEV)

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Jewelry & Watch Repair School of New England, 194 Buckland Hills Drive, Manchester, CT 06042 1-866-854-4470. email: Oleg Beznosov, President and <http://jwrschool.com/contact/>  
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#### HOME STUDY

Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology, Attn: Rozina Sneison. 1801 E 4th St. DWRTC #108, Okmulgee, OK 74447. 918-293-5160 – email: [watch@okstate.edu](mailto:watch@okstate.edu). Contact: Office of Veterans Services, Request Information and Materials.  
[www.osuit.edu/academics/watchmaking/requirements.html](http://www.osuit.edu/academics/watchmaking/requirements.html)

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## Benefits and Services

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Town of Oyster Bay

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516-797-7900 – [www.oysterbaytown.com](http://www.oysterbaytown.com) — email:

[veterans@oysterbay-NY.gov](mailto:veterans@oysterbay-NY.gov)

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Assistance with a variety of benefits: Health care, outpatient treatment, counseling, personnel and medical records, discharge separation apers, DD-214, spousal pension and indemnity compensation, burial guidance

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To determine eligibility for SSVF or MTA please contact: Gabrielle Fasano, Regional Director for S:US-Long Island: [gfasano@sus.org](mailto:gfasano@sus.org), (631) 227-0777  
Deputy Program Director, SSVF-LI (631) 227-0777

### United Way of Long Island

819 Grand Boulevard, Deer Park, NY 11729 – 631-940-3700  
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### Family Service League, Inc.

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Phone: 631-369-0104 ext. 12 Fax: 631-369-5433

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**Veterans’ Social Group** – Great Neck Senior Center

80 Grace Avenue, Great Neck, NY 11021

Contact: Mel Sachs – Cell: 516-761-0488

**Long Island Volunteer Center**

One of ten New York State regional volunteer centers, the Long  
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Vietnam Veterans of America, Par to Veterans Advisory Group,  
Nassau County Veterans Agency

**AMERICAN LEGION**

American Legion, Department of New York

Edward L. Mallicoat, Americanism Chairman

5 Sunset Lane, Hartsdale, NY 10530

Legion: 212-267-1998 – Home: 914-686-3177

American Legion Auxiliary, Theodore Korony Unit #253

4374 Locust Point Drive, Bronx, NY 10463

Contact: Judy A. Lance, President Hm: 718-822-1839 –

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Financial Assistance Project, Immediate Needs program for  
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55 Water Street, New York, NY 10042

646-957-1752 • [sprescia@hopeforwarrior.org](mailto:sprescia@hopeforwarrior.org)

Contact: Steve Prescia, Military Veteran Program Manager

Jessica McKinney, Community Development Manager

[Jmckinney@hopeforwarriors.org](mailto:Jmckinney@hopeforwarriors.org)

**Angels for Warriors** is a not-for-profit volunteer organization providing information and guidance about the essential resources available to veterans and families. Clients get a personal roadmap based on individual needs to help them locate and navigate local, regional and national resources available. They also serve as advocates to gain benefits. Service is FREE. Contact: [www.angelsforwarriors.org](http://www.angelsforwarriors.org), e-mail: [info@angelsforwarriors.org](mailto:info@angelsforwarriors.org), Rogerlyn Velez Cipriano, Esq., 164 Main Street, Huntington, NY – 516-446-6788 or 631-759-1792 or 631-651-5471

#### **Compassionate Care CHAPLAIN SERVICE**

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**OPERATION HOPE Island Harvest** — a food bank for Long Island's veterans. A mobile food pantry program offered by Island Harvest that delivers a one-time, one month supply of food to Long Island veterans and military families in need of food assistance. Partnerships needed: information on where veterans and their families are located. Veterans who are willing to volunteer driving the van and assisting with referrals and information on various benefits and services that can help veterans and military families. If you have information: call Bernita James at 631-873-4775 ext. 212 or email – [bernita@islandharvest.org](mailto:bernita@islandharvest.org).  
199 Second Street Mineola, NY 11501, 516-294-8528 and 40 Marcus Blvd. Hauppauge, NY 11788,  
631-873-4775 – [www.islandharvest.org](http://www.islandharvest.org)

**9-1-1 VETERANS** is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to assisting Long Island Veterans. They provide emergency financial assistance. Please email [info@911veterans.org](mailto:info@911veterans.org) or via Veterans Inc., P.O. Box 911, Lindenhurst, NY 11757-0911. [www.911veterans.org](http://www.911veterans.org)

#### **LONG ISLAND CARES**

Huntington, 220 Broadway, Huntington Station,  
South Shore Service Center, 163-1 North Wellwood Avenue,  
Lindenhurst, NY 11757 631-991-8106, Nassau Service Center, 84 Pine Street, Freeport, NY 11520, 516-442-5221.  
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Michael Haynes, Coordinator of Veteran Services, 631-582-3663, ext. 124

**THE INN** (Interfaith Nutrition Network) addresses the issues of hunger and homelessness on Long Island by providing food, shelter, long-term housing, and supportive services in a dignified and respectful manner for those who seek our help. We are a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization with a dedicated staff, a broad base of community support and a commitment to educate the public about these issues.  
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Food Stamp Program helps families, singles, young and old to improve nutrition and increase food buying power. Nutrition outreach project of Suffolk County, (Food Stamp Assistance) 631-789-9546. Nassau: Call HWD, 516-483-1110 ext. 16

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Emergency communication services. Service to military and veterans hospitals. Service to military families, emergency financial assistance, travel, household setup. International family tracing services

**NORTHWELL HEALTH** (Formerly North Shore/LIJ) Support groups forming for military spouses and partners. Challenges connected to deployment and postdeployment. Information: 631-647-2530 or email: [Feinbergdivision@NSHS.edu](mailto:Feinbergdivision@NSHS.edu)

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Supported Employment for individuals recovering from mental illness 1-877-468-2537  
Respite Plus Program – 631-447-6460 x 2108  
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Babylon 631-321-4360  
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Barbara Faron, LMSW, CEO, One Farmingdale Road / Route 109, West Babylon, NY 11704, 631-669-5355, ext. 1104 – [www.fedoforg.org](http://www.fedoforg.org) and [bfaron@fedoforg.org](mailto:bfaron@fedoforg.org)

#### **BLUE STAR MOTHERS**

Support all of the troops, veterans, military families through various activities. Clubs are nation-wide. Services vary from club to club. Moms of Military, NY 12, P.O. Box 294, Bethpage, NY 11714  
[Bsm.momsofmilitary@gmail.com](mailto:Bsm.momsofmilitary@gmail.com) or [www.bluestarmothers.org](http://www.bluestarmothers.org)

#### **BLUE STAR MOMS**

[president.ny6@bluestarmothers.org](mailto:president.ny6@bluestarmothers.org)  
631-662-4573  
[libluestarmomsnny6.org](http://libluestarmomsnny6.org)

#### **GOLD STAR MOMS**

#### **GOLD STAR PARENTS**

#### **MILITARY BLUE STAR MOTHERS NY14**

[President.ny14@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:President.ny14@bluestarmothers.us)  
PO Box 7302 Hicksville NY 11802  
[Bluestarmothers.ny14.org](http://Bluestarmothers.ny14.org).

**Long Island Cares** Feeding Long Island's Hungry.  
Michael W. Haynes, Manager-Government Affairs and Veteran  
Services, 220 Broadway, Huntington Sta, NY 11746  
631-824-6386. mhaynes@licares.org

#### **LONG ISLAND CARES INC. VETERANS PROJECT**

Food Bank: provides access to food, personal care items, household products on Military Appreciation Tuesdays in Huntington Station, Lindenhurst and Freeport. Mobile Outreach Unit provides food and supplies to homebound veterans. Vets Work Program builds skills, resumes; aids in job search.

Harry Chapin Humanitarian, 220 Broadway, Huntington Sta., NY 11746, 631-824-6384

Harry Chapin Food Bank, 10 Davids Drive, Hauppauge, NY 11788, 631-582-FOOD

Nassau Service Center, 84 Pine Street, Freeport, NY 11520, 516-442-5221

South Shore, 163-1N Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757, 631-991-8106 [www.licares.org](http://www.licares.org)

Questions: Michael Haynes, Chief Government Affairs Officer, 631-824,6386

#### **DEATH BENEFITS**

National Cemetery Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, 202-632-8035,  
[www.facebook.com/nationalcemeteries](http://www.facebook.com/nationalcemeteries) for Eligibility and Benefits.

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#### **NYS VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Comprehensive booklet explaining benefits and containing applications for services

Information: Senator Kevin Thomas, 6th Senate District, 990 Stewart Avenue, Suite LL45A, Garden City, NY 11503 516-739-1700.

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[www.rockandwrapitup.org](http://www.rockandwrapitup.org), 1-877-691-FOOD

Local contact: Syd Mandelbaum, CEO, 516-295-0670 - Cell 516-384-6334

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John J. Lynch Vet's Place, 32 Mill Road, Yaphank, NY 11980, Mon-Fri. 9am-noon.

Information: Joanne Massimo, 631-924-8088 ext. 1503

#### **ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL OF SUFFOLK, INC.**

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31 West Main Street, Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-289-2601

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(631) 582-FOOD

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Center for Community Engagement  
75 Davids Drive, Hauppauge  
(631) 582-3663

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21 East Sunrise Highway, Freeport  
(516) 442-5221

South Shore Service Center  
163-1 North Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst  
(631) 991-8106

Harry Chapin Humanitarian Center  
220 Broadway, Huntington Station  
(631)-824-6384

Baxter's Pet Pantry & Retail Food Rescue Center  
161 North Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst  
(631) 991-8106

Hunger Assistance & Humanitarian Center of the Hamptons  
286 West Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays  
(631) 613-3344

The Harry Chapin Food Bank Essential Market  
386 N. Wantagh Ave, Bethpage  
(516) 753-9880



# Operation Wellness

## VETERANS CRISIS LINE

Staffed by Department of Veterans Affairs. Uniformed military or family: 800-273-8255 press 1 for help confidential web chat: [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/Veterans](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/Veterans) 24/7 – 365 days

Emergency: Suicide Hotline  
24/7 – 1-800-273 TALK LINE  
1-800-273-8255 press 1

## Vets 4 Warriors

855-838-8255  
[vets4warriors.com](http://vets4warriors.com)

## Office of Warrior Care Policy

[warriorcare.dodlive.mil](mailto:warriorcare.dodlive.mil)

## InTransition

1-800-424-7877  
[intransition.dcoe.mil](http://intransition.dcoe.mil)

## Military One Source

1-800-342-9647  
[militaryonesource.mil](http://militaryonesource.mil)

## Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors [TAPS]

1-800-959-8277  
[taps.org](http://taps.org)

## WOMEN AND DEPRESSION

Toll free – 24/7 hotline. 1-800-273-8255. To be connected to a trained counselor at a suicide crisis center near you:  
1-800-799-4889

## Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency

Director Marcelle Leis 631-853-8387

## SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

Training for Veterans, military family members and those serving military personnel, caregivers, service workers to provide an awareness and tools to assist this high risk population. Zucker Hillside Hospital, 75-59 263rd Street, Glen Oaks, NY 11004. Anita Mancini: [amancini@nshs.edu](mailto:amancini@nshs.edu), 718-470-8250

## Mental Health Association in New York State

50 Broadway, New York, NY 10004  
Director, 212-254-8333 X 778  
32 local affiliate MHAs serving 54 counties in New York State. Promotes mental health and recovery, encourages empowerment in mental health service recipients, eliminate discrimination, raise public awareness with education and advocates for equality and opportunity. 1-800 766-6177  
[www.nynj.va.gov/virtualhealth.asp](http://www.nynj.va.gov/virtualhealth.asp) for more information

## VA Hospital at Northport

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• General mental health, psychiatry, psychology, social work.  
• Outpatient, individual and group therapy for PTS.  
• Marital counseling

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Suicide Prevention Coordinator Nancy Olsen  
631-261-4400 ext. 2791

OEF/OIF/OND – [www.oefoif.va.gov](http://www.oefoif.va.gov) To reach individual departments: 1-631-261-4450 + extension

- Combat office – ext. 2385 or 1-800-444-0001
  - Primary Care – 631-863-4801
  - Program Manager: Vanessa J. Brown, RN, BSN. Cell 631-774-1707
  - Transition Patient Advocate: Kathy Washburn, ext. 5273 or Cell 631-774-4704
  - Social Work Care Manager: ext. 2885 or 800-444-0001 for SW assistance
  - Call Center to schedule specialty clinic appointments: 631-754-7973
  - Mental Health Clinic: ext. 6077, Bldg. 64, 1st floor, M-F 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
  - Psychiatry Service – ext. 2785 or ER ext 2380, 24/7
  - Women's Clinic: ext. 5314- or 5779 — Rose Williamson, LCSW, Manager 631-261-4400m ext, 5683
  - ER: ext. 2380 Bldg. 200 – psychiatrist on duty 24/7
  - Substance Abuse Center: ext. 5780, Bldg. 63, 1st floor – M-F 8 am-4:30 pm
  - Beneficiary Travel: ext. 2361
  - Tricare: ext. 2968 or 5523
  - Billing: ext. 6945
  - Pharmacy Automated Refill Line: 1-800-799-3023
  - DAV Transportation (for morning clinic – need 2 weeks notice) – ext. 7980
- Northport VA Barber, Tu/Th 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Bldg. F, Ground Floor x 7157 (\$7 per cut)

Women's Clinic now has Gyn services. 631-261-4400 x 5779

## “Health Care Benefits Overview” brochure

Information: 877-222-8387 or [www.va.gov/healthbenefits](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits)  
Download copy of the brochure:  
[www.va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/epublications.asp](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/epublications.asp)

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Northport VA Medical Center , 79 Middleville Road , Northport , NY 11768

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## HEALTH BENEFITS

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### VA – Satellite Clinics

Mount Sinai, North Country Road 631-261-4400 x 2218  
West Hampton, 150 Old Riverhead Road 631-898-0599  
Patchogue, 4 Phyllis Drive 631-758-4419  
Islip, 39 Nassau Avenue 631-581-5330  
Bayshore Clinic 132 East Main Street 631-756-7978  
Riverhead, 89 Hubbard Avenue 631-261-4400 x 2218  
Lynbrook, 235 Merrick Road 516-261-4400 x 2218  
Plainview, 1425 Old Country Road 516-694-6008

- DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Bldg. 9, 1st floor, ext. 7291, 7747
- VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars), Bldg. 9, 1st floor, ext. 579, 5770
- NYS Division of Veteran's Affairs Counselors – Monette Fields and Nate King, Bldg. 9, 1st floor

631-266-2602

VA Primary Health Care in East Meadow, LI  
Nassau County Medical Center, 2201 Hempstead Tpk., Building Q,  
East Meadow, NY 11554

Camille Wachter, Management Service Officer  
Phone 516-282-0670

Nassau Vets Transportation 516-572-5456 or 572-8452  
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VISN 3 Nurses Helpline – 1-800-877-6976

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mike.hampton@ncnrehab.com

### Dental Resources

Stony Brook University Dental Clinic – 631-632-8989  
Farmingdale 631-420-2128  
Catholic Charities 516-623-4420  
HBA – Health and Business Alliance  
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www.Longislandchirp.com or email: drfacquet@optonline.net

### MY HEALTHEVET

Website for secure messaging. Manage prescription refills on line, track appointments, medical/military history, email your health care team privately and securely, access medical library and healthy living centers. To access personal health information, print a release form after registering and bring form to the Northport VAMC to be authenticated. 631-261-4400 x 2631. www.myhealth.va.gov – register and follow the instructions on screen.

### eBenefits

Designed for Wounded Warriors, Veterans, Service Members, families and caregivers. Provides tools for updating personal

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<http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.4011065/k.A621/North-eastRegion>

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[www.warriorranchfoundation.org](http://www.warriorranchfoundation.org), 42 Coram Swezeytown Rd. , Middle Island, NY 11953, 631-887-9529.

email: [info@warriorranchfoundation.org](mailto:info@warriorranchfoundation.org)

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## **NATIONWIDE**

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United States Special Operations Command  
Sgt. Alex J. Eudy, Casualty Assistance Liaison  
Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Plgd. 2, Room. 4C03 6900  
Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20307  
Fax: 202-356-1460 • Care Coalition Hotline: 1-877-672-3039  
email: alex.eudy@amedd.army.mil  
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Judith Broder, MD, Director — Barbara Schochet, Ph.D., Assistant Director Local office in Lynbrook, LI. 516-284-7531 — [www.TheSoldiersProject.org](http://www.TheSoldiersProject.org). New York: 877-769-7438, [newyork@theSoldiersProject.org](mailto:newyork@theSoldiersProject.org). Nationwide offices: visit the website for sites.

Heart Disease — **Go Red Heart** Match database — women veterans can connect with other female veterans who have experienced heart disease. Create a profile, indicate military status and connect with others.

[www.womenshealth.va.gov](http://www.womenshealth.va.gov) and [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org)

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**VIETNAM VETS** — **Blue Water** Navy with medical problems from Agent Orange. also: Brown Water Navy veterans. [www.bluewaternavy.org/IOMReport.htm](http://www.bluewaternavy.org/IOMReport.htm)

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NYS Office of Mental Health — 1-800-597-8481

NYS Department of Health — 1-866-881-2809

US Department of Health and Human Services — 202-619-0257

### **ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

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**GamPro**: staffed by professional clinicians to aid gambler and loved ones. Most insurances accepted, sliding scale offered. 55 Horizon Drive, Huntington, NY. 11743 – 631-920-8053

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Veterans are twice as likely to fall for fraudulent schemes.  
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A full moon and a bouncing betty  
will blow your world apart."  
You're so blacken high,  
they couldn't tell you or John Wayne apart.  
They told you, "Run to Canada"  
While they were burning Old Glory  
Did they think our Red White and Blue  
Was some radical hippy protest story.  
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While we were buried in blood.  
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We are standing together after all these years.  
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# Post Traumatic Stress

## SUICIDE PREVENTION AND INFORMATION

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Army Prevention Website: [www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/suicide](http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/suicide)  
Real Warriors:

[www.realwarriors.net/familysupport/preventsuicide.php](http://www.realwarriors.net/familysupport/preventsuicide.php)

Department Of Veterans Affairs:

[www.mentalhealth.net.gov/suicide\\_prevention](http://www.mentalhealth.net.gov/suicide_prevention) For Families Who  
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Directory. [warwithin.org](http://warwithin.org)

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at [VHA10P4@VA.gov](mailto:VHA10P4@VA.gov)

[www.maketheconnection.net](http://www.maketheconnection.net) - one of the largest government  
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[www.veteranstraining.va.gov](http://www.veteranstraining.va.gov)

[www.spreadtheword.veteranscrisislinenet/video](http://www.spreadtheword.veteranscrisislinenet/video)

[www.bethereforveterans.com](http://www.bethereforveterans.com)

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631-651-5471

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Road, Northport, NY 11768

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Contact: President John Ball Cell: 516-724-5179

email: [j96vet@yahoo.com](mailto:j96vet@yahoo.com)

Vice President: Hutch Dubosque Cell 631-223-6107

email: [hutch.dubosque@live.com](mailto:hutch.dubosque@live.com)

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

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Monday 5:15 p.m., 16 Main Street, Hempstead, Park in municipal lot, use side entrance closest to gated area.

Thursday 2:00 p.m., N. Massapequa Community Center, 214 N. Albany Ave., Massapequa.

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International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS), 847-480-9028

National Organization for Victims Assistance (NVA), 1-800-777-4443

National Veterans Foundation, 1-800-969-6642

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), 1-800-959-TAPS

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[Annem\\_smith@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Annem_smith@urmc.rochester.edu). OR Judith Carrington: Founder, Mental Health Resources, [mail@mentalhealthd.org](mailto:mail@mentalhealthd.org). OR check the website: NAMI-NYS, [info@naminy.org](mailto:info@naminy.org)

#### **Community Mental Health Points of Contact**

Northport

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 VA Loan Specialist, Mortgage Assistance: 1-877-827-3702  
 VA Home Loan Guarantee: [www.homeloans.va.gov](http://www.homeloans.va.gov)  
 Hotline: 1-888-244-6711

VA Home Loan Direct VA loans – VA Mortgage Loan & Gov’t Programs from Freedom Direct – 1-800-211-9024 (Form: FVA-P701) – [www.directvaloans.com](http://www.directvaloans.com)

**CLIFFCO MORTGAGE BANKERS**

Patricia Force, Account Manager, phone: 516-768-3567, 1065 Old Country Road, Suite 205A, Westbury, NY 11590 email [pforce@cliffcomortgage.com](mailto:pforce@cliffcomortgage.com) and [www.cliffcomortgage.com](http://www.cliffcomortgage.com)  
 We cater to Veterans, No charge for consult and Processing fees are waived. Our Ethics and Experience are Extraordinary!!

**VA FORECLOSURE AVOIDANCE**

Quick reference guide to avoid foreclosure. “Military Borrowers in Delinquency Quick Reference Sheet,” available from [www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/docs/foreclosure\\_avoidance\\_fact\\_sheet](http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/docs/foreclosure_avoidance_fact_sheet)

**TAX EXEMPTIONS**

a.8186/s.5597 Real Property Tax Law exemptions wartime uniformed military, combat veterans, disabled veterans  
 Contact New York State Assembly

**Property Tax Exemption.** [www.oysterbaytown.com](http://www.oysterbaytown.com). Request application from Nassau County Department of Assessment, 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 516-571-1500 or download a copy from [www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/Assessor/Online0/020Forms/exempt.html](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/Assessor/Online0/020Forms/exempt.html)

**VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA** Supportive services for veteran families (SSVF)

Addresses housing needs, providing a full range of services focusing on acute and long-term issues, crisis intervention, budget management, employment counseling and recreation. Emergency and transitional housing available in Bronx, Manhattan and Brooklyn.

Information: 855-2000-VOA – [www.voa-gny.org/vets](http://www.voa-gny.org/vets) or email [voa4vets@voa-gny.org](mailto:voa4vets@voa-gny.org)

Long Island: Ann Jeffries, Case Manager or Tyrane McLamb, Program Director  
 38 Old Country Road, Garden City, NY 11530

**BLACK VETERANS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE – BVSJ**

Jobs to Build On is a project for worker education funding by NYC Council and administered by the City University of NY. Addresses employment, housing, reintegration, emergency assistance.  
 Wendy McClinton, President/CEO 00 718-852-6004 – [www.bvsj.org](http://www.bvsj.org)  
 665 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc.

Services for those with mental illness or traumatic brain injury. Group homes and community living, residential treatment and vocational programs, day habilitation, therapeutic horse riding at Saddle Rock Ranch, Middle Island. Kristin Kleinman-Franco, MS, Resource Director, 191 Sweet Hollow Road, Old Bethpage, NY 11804. 516-870-1600 – [www.familyres.org](http://www.familyres.org)

**LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS**

Assists the disabled and veterans find permanent housing. Links entering families with resources for furniture, housewares and other goods. 631-464-4314.

**FAMILY SERVICE LEAGUE**

The Center for Senior Support operates programs from many locations across Suffolk County. They offer a wide variety of services. Doreen Davidson, Program Coordinator, 790 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743. For specific contact information: [www.fsl-li.com](http://www.fsl-li.com) or call 631-427-3700

**S:US**

Emergency housing, employment services, financial education, financial aid, moving costs, Supportive Services for Veteran Families, 600 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701, 631-227-0777, [www.sus.org](http://www.sus.org) and [www.uvbh.com](http://www.uvbh.com)

# Operation Legal

## GREATER METROPOLITAN AREA

**Nassau-Suffolk Law Services:** Non-profit community based, civil (non-criminal) matters. [www.nslawservices.org](http://www.nslawservices.org). Provides free, high quality legal representation, public information and community advocacy training.

Offices: 1757 Veterans Highway, Islandia, NY 11749, 631-232-2400 and 1 Helen Keller Way 5th, Hempstead, NY 11550, 516-292-8100 and 400 West Main Street, Suite 301, Riverhead, NY 11901, 631-369-1112

**Suffolk County Bar Association:** [www.scba.org](http://www.scba.org). (631) 234-5511–560 Wheeler Road, Hauppauge, NY 11788. The association will reach out to veterans and their families who are in desperate need of legal assistance.

**Nassau County Bar Association:** [www.nassaubar.org](http://www.nassaubar.org). (516) 747-4070

**Hofstra Law** – Hofstra Veterans Legal Assistance Project at [VLAP@hofstra.edu](mailto:VLAP@hofstra.edu) or call (516) 463-7302. Offer one-day legal assistance clinics. Call for information.

### Hofstra University Law Clinic

Pro bono for veterans needing discharged updates for honorable and dishonorable discharges

Retired Lt Col. Gary Porter, Director

## JUSTICE INVOLVED VETERANS

Alternative to incarceration. Communication with officers of the court regarding veterans' compliance with VA treatment programs. Post incarceration (leaving jail/prison): pre-release assessment, eligibility for services, discharge and transition planning, post-release services in emergency psychiatric or crisis intervention.

**National Call Center** for Homeless Veterans: 1-877-424-3838 (live 24/7 chat on website) – [www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless)  
Angelicque M. Moreno, Esq.  
26 Court Street, Suite 2015, Brooklyn, NY 11242 • 718-802-1616  
Pro bono services, veterans' benefits. Court appearances

### Criminal and Personal Injury Matters

Daniel W. Russo, Esq.  
Foley Griffin, LLP  
666 Old Country Road, Suite 305  
Garden City, New York 11530

## TAX PREPARATION, ESTATE PLANNING, WILLS ETC.

Karl Janhsen (member of Rotary Club of Port Jefferson)  
128 Old Town Road, Suite A, Setauket, NY 11733  
631-246-6300 – Fax: 631-246-8601 — email: [ejepas@aol.com](mailto:ejepas@aol.com)

**Angels for Warriors** is a not-for-profit volunteer organization providing information and guidance about the essential resources available to veterans and families. Clients get a personal roadmap based on individual needs to help them locate and navigate local, regional and national resources available. They also serve as advocates to gain benefits. Service is FREE. Contact: [www.angelsforwarriors.org](http://www.angelsforwarriors.org), e-mail: [info@angelsforwarriors.org](mailto:info@angelsforwarriors.org), Rogerlyn Velez Cipriano, Esq., 164 Main Street, Huntington, NY, 631-651-5471.

## FINANCIAL COUNSELING

Debt Counseling

**Greenpath Debt Solutions:** free of charge debt management, counseling, housing, financial education. 1- 800-550-1961.

**Veterans Plus:** free, non-profit – money management, pay debts and learn about credit card interest. 1-866-991-9579.

**NYState Benefits:** many health and human services and how to apply for them. [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov)

**NY Department of Social Services (DSS):** Medicaid, food stamps, HEAP (heating) and Rent Assistance:

Suffolk: 631-854-9700 – after hours: 631-853-9100

Nassau: 516-227-8472 – after hours: 516-573-8626

Suffolk HEAP (Home Energy Assistance) 631-853-8825

Nassau HEAP 516-565-4327

Long Island 211: free, non-emergency information and referral service – connects to health and human services needed on a daily basis or during disaster. Call: 211 or 1-888-774-7633 OR <https://211Longisland.communityos.org/cms/>

**NYLAG (New York Legal Assistance Group)** is here at NYLAG will assist with the following legal matters:

- Fix housing problems in Nassau County (Section 8, Evictions, Conditions)
  - Assist with VA Aid & Attendance (A&A) and Housebound benefit applications and appeals
  - Secure federal benefits (Social Security, SSI Disability, and food stamps)
  - Address denials of New York State benefits (Public Assistance and Medicaid)
  - Resolve employment related issues (including Unemployment Insurance denials in Nassau County)
  - Solve private insurance disputes (including short and long term disability)
  - Plan ahead (e.g. wills, power of attorney and guardianship)
  - Assistance with Naturalization applications in Nassau County
- Nassau Suffolk Medicaid Assistance Program are at Northport VA the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 9:00-12:00 in Bldg. 9, Rm. 143. Veterans must make an appointment by calling (631) 261-4400 ext. 6591 or (631) 261-4400 ext. 4840.
- Northport VA Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Building 9, Room 147 – Veterans must make an appointment by calling (631) 261-4400 ext. 6591 or (631) 261-4400 ext. 4840

### Northport VA Medical Center

Ariel Rubinstein, LMSW  
HCHV Outreach Social Worker  
79 Middleville Road  
Northport, NY 11768  
631-261-4400 ext. 6213  
Cell: 631-372-2829

**Robert W. Entenmann Veterans Law Clinic Hofstra**

Professors Janet Dolgin and Gary Port help veterans obtain disability benefits and apply for discharge upgrades. The clinic is part of Starbucks' Military Mondays, and innovative public private partnership that engages community veterans in conversation and provides legal counsel at nearby Starbucks locations.

Information: Joan Axinn Hall, 516-463-5934,  
lawclinic@hofstra.edu and Gary Port, Port & Sava, 303 Merrick Road, Suite 212, Lynbrook, NY, 516-352-2999

**VetConnectNYC.org** is run by the NYC Dept. of Veterans'

Services ([www.nyc.gov/vets](http://www.nyc.gov/vets)), in partnership with Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF), AmericaServes.org, UniteUS.com, and Northwell Health. Working together, we've created the most comprehensive service network in New York City. Our sole purpose is helping service members, veterans, survivors, and families find the resources they need to live fulfilling and purpose-driven lives. Services include: Benefits, Disability, Education, Employment, Family Support, Financial Services, Healthcare, Homelessness Prevention, Legal Services, Mentoring, Sports and Fitness, Volunteering. 1-833-VETS-NYC. [www.vetconnectnyc.org](http://www.vetconnectnyc.org).

Tanya L. Thomas Engagement and Community Service Coordinator  
646-499-0098

email: [tthomas@veterans.nyc.gov](mailto:tthomas@veterans.nyc.gov)

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# Volunteering

**The Long Island Volunteer Center (LIVC)** is the resource center for volunteerism and community service initiatives throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. Established in 1992, LIVC operates year round and its services are provided free of charge. The LIVC collaborates with corporations and community organizations to address the needs of Long Islanders. LIVC is an affiliate of the HandsOn Network since 2008, connecting agencies seeking volunteers with individuals and groups looking for ways to serve their communities. In 2011, the LIVC was designated by New York State as the Regional Volunteer Center for Long Island. A member agency of the Long Island Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, LIVC has also been actively supporting Superstorm Sandy disaster recovery.

For more information, contact the Long Island Volunteer Center at (516) 564-5482 or visit [www.longislandvolunteercenter.org](http://www.longislandvolunteercenter.org). LIVC also has facebook, blog and twitter accounts and publishes a seasonal list of volunteer opportunities disseminated to each Long Island Library.

## Additional information and resources

While there is something for everyone, veterans' unique skills are extremely desirable to nonprofit organizations particularly leadership capabilities, team building, willingness to do heavy lifting, strong work ethic, and desire to serve. Plus, recent research has shown that offering veteran volunteer opportunities helps veterans too. According to Time Magazine, "After serving our country overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan, veterans want to keep serving. In fact, 92% of veterans aspire to serve their community after returning home, according to a landmark survey. The reason? It is a very difficult process for veterans to come back home after they leave, and having work helps smooth their transition process back to having a normal life with their friends and families. What veterans are not looking for is praise. They simply feel a need to keep serving our country and help their fellow families and communities. And it is our job to create more volunteer opportunities for veterans so that we can essentially give back to them, by helping them maintain an ordinary life."

Many programs such as AmeriCorps and Senior Corps are working with veterans to help them find opportunities to help their families as well as communities around them. Other organizations such as Point of Light Foundation and HandsOn Network create opportunities dedicated to educating as well as building and strengthening skills of volunteers. They encourage individuals to build better communities to help to improve the environment, economy, education and emergency preparedness. The Mission Continues and Team Rubicon are veteran specific and advertise many ways to engage in service opportunities.

Diana O'Neil, Executive Director, **LIVE**  
58 Hilton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550 • 516-564-5482  
[www.longislandvolunteercenter.org](http://www.longislandvolunteercenter.org)

**Vicki Bender**, Chairperson of Social Ministry  
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Parishioners  
631-333-5024

Raise money to purchase 100 custom made sleeping bag jackets that they donated to Operation-Initiative Foundation, Inc. These are the following organizations that received the jackets.

1. United Veterans Beacon House
2. Long Island Coalition for the Homeless
3. Michael Stolz, VA Hospital Northport
4. Rich Dellasso, Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk County

## Special thanks to George D. Solomon, Rotarian

### **Military One Source** ([www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil))

Military One Source is a free service provided by the Department of Defense for active-duty, Guard, and Reserve service members and their families.

### **National Resource Directory** ([www.nrd.gov](http://www.nrd.gov))

The NRD is a website for connecting wounded warriors, Service Members, Veterans, their families with those who support them.

### **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs** ([www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov))

This federal agency exists to provide and connect veterans to the benefits and services they've earned by serving their country.

### **National Guard Bureau – Joint Services Support**

In addition to ensuring the sustainability of the National Guard community, the JSS network leads seven programs designed to enrich the lives of service men and women and reward their service. ([www.jointservicesupport.org](http://www.jointservicesupport.org))

### **Citizen Support**

U.S. Department of Defense Community Relations – Helping Troops Help Others

([www.ourmilitary.mil/helping-troops-help-others](http://www.ourmilitary.mil/helping-troops-help-others))

A list of links to nonprofit organizations that engage veterans in service to other veterans and military families.

### **Military Family and Veterans Non-Profits**

Blue Star Families ([www.bluestarfam.org](http://www.bluestarfam.org))

Blue Star Families works hand in hand to share the pride of service, promote healthier families, aid in our military readiness, and contribute to our country's strength.

### **Gold Star Families Chapter 61**

President Michele McNaughton 631-375-0230

### **The Mission Continues** ([www.missioncontinues.org](http://www.missioncontinues.org))

An organization dedicated to building an America where every returning veteran can serve as a citizen leader and where together the fallen are honored by living their values through service.

### **The American Legion** ([www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org))

The nation's largest veteran's service organization, the American Legion is committed to local programming that strengthens its commitment and ties to local communities.

### **Veterans of Foreign Wars** ([www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org))

The VFW aims to serve our veterans by fostering camaraderie among U.S. veterans of overseas conflicts and advocating on their behalf.



**National Military Family Association** ([www.militaryfamily.org](http://www.militaryfamily.org))  
Founded in 1969, the National Military Family Association fights for benefits and programs that strengthen and protect uniformed services families and reflects the Nation's respect for their Service.

**Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America** ([www.iava.org](http://www.iava.org))  
Founded in 2004, this organization works to improve the lives of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families.

**USO** ([www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org))  
For the past 70 years, the USO has provided Americans a way to express their gratitude to active-duty servicemen and women, veterans, and the military community. The USO has a presence around the globe, with more than 150 centers in 27 countries.

**Additional Nonprofit Organizations**  
Serving Veterans and Military Families

**Team Rubicon** ([teamrubiconusa.org](http://teamrubiconusa.org))  
Team Rubicon unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams.

**Operation Military Kids** Our mission is to support National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty Service Members' children living in our own backyards in NYS by increasing community awareness of issues faced before, during and after deployment through education; and by creating a network of services and resources available locally for affected military kids.  
([www.operationmilitarykids.org/public/statePOCHome.aspx?state=New%20York](http://www.operationmilitarykids.org/public/statePOCHome.aspx?state=New%20York))

**4H Support for Operation Military Kids**  
Since 1995, 4-H National Headquarters has worked in partnership with U.S. Army Child, Youth, and School Services (CYSS), Air Force Family Member Programs (FMP) and, beginning in 2007, Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) to extend 4-H to U.S. Military Families worldwide. With support of 4-H professionals, military staff and volunteers provide quality developmental programs for children in safe and nurturing environments so that

military men and women can pursue their critical, high risk assignments. 4-H clubs provide "a slice of home" for military youth worldwide through quality educational experiences using research based curricula for youth ages 5 – 19. Military youth can become involved in 4-H and continue their 4-H work wherever they move when their parents are transferred or deployed. Throughout the year, 4-Hers and volunteers throughout the county will be sewing backpacks and stuffing them with fun stuff (dolls, stuffed animals, games, etc), communication tools (stamps, stationary, journals, scrapbooks, disposable cameras) and a letters from kids.  
<http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/get%20involved/Pages/4-HMilitary.aspx>  
<http://ccesuffolk.org/operation-military-kids/>

Additional Volunteer Portals

[www.longislandvolunteercenter.org](http://www.longislandvolunteercenter.org)  
[www.newyorkersvolunteer.ny.gov](http://www.newyorkersvolunteer.ny.gov)  
[www.unitedwayli.org/volunteer](http://www.unitedwayli.org/volunteer)  
[211longisland.communityos.org/zf/profile/search](http://211longisland.communityos.org/zf/profile/search)  
[www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org)  
[www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org)  
[www.911day.org](http://www.911day.org)  
Retired Senior Volunteer Program Nassau County,  
[www.volunteermatch.org/search/org553122.jsp](http://www.volunteermatch.org/search/org553122.jsp)

**Retired Senior Volunteer Program Suffolk County**  
[www.rsvpsuffolk.org/](http://www.rsvpsuffolk.org/)  
[https://www.facebook.com/BootsOnTheGroundNY?ref=stream&hc\\_location=stream](https://www.facebook.com/BootsOnTheGroundNY?ref=stream&hc_location=stream)

**VETERANS - FREE SAFETY HOME REPAIRS**  
FREE SAFETY HOME REPAIRS FOR QUALIFIED LOW INCOME HOMEOWNERS: Rebuilding Together Long Island offers free minor home repairs to low-income homeowners who are elderly or physically unable to maintain their home on their own. Wheel chair ramps are also constructed for qualified homeowners.  
Call Office: 631-777-7894  
Website: [rebuildingtogetherlongisland.org](http://rebuildingtogetherlongisland.org)  
\*no email, only calls accepted to apply

## General Services

### SERVICES – DEPLOYED MILITARY

**ADOPT A BATTALION – 501 C 3**  
Founded in 2004 – shipped 36 tons of necessities and goodies to our military. Accepts donations from members of the local community – individuals and groups (scouts, faith based organizations, etc.) Adopt a Battalion pays the cost of shipping to all branches of the services. They need a service person's APO address (must ship to an individual – NOT "any soldier"). The person receiving the package will share with buddies. See list above. Ken Catalano, President 516-359-9371

**OPERATION SHOE BOX** – coordinated with the Army National Guard who will ship supplies to our troops in Afghanistan and other areas overseas. For further details: Chanbir Kaur 516-476-1003. Send a package to a soldier on the front saying thanks for your service.

**Girl Scouts of America** will send cookies to military deployed. Additional information: Donna Rivera Downey, 516-741-2550-x260 – Must have individual APO address. Girl Scouts of Nassau County, 110 Ring Road West, Garden City, NY 11530-3296.

**Oriental Trading** (mail order – address to follow) encloses pre-addressed, post-paid box to donate phones.

**Long Island Ducks,**  
Veterans honored at every home game. Will Recieve 10 complimentary tickets to the game for family and friends. Suffolk County Veterans Service  
Officer Melissa Pandolf for information – 631-853-VETS

## General Services

### **Suffolk Cooperative Library System**

Valerie Lewis, Administrator of Outreach Services  
627 N. Sunrise Service Road, Bellport, NY 11713  
Tel: 631-286-1600, Ext. 1354  
Fax: 631-286-1647  
[valerie@suffolknet.org](mailto:valerie@suffolknet.org)

### **Wounded Warrior Project**

Brendan Piper, Outreach Specialist  
370 7th Avenue, Suite 1802, New York, NY 10001  
O: 646-568-5744 • M: 904-578-2389  
[bpiper@woundedwarriorproject.org](mailto:bpiper@woundedwarriorproject.org)  
[woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org)  
877-TEAM-WWP

### **The Town of North Hempstead**

Jennifer S. DeSena, Town Supervisor  
220 Plandome Road, Manhasset, NY 11030  
Phone: 516-869-7604  
Fax: 516-627-4204  
Email: [desenj@northhempsteadny.gov](mailto:desenj@northhempsteadny.gov)

### **Long Island 9-1-1 Veterans**

PO Box 911  
Lindenhurst, NY 11757  
631-209-5200  
[www.911veterans.org](http://www.911veterans.org)

## General Information

**The Citizen Soldier Support Program (CSSP)** is working to connect servicemembers and their families to primary health care and behavioral health providers trained to address issues that affect military members and the people who support our Nation's troops before, during, and after deployment.

Connecting Servicemembers, Veterans, and their Families with Health Care Providers

**WARWITHIN.ORG**

# Veteran Community Organizations

Organization	Contact Title/Role	Salutation	First	Last	Primary Phone	Email
Nassau Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #82	President	Mr.	Steve	Bonom	516-286-0662	bonomsupp@optonline.net
Nassau Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #83	First Vice President	Mr.	Richard	Guevara	316-681-8952	rguevara1945@gmail.com
Nassau Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #84	Second Vice President	Mr.	Robert	Selby	516-922-1966	rjs1048@optline.net
Nassau Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #85	Secretary	Mr.	Paul	Masi	516-509-6745	dunkinca@aol.com
Nassau Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #86	Treasurer	Mr.	Greg	Keramis	917-648-2489	papasan19@aol.com
Nassau Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #87	Board Member	Mr.	Nelson	Mangan	516-458-6348	nelsonmangan1905@gmail.com
Nassau Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #88	Board Member	Mr.	Vinny	Morreale	631-252-1962	vingin75@verizon.net
Nassau Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #89	Board Member	Mr.	Robert	Rydell	516-333-3197	robertrydell@optonline.net
Nassau Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #90	Board Member	Mr.	Kevin	Carpenter	516-732-1401	collectorkc46@gmail.com
Nassau Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #91	Board Member	Mr.	Stephen	Bodzin	516-987-9466	stephen2553@msn.com
Nassau Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #92	Board Member	Mr.	Stephen	Deutch	718-753-7011	nycsuspenders@gmail.com
Nassau Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #93	Board Member	Mr.	Tom	Basacchi	516-680-0073	tombec0423@outlook.com
Nassau Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #94	Delegate	Mr.	John	Kostynick	516-578-4813	
Nassau Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #95	VVA Coordinator, Service Officer Program	Ms.	Cherie	Steers	516-822-5938	
LI State Veterans Nursing Home	Executive Director	Mr.	Fred	Sganga	631-444-8606	
LI State Veterans Nursing Home	Rehab Services Director	Ms.	Michele	Hyland	631-444-8511	
Town of Oyster Bay Division of Veterans Services	Director	Mr.	Walter	Schmidt	516-797-7875	
Nassau County Veterans Service Agency	Director	Mr.	Ralph	Esposito	516-572-6565	resposito1@nassaucountyny.gov
Nassau County Veterans Service Agency	Deputy Director		Paul		516-572-6565	
Veterans Health Alliance of Long Island	Director		Jeffrey	McQueen	516-489-2322 ext 1202	
Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center	Acting Director	Dr.	Cathy	Cruise	631-261-4400	
William Bradford Turner American Legion Post 265	Adjutant	Adjutant	Christopher C.	Blume		christopher.blume@me.com
American Legion Post 0743	Commander	Commander	Arnold E.	Katz		commander.aviatorspost@hotmail.com
American Legion Post 1087	Commander	Commander	Peter	Johansen		
American Legion Post 1488	Commander	Commander	Samuel	Walker, Jr.		
American Legion Levittown	Point person		Fred	Wedin	516-983-6202	Fred4Lou@aol.com
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9592	Senior Vice Commander		Peter	Stasinski	516-579-4420	mdegre8305@aol.com
Veteran of Foreign Wars	Commander	Commander	John	Conway	516-354-9393	
VFW Post 9592	Commander	Commander	Thomas	Caro		pamtom@optonline.net
Levittown American Legion Post 1711	Commander	Commander	Frank	Marcinek	516-749-3324	fwmarcinek@gmail.com
Levittown VFW Post 9592	Chief of staff	Mr.	Matthew	DeGregorio	(516) 220-6029	mdegre8305@aol.com
American Legion District 10	Vice-Chair		Harry	Ransom	516-481-7104	L4Ransom@aol.com
Massapequa American Legion Post 1066	Acting Commander	Commander	Dennis	Dietrich	516-795-1504	
East Meadow American Legion 1082	Commander	Commander	Pete	Wenninger	516-978-5884	Emfd243@gmail.com
American Legion Nassau County Committee	Former Commander	Mr.	Frank	Neal	516-375-2139	commander390@optonline.net
AMVETS Post 88	Commander	Commander	Jason	Pachucki	(339) 927-3464	Jpachucki78@gmail.com

## SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION POSTS

Babylon Post 94 22 Grove Place Babylon, NY 11702	Bay Shore Post 365 P.O. Box 5365 Bay Shore, NY 11706	Cacioppo Post 1848 507 Long island Ave Medford, NY 11763	Griswold Terry Glover Post 803 P.O. Box 591 Southold, NY 11971
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**VA Benefits**

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Benefits for Veterans and family

**Nassau County****Nassau County Leisure Pass**

Persons apply for the Veterans leisure pass for the first time must submit a copy of veteran's discharge papers (DD214) and proof of residency. Holders of this pass are eligible for discounted fees within the Nassau County Parks system. The veteran's leisure pass is \$25 and is valid for three years.

**Nassau County Police Department**

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516-573-7360  
Patrick J. Ryder, Police Commissioner  
[www.pdcn.org/test](http://www.pdcn.org/test)

**Nassau County Clerk**

240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 11501  
Maureen O'Connell  
[www.nassaucountyny.gov/clerk](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/clerk)

This program allows veterans the opportunity to record their Veteran Discharge (DD-214) papers free of charge. Upon recording these documents, the veteran will be eligible to receive Veterans Discount Photo ID card which provides discounts at participating business throughout Nassau County.

**Spring into Action-Town of Oyster Bay**

54 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, NY  
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**Veterans Service Agency**

240 Old County Road, Mineola, NY 11501  
516-571-2664

**Nassau County Veterans Treatment Court**

99 Main Street  
Hempstead, NY 11550  
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[www.nassaucountyny.gov/vtc](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/vtc)

U.S. military veterans charged with relatively minor, non-violent offenses may qualify for reduced charges or penalties by participating in court-supervised program.

**NCVSA**

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John Casper (Founder)

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[John@hpwater.org](mailto:John@hpwater.org)

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If you have additional questions, please call the office of Receiver of Taxes at 516-624-6400

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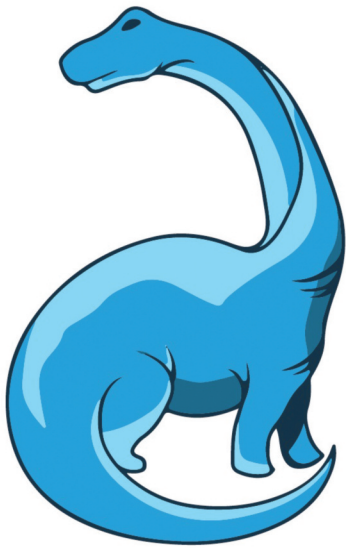
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