

Resource information from *The Basilica of Saint Mary's* Mental Health Ministry presentation:

Coming Home from War

The Faith Community's Response to Our Veterans and Their Families

Strategies for members of faith communities
to welcome back and support veterans and their
families

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans MACV provides a structured assistance program giving the homeless veteran support to once again become a productive member of the community, confidence to rebuild relationships and knowledge that the community recognizes and cares about them and their service to our country. We assist homeless veterans but also provide supportive services to prevent homelessness for veterans and their families in the form of rental/mortgage assistance, employment assistance, transportation, an, utility, and food. www.mac-v.org

Military OneSource is a free support service provided by the Department of Defense offering assistance and resources to service members and their families on many different issues. Military OneSource, which supplements existing installation services, provides free help and information, by phone with a professionally trained consultant or online, on a wide range of issues that affect you and your family -- from budgeting and investing to relationships and deployment. It's available whenever you are -- 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Whether you're single or married, a parent or not a parent, Military OneSource can help with the issues that are important to you. www.militaryonesource.com

Child & Youth Services – 88th Regional Readiness Command supports readiness and well-being of geographically dispersed families by reducing the conflict between military mission requirements and parental responsibilities. This includes helping to access child care for Army Reserve Families at a reduced rate, connecting AR youth with after school and weekend outreach services, participating in community support networks that help reduce stress on “suddenly military” kids, offering summer camp opportunities for Military youth, providing many Army Reserve youth leadership opportunities, and bringing awareness into the community about the effects of “suddenly military” life. www.arfp.org/cys

Barbara Schneider Foundation is working with its partners in law enforcement, courts, corrections, mental health, and social services and health care systems to improve the response to those in mental health crisis and to prevent mental health crises. The result has been more appropriate and effective mental health crisis response, improved officer safety, growing police/community partnerships and increased collaboration among all the systems that work with those with a mental illness. www.thebarbaraschneiderfoundation.org

Disabled American Veterans With more than 1.2 million members, Disabled American Veterans is an organization of disabled veterans who are focused on building better lives for disabled veterans and their families. The organization accomplishes this goal by providing free assistance to veterans in obtaining benefits and services earned through their military service. It is fully funded through its membership dues and public contributions. It is not a government agency and receives no government funds. DAV is the foremost representative of the interests of disabled veterans and their families, their widowed spouses and their orphans before federal, state, and local governments. Our National Legislative Program ensures disabled veterans are not forgotten by lawmakers. www.dav.org

88th Regional Readiness Command Family Support track family information on mobilized soldiers. Send deployment and return information to family members. Support Family Readiness Volunteers. Train Family Readiness groups. Train rear detachment officers to support soldiers and families as requested. Support Youth Service Programs, support Army Family Action Plan and Army Family Training as requested. Provide deployment briefs, support individual families in crisis as requested. Provide training to volunteers, units, unit commanders and persons of interest. www.usarc.army.mil/88thrc

Washington County Veterans' Service helps veterans obtain VA Service-Connected Compensation, VA Non-Service Pension, VA Health Care, Minnesota state dental, optical and financial benefits. We assist veterans in obtaining chemical dependency treatment, placement in state veterans' homes, sober housing and many other benefits. Washington County Veterans' Service also helps surviving spouses obtain benefits and focuses on serving homeless veterans. www.co.washington.mn.us

Dislocated Worker Program JOBS for VETERANS, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, is designed to help you find the job that best utilizes your skills. JOBS for VETERANS provides these unique, free, individualized services to veterans: Employment Services, Education and Skills Training, One-On-One Support, and Follow-Up Services. JOBS for VETERANS serves veterans throughout the seven-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and the four-county St. Cloud Area. lhuetter@resource-mn.org