



Denton County was established by the Texas legislature on April 11, 1846

County Judge Mary Horn, Commissioner Cynthia White, Precinct 1;
Commissioner Sandy Jacobs, Precinct 2; Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, Precinct 3;
Commissioner Jim Carter, Precinct 4

Serving the Veterans of Denton County

Vet Center

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RCS Statement of Purpose

*We are the people in VA who welcome **home** with honor the **war veteran** by providing **quality readjustment services** in a caring manner assisting them and their **family members** toward a successful **post-war adjustment** in or near their respective **communities**.*

Bereavement Counseling

is now being offered to parents, spouses and children of Armed Forces personnel who died in the service of their country. Also eligible are family members of reservists and National Guardsmen who die while on duty

Readjustment Counseling Service

Vet Center Eligibility

Legislation passed by Congress and signed into law by the President changes eligibility for Vet Center services (Public Law 104-262), and extends definition of the Vietnam era for war zone veterans (P.L. 104-275).

WAR ZONE VETERANS - all eras, including-
VIETNAM WAR - 28 Feb. 1961 to
7 May 1975

KOREAN WAR - 27 June 1950 to
27 July 1954 (eligible for the Korean Service Medal)

WORLD WAR II - Three eligible categories
European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign
Medal (7 Dec. 1941 to 8 Nov. 1945), Asiatic
-Pacific Campaign Medal (7 Dec. 1941 to
2 Mar. 1946), or

American Campaign Medal
(7 Dec. 1941 to 2 Mar. 1946)

AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINES - In oceangoing
service during the period of armed conflict, 7 Dec.
1941 to 15 Aug. 1945

**VIETNAM ERA VETERANS NOT IN THE WAR
ZONE** - 5 Aug. 1964 to 7 May 1975 (eligible until
January 1, 2004, however, veterans who were Vet Cen-
ter clients prior to January 1, 2004, remain eligible)

LEBANON - 25 Aug. 1982 to 26 Feb. 1984

GRENADA - 23 Oct. 1983 to 21 Nov. 1983

PANAMA - 20 Dec. 1989 to 31 Jan. 1990

PERSIAN GULF - 2 Aug. 1990 to -

SOMALIA - 17 Sept. 1992 to -

**OPERATION JOINT ENDEAVOR, OPERATION
JOINT GUARD, & OPERATION JOINT FORGE** -
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eligibility has been extended to veterans who partici-
pated in one or more of the three successive operations
in the former Yugoslavia (Bosnia-Herzegovina and
Croatia, aboard U.S. Naval vessels operating in the
Adriatic Sea, or air spaces above those areas).

**SEXUAL TRAUMA AND HARASSMENT COUN-
SELING** - veterans of both sexes, all eras Vet Center
services include individual readjustment counseling,
referral for benefits assistance, group readjustment
counseling, liaison with community agencies, marital
and family counseling, substance abuse information and
referral, job counseling and placement, sexual trauma
counseling, and community education.

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM - Veterans who
serve or have served in military expeditions to combat
terrorism on or after September 11, 2001 and before a
terminal date yet to be established.

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELING - Bereavement
counseling is assistance and support to people with emo-
tional and psychological stress after the death of a loved
one. Bereavement counseling includes a board range of
transition services, including outreach, counseling, and
referral services to family members

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VET CENTER MISSION

Vet Centers serve veterans and their families by providing a continuum of quality care that adds value for veterans, families, and communities. Care includes professional readjustment counseling, community education, outreach to special populations, the brokering of services with community agencies, and provides a key access link between veterans and other services in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

VET CENTER VALUES

- Veteran focused services
- Quality
- Community based care
- Honor and respect for the service of our nation's veterans, and the sacrifices of their families
- Delivery of cost-effective service
- Health, wellness and preventive care
- Diverse staff composition and military experience similar to the veterans we serve

VET CENTER SERVICES

- Individual readjustment counseling
- Referral for benefits assistance
- Group readjustment counseling
- Liaison with community agencies
- Marital and family counseling
- Substance abuse information and referral
- Job counseling and referral
- Sexual trauma counseling and referral
- Community education
- Bereavement counseling

Bereavement Counseling for Surviving Family Members @ VHA Readjustment Counseling Service Vet Centers

Bereavement counseling is assistance and support to people with emotional and psychological stress after the death of a loved one. Bereavement counseling includes a broad range of transition services, including outreach, counseling, and referral services to family members.

The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) offers bereavement counseling to parents, spouses and children of Armed Forces personnel who died in the service of their country. Also eligible are family members of reservists and National Guardsmen who die while on duty.

VA's bereavement counseling is provided at community-based Vet Centers located near the families. There is no cost for VA bereavement counseling.

Services are obtained by contacting Readjustment Counseling Service at 202-273-9116 or via electronic mail at vet.center@hq.med.va.gov both of which are specific to this specialized service. RCS staff will assist families in contacting the nearest Vet Center.



What Is VAVC?

The Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)

- Founded in 1946 to provide for our nation's veterans while they are cared for by VA health care facilities
- One of the largest centralized volunteer program in the Federal Government
- Over 350 organizations support VAVS
- Volunteers have provided over 676 million hours of service since 1946

Community Assistance

- Assist veteran patients by augmenting staff end of life care programs, foster care, community based volunteer programs, hospital wards, nursing homes and
- Veteran outreach centers

Contributions

- Annual contributions over \$42 million in gifts and donations
- Volunteers contributed more than 13 million hours of service to veterans in FY2005
- VAVS volunteers are a priceless asset to America's veterans and to VA



How do I sign up to be a VAVS Volunteer?

1) Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs facility nearest you. Ask for Voluntary Service. Tell their staff of your interest in becoming a VAVS Volunteer. The staff will take care of everything else including your interview, orientation, and assignment! To find out which facility is nearest you, [click here](#).

Each of the programs below meet a specific need for America's veterans. Click on the button/name of each program for more detailed information.

▶ [Student Volunteer Program](#)

▶ [National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans](#)

▶ [Volunteer Transportation Network](#)

▶ [Corporate Volunteerism](#)

▶ [Other ways to help America's Veterans](#)



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

Application for Merchant Marine Veteran Status DD214

Mariner or survivor should complete the following steps and mail to the proper address:

1. Complete Form DD2168. Supply as much information as possible. You can download Application [DD Form 2168](#) here, or you can use old versions of the form. The address on the back of the form is not valid for mariners, so is not included there.
2. Include photocopies of discharges, identification, and other supporting documents.
3. Survivors need to include a certified death certificate. The Coast Guard will issue documents for a person listed as an official casualty without a death certificate.
4. No fee required if service was between December 7, 1941 and August 14, 1945.
5. Include check or money order for \$30 payable to US Treasury if seeking veteran status for the period from August 15, 1945 through December 31, 1946.

More information:

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/wwiimm.html#background>

U.S. Merchant Marine Veteran Status:
WWII Merchant Mariner Qualifications
Highland Community Bank
P.O. Box 804118
Chicago, IL 60601-4118

U.S. Army Transport Service Veteran Status
U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Command
Attention: PSV-V
One Reserve Way
St. Louis, MO 63132-5200

Joint Resolution of Congress Designating May 22 as National Maritime Day passed May 20, 1933

73rd Congress, Session I, 1933

S. J. Res No.7

JOINT RESOLUTION Designating May 22 as National Maritime Day.

Whereas on May 22, 1819, the steamship *The Savannah* set sail from Savannah, Georgia, on the first successful transoceanic voyage under steam propulsion, thus making a material contribution to the advancement of ocean transportation: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That May 22 of each year shall hereafter be designated and known as National Maritime Day, and the President is authorized and requested annually to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such National Maritime Day by displaying the flag at their homes or other suitable places and Government officials to display the flag on all Government buildings on May 22 of each year.

Approved, May 20, 1933

For Local Help
Denton County Veterans Service Office
1505 E. McKinney St. #183
Denton, TX 76209
940-349-2950
Fax: 940-349-2951
Monday through Friday
8:00 am to noon
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**PHARMACY POLICY CHANGE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2006
WALK-IN TO REFILL DRUGS ENDS MARCH 1, 2006**

The VA NTHCS wants to reduce the waiting time it takes to get new drug requests filled at the Outpatient Pharmacy Pick-Up windows. In order to make this change, we VA NTHCS will no longer honor walk-in refill drug requests as of March 1, 2006. Refill drugs will continue to be provided through the mail when the veteran mails in the request slips. The veteran may also continue to order refills by phone. Veterans can even request refills on-line through the My-HealthVet: <http://www.myhealth.va.gov>.

Four Ways to Request Refills

Call the telephone ordering system at 1-800-849-3597

Mail the refill slips to:
Pharmacy Service (119)
VA NTHCS
4500 S. Lancaster Rd
Dallas, TX 75216

Place refill slips in the brown mailboxes marked “Prescription Mail-Out Drop Box”

Refill on the internet at
<http://www.myhealth.va.gov>, go to the “My Care” tab

