

Services Provided

- Individual Readjustment Counseling
- Group Readjustment Counseling
- Marital/Family Counseling
- Substance Abuse Information and Referral
- Spouse/Significant Other Group
- Benefits Assistance and Referral
- Job Counseling and Placement
- Employment Counseling & Guidance
- Community Education
- Liaison with VA Facilities
- Referral to Community Agencies
- Sexual Trauma Counseling

Eligibility

Legislation passed by Congress and signed 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).

Vet Centers serve veterans from the following periods of hostilities:

War Zone Veterans all eras, including-

Vietnam War Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975

Vietnam Era Veterans not in the war zone Aug. 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975 (eligible until Jan. 1, 2000. However, veterans who were Vet Center clients prior to Jan. 1, 2000 remain eligible.)

Korean War June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1954

World War II

European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal Dec. 7, 1941 to Nov. 8, 1945

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal Dec. 7, 1941 to Mar. 2, 1946

American Campaign Medal Dec. 7, 1941 to Mar. 2, 1946

Lebanon Aug. 25, 1982 to Feb. 26, 1984

Grenada Oct. 23, 1983 to Nov. 21, 1983

Panama Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990

Persian Gulf Aug. 2, 1990 to —

Somalia Sept. 17, 1992 to —

Sexual Trauma and Harassment

Counseling Veterans of both sexes...All Eras

Vet Center Values

Trauma Counseling: To ENSURE the highest quality of counseling for posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms delivered in accessible community settings.

Special Populations: To REACH OUT to the disenfranchised and unserved veteran.

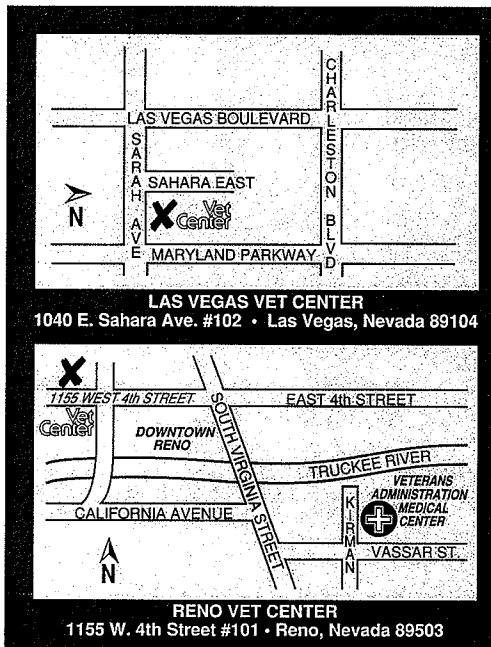
Networking: To ESTABLISH working relationships with local, state, and federal organizations to assist veterans who are readjusting from military to civilian life.

Wellness: To PROMOTE wellness activities with veterans to help them reach quality health and life goals and diminish the need for more intensive health care.

Leadership: To SERVE as the leaders in provision of treatment and outreach for veterans suffering from war trauma and connect veterans to appropriate resources to compassionately heal that trauma.

Management: To PROVIDE a cost effective system of community based Vet Centers bringing services to eligible veterans.

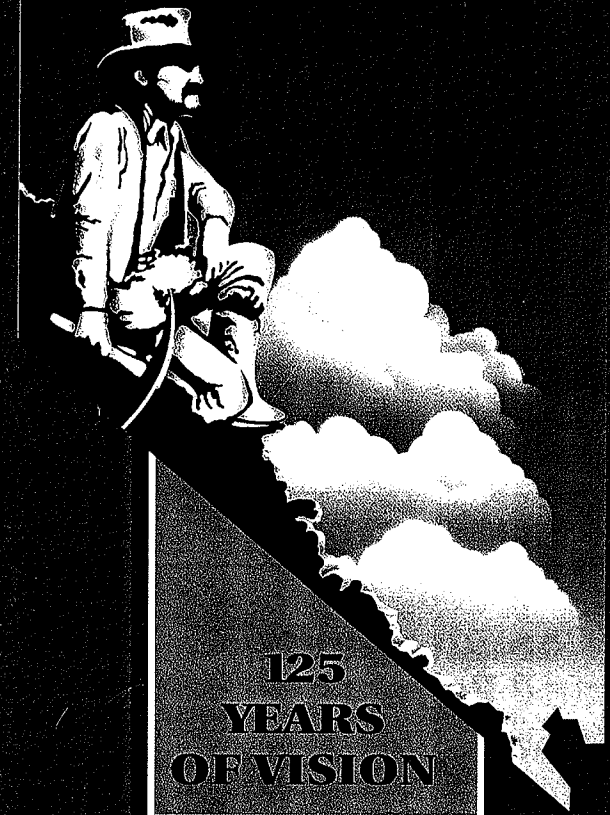
Transitional Assistance: To ASSIST transitioning military personnel with professional readjustment services.



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Background Of Readjustment Counseling Services

The Vet Center Program was established by Congress in 1979 out of the recognition that a significant number of Vietnam Era veterans were still experiencing readjustment problems. Vet Centers are community based and are a part of the Department of Veterans Affairs. In April 1991, in response to the Persian Gulf War, Congress extended the eligibility to veterans who served during other periods of armed hostilities after the Vietnam era. These other periods of armed hostilities are identified as Lebanon, Grenada, Panama and Persian Gulf. In 1996 Congress extended eligibility to include most war zone veterans of WW II and the Korean War.

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Confidentiality and Privacy

The Vet Center Staff respects the privacy of all veterans, and we hold in strictest confidence all information disclosed in the counseling process. No information will be communicated to any person or agency, without written consent from the veterans, except in circumstances to avert a crisis. (*Privacy Act, 1975*).

Objectives

To promote quality clinically sound services to veterans and their families. In order to meet the goals of the program, the Nevada Vet Centers have the following objectives:

Outreach to locate eligible veterans and engage them in programs that meet their readjustment needs.

Provide counseling and other services to eligible veterans and their families.

Refer veterans to appropriate community agencies and service providers.

Serve as liaison between veterans and other VA facilities.

Provide follow-up to ensure that eligible veterans receive adequate services.

Offer community education to inform the public of the needs of veterans who served in combat or other situations of armed hostilities and the services of the Vet Center.

Mission Statement

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 the veteran and other services in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.