

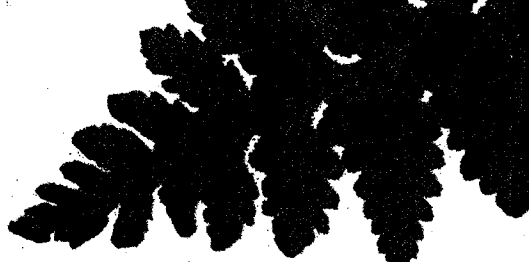

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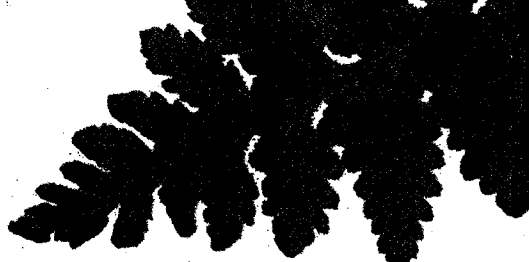
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- ◆ Individual Readjustment Counseling
 - ◆ Group Readjustment Counseling
 - ◆ Post Traumatic Stress Counseling
 - ◆ Marital & Family Counseling
 - ◆ Sexual Trauma Counseling
 - ◆ Substance Abuse Counseling
Information & Referrals
 - ◆ Spouse & Significant Other
Counseling
 - ◆ Benefits Assistance & Referral
 - ◆ Liaison with VA Facilities
 - ◆ Referrals to Community Agencies
 - ◆ Employment Counseling & Referral
 - ◆ Community Outreach & Education
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WASHINGTON STATE VETERANS' OUTREACH CENTERS





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 a branch of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life.

Eligibility for Service

- WWII - European/African/Middle Eastern Campaign Medal: Dec 7, 1941 - Nov 8, 1945. Asiatic/Pacific Campaign Medal: Dec 7, 1941 - Mar 2, 1946. American Campaign Medal: Dec 7, 1941 - Mar 2, 1946.
- Korean War: June 17, 1950 - July 27, 1954.
- Vietnam War: Feb 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975.
- Lebanon: Aug 25, 1982 - Feb 26, 1984.
- Grenada: Oct 23, 1983 - Nov 21, 1983.
- Panama: Dec 20, 1989 - Jan 31, 1990.
- Persian Gulf: Aug 2, 1990 -
- Somalia: Sept 17, 1992 -
- Vietnam Era Veterans not in the War Zone (Aug 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975) eligible until January 1, 2000. However, veterans who were Vet Center clients prior to Jan 1, 2000, remain eligible.
- All Veterans who have experienced acts of sexual violence or harassment while on active duty.

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 goal of the program, the 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 service.
- Offer community education to inform the public of the needs of veterans who served combat or other situations of armed hostilities and the services of the Vet Center.

You are not forgotten!