



IndependenceFirst

The Resource For People With Disabilities

Veteran Services—Milwaukee County

American Legion

4629 N Port Washington Road
Glendale, WI 53212
Office: 414-961-2323

Services: Mentoring and sponsorship of youth, amateur athletic programs, reintegration assistance service for wounded veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan, various scholarship opportunities, and advocating for veteran rights.

To find a post near you visit

<http://www.legion.org/posts>

American Legion-Department of Wisconsin

P.O. Box 388
Portage, WI 53901

<http://wilegion.org/>

Organization is comprised of veterans committed to serving veterans, their families, and their communities. Numerous Wisconsin resources available on the website, including how to find a post near you.

American Legion-National Website

<http://www.legion.org/posts>

The American Legion is the nation's largest veterans service organization. Advocating for patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service-members and veterans. Numerous resources available on the website, including how to find a post near you.

Blinded Vet Association

VA Medical Center
5000 W National Ave., Rm 70-D-20
Milwaukee, WI 53295
Robert Malak: 414-384-2000 extn:
45123

Services: A field service program, volunteer services, a peer support program, and a scholarship program

Eligibility: Must be legally blind

Center for Veterans Issues

3312 W Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208
Office: 414-345-3917

Services: Transitional housing to homeless veterans, also offering many services to help veterans transition back into the community.

Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center

5000 West National Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53295
Office: 414-384-2000

Services: Medical Care, Geriatric Programming, Substance Abuse Rehabilitation, Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder care.

Disabled American Veterans

5400 W National Ave., VARO RM 162
Milwaukee, WI 53214

Office: 414-902-5736

Services: Assistance in filing for compensation and pension, vocational rehabilitation and employment, education, home loan guaranty, life insurance, death benefits, health care, counseling, community outreach, represent veterans and active duty military personnel before official panels.

Dryhootch

1030 E Brady Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Office: 414-763-2785

Services: A coffee house where veterans could meet, socialize, and seek treatment, peer to peer counseling, advice on how to apply for benefits, or find a company with a job who values their service.

IndependenceFirst

540 S 1st. Street

Milwaukee, WI 53204

414-291-7520 V/TTY/Relay

414-291-7525 FAX

www.independencefirst.org

Services: IndependenceFirst provides advocacy, independent living skills training, information and referral and peer support services to individuals with disabilities. Additional services include assistance with assistive technology and adaptive equipment, housing services, personal assistant services for those in need of a personal care attendant, wheelchair sports and adaptive recreation, youth leadership and many others. We are honored to serve our veterans.

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Meet at a variety of locations in Wauwatosa on the fourth Saturday bi-monthly. To find where it is call Robert Bruhns at 414-570-8752 or 414-764-6022

Services: A variety of programs are available.

Military Order of the Purple Heart Regional Office

5400 W National Avenue, Room 159
Milwaukee, WI 53214

Office: 414- 902-5742

Services: A variety of different programs are available

Milwaukee County Veteran Services

5000 W National Avenue, Building 4
Milwaukee, WI 53295

Jim Duff: 414-382-1727

Services: Represents veterans before the Department of Veteran Affairs in securing compensation and benefits, and represents veterans in matters coming before a court.

Milwaukee VA Regional Center

5400 W National Avenue

Milwaukee, WI 53214

Office: 800-827-1000

Pension Office only: 877-294-6380

Direct number: 414-902-5000

Services: Determining disability levels, ensuring proper payment, benefits counseling, determining entitlement to special adapted housing, and managing fiduciary services. Provide services and assistance for persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible, and keep their jobs.

Milwaukee Vet Center #0415

5401 N 76th Street Suite 100

Milwaukee, WI 53218

Office: 414-536-1301

Services: readjustment counseling for Combat vets, Military sexual trauma vets and bereavement.

Eligibility: Must fall within one of these categories to receive services.

National Association for Black Vets

2669 N Martin Luther King Drive

Milwaukee, WI 53212

Curtis Taylor: 414-562-6250 extension: 102

Services: A holistic approach to providing Veteran needs, mainly dealing with the homeless or those who are in danger of losing their housing.

Eligibility: Must be a vet.

Office of Veterans Business Development

310 W Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 400

Milwaukee, WI 53203

Office: 414-297-7231

Services: Helps to start, build and grow your own business.

Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter

2311 S 108th Street

West Allis, WI 53227

Office: 414-328-8910

Services: Advocates for veterans and provide a variety of programs

UW- Milwaukee

168 Mellencamp Hall, UW-Milwaukee

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

James Schmidt: 414-229-6392

Services: Financial support for school.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1691

15890 W Maple Ridge Rd

New Berlin, WI 53151

Office: 262-786-5221

Services: Community service programs, citizen education programs, youth scholarships, safety programs, and a VFW National Home for children (for single parents or orphaned children of VFW or Ladies Auxiliary members) *To find a post close to you visit <http://emem.vfw.org/findpost.aspx>*

Vets Place Central, Center for Housing Issues

3330 W Wells Street, VAMC

Milwaukee, WI 53208

Office: 414-342-5000

Services: Empower homeless and low-income veterans for independent living; also do education, training, and employment.

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) was created in 1945 to consolidate separate veterans programs under one agency. Today, WDVA provides grants, loans and a variety of services to eligible Wisconsin veterans and their families. For more information call 800-947-8387 or visit www.WisVets.com

The U.S. Departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans Affairs have announced the release of a new state widget on the [National Resource Directory](#) (NRD). The NRD is for Wounded Warriors, transitioning Service Members, Veterans and those who support them. The site provides quick and easy access to thousands of resources to help in their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration.

The [NRD State Widget](#) enables you display resources from the NRD, tailored by state and subject area, on any website or blog, creating a single point of access to local, community-based programs and services. As new resources and information are added to the NRD for your state, the widget will automatically update to show them on your site.

Make the [NRD State Widget](#) a part of your website, and visit the NRD today to get [answers to questions](#) about benefits and compensation, housing, education and training and much more.