

HISTORY OF READJUSTMENT COUNSELING SERVICE (RCS)

The Vet Center Program was established by Congress in 1979 out of recognition that a significant number of Vietnam era Veterans were still experiencing readjustment problems. Vet Centers are community based and 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. Those other periods of armed hostilities are identified as WWII, Korea, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf and Somalia, as well as, GWOT. 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 SERVICES

ALL VETERANS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE BELOW LISTED AREAS OF ARMED HOSTILITIES

WWII-Dec 1941 –Mar 1946

KOREA-June 1950-July 1954

VIETNAM -FEB. 28, 1961 TO 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-Present

SOMALIA-Sept. 17, 1992—Present

OPERATION OEF Oct. 2001—Present

OPERATION OIF March 2003 –Sept. 10, 2010

OPERATION NEW DAWN -

Sep 2010-Present

Veterans reporting Military Sexual Trauma

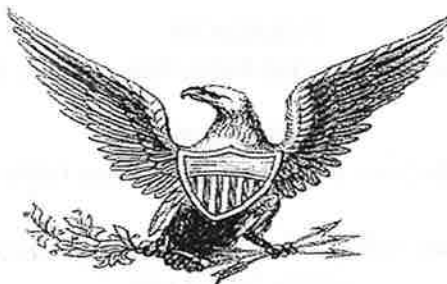
THE WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH PROGRAM ACT OF 1992



This Act authorizes counseling for women Veterans who have experienced acts of sexual violence or Harassment while serving in the military. Vet Center services for military sexual trauma extend to both male and female Veterans.

Confidentiality & Privacy

The Vet Center Staff respects the privacy of all Veterans & 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 Veteran, except in circumstances to avert a crisis.



SERVICES PROVIDED

- ◆ INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING
- ◆ GROUP COUNSELING
- ◆ SEXUAL TRAUMA COUNSELING
- ◆ MARITAL/FAMILY COUNSELING
- ◆ ALCOHOL/DRUG COUNSELING & REFERRAL
- ◆ BENEFITS ASSISTANCE & REFERRAL
- ◆ JOB REFERRAL
- ◆ EMPLOYMENT COUNSELING & GUIDANCE
- ◆ COMMUNITY EDUCATION
- ◆ LIAISON WITH VA FACILITIES
- ◆ REFERRAL TO COMMUNITY AGENCIES
- ◆ INFORMATION REGARDING LOCAL & NATIONAL VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS & PROJECTS
- ◆ BEREAVEMENT COUNSELING

NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS

Mondays in Lafayette: 10:00am-7:00pm

Mondays in Baton Rouge: 8:00am-7:00pm

Tuesdays in Baton Rouge: 7:00am-7:00pm

Wednesdays in Baton Rouge: 8:00am-7:00pm

Thursdays in Baton Rouge: 8:00am-7:00pm

All Other Days: 8:00am— 4:30pm

*Other appointment times can be arranged *