

# Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

## LGBTQ+ Veteran Resources (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer)

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### American Veterans for Equal Rights (AVER)

Email: [info@aver.us](mailto:info@aver.us)  
[www.aver.us](http://www.aver.us)

678-596-1311 V)

Non-profit, non-partisan, chapter-based Veterans Service Organization of active, reserve, and Veteran service members dedicated to full and equal rights and equitable treatment for all present and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, especially the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender current and prior military personnel who have been historically disenfranchised by armed forces policy and discriminatory laws governing military service and benefits. With chapters across America, AVER provides a unique and safe space where LGBT Veterans can honor pride both in our service and our identity as LGBT people. AVER is dedicated to equality for LGBT service members and Veterans in all aspects of our armed forces, including recruitment, training, promotions, honors, and benefits.

### Blue Alliance

Email: [info@blue-alliance.org](mailto:info@blue-alliance.org)  
[www.blue-alliance.org](http://www.blue-alliance.org)

Facilitates professional networking and mentorship for LGBTQ+ cadets, alumni, Veterans, and employees of USAFA and the US Air Force. Provide educational and consultative resources that support and develop leadership and development programs of the Air Force Academy. Proud to serve and support the mission of the Air Force Academy for ALL cadets, regardless of gender or orientation.

### Knights Out

Email: [info@knightsout.org](mailto:info@knightsout.org)  
[www.knightsout.org](http://www.knightsout.org)

Association of LGBTQ+ West Point alumni and their allies. Supports, serves as a resource, and fosters a positive environment for LGBTQ service members and their families.

### LGBTQI+ Working Group – U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division

Email: [CRT-LGBTI@usdoj.gov](mailto:CRT-LGBTI@usdoj.gov)  
[www.justice.gov/crt/lgbtqi-working-group](http://www.justice.gov/crt/lgbtqi-working-group)

The Working Group advises the Division's leadership and sections within the Division on legal and policy issues relating to discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, intersex status, and HIV/AIDS status. The Working Group explores how existing federal civil rights laws enforced by the Division can address discrimination experienced by LGBTQI+ individuals and identifies appropriate matters and cases for the Division. The Working Group also provides technical assistance to other Department of Justice components and other federal agencies. The Working Group regularly conducts outreach to the LGBTQI+ community and other relevant stakeholders. Finally, the Working Group assists the Division and the Department of Justice with various diversity and education initiatives. To report acts of violence or discrimination described in this brochure, send an email to the Division at [CRT-LGBTQI@usdoj.gov](mailto:CRT-LGBTQI@usdoj.gov) or visit [justice.gov/crt/complaint](http://justice.gov/crt/complaint).

### Modern Military Association of America

1725 I Street NW, Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20006

202-328-3244 (V)

Email: [info@modernmilitary.org](mailto:info@modernmilitary.org)  
<https://modernmilitary.org>

Nation's largest non-profit organization dedicated to advancing fairness and equality for the LGBTQ+ military and Veteran community. Working to make a real difference in the lives of our modern military families through education, advocacy and support. Legal help desk assists members with discharge upgrades, legal name changes and discrimination. Rainbow Shield certification program and other training equip militarys and Veteran service providers with the skills they need to be culturally resilient in providing effective and efficient services to the LGBTQ+ and HIV+ military and Veteran community. Military spouse scholarship enables military spouses to pursue their higher education goals. Chapter Network facilitates opportunities for fellowship, camaraderie and leadership development for individuals and families located across the country and around the world.

### Office of Community Partnerships

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Rockville, MD 20850

240-462-1319 (V)

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The mission of the Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) is to strengthen relationships between the Montgomery County government and the residents it serves, with special focus on underserved and emerging communities and our neighbors in need. The OCP serves as a bridge builder between the County government and community organizations serving the residents of Montgomery County, working across the barriers of race, ethnicity, income, and religion that too often diminish communities. OCP's mission is to carry out the County Executive's commitment to build a larger policy table with participation by a more diverse range and greater number of residents as we work to become America's most welcoming community. **Resource - Best Practices for Working with LGBTQ Older Adults:**

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Resources/Files/A%26D%20Docs/BestPracticesLGBTQSeniors.pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Resources/Files/A%26D%20Docs/BestPracticesLGBTQSeniors.pdf)

### PFLAG

#### Washington, DC Chapter

1701 14th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009

202-638-3852 (V)

Email: [info@pflagdc.org](mailto:info@pflagdc.org)  
[www.pflagdc.org](http://www.pflagdc.org)

Organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people, their parents and families, and allies. With over 400 chapters and 200,000 members and supporters crossing multiple generations of families in major urban centers, small cities, and rural areas across America, PFLAG is committed to creating a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed. Advocate on issues and protections for LGBTQ+ Veterans, servicemembers and their spouses. Advocate and support legislation including Voices for Veterans Act, Veteran Spouses Equal Treatment Act, and Restore Honor to Service Members Act.

### Transgender American Veterans Association

2020 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 465  
Washington, DC 20006

516-828-2911 (V)

Email: [office@transveteran.org](mailto:office@transveteran.org)  
<https://transveteran.org>

Grassroots organization that advocates for the equality of transgender Veterans and active duty service members to receive fair and equal treatment in areas such as healthcare, benefits, and open transgender military service. Help Veterans change their name and gender within the Department of Veteran Affairs, update their DD 214 name and characterization of discharge, and provide services such as our transgender support locator, which offers local support for transgender persons. TAVA is committed to equal rights for all Veterans.

## United States Naval Academy (USNA) Out

Email: [board@usnaout.org](mailto:board@usnaout.org)  
[www.usnaout.org](http://www.usnaout.org)

Association of proud United States Naval Academy Alumni who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender joined by our supporters and friends. Strive to provide a path for “reconnection” to the many LGBTQ USNA alumni who have over time been disassociated from the Academy and the USNA Alumni Association because of their sexuality or gender identity. Dedicated to doing their part to support the mission of the Academy to strengthen the margin of excellence in the development and training of our nation’s future leaders, particularly to ensure the dignity and respect of all who serve. Membership is open to all alumni of USNA. Associate Membership is available to USNA Out member spouses, USNA Faculty and Staff, Midshipmen and Parents of current and former midshipmen.

## Veterans Health Administration – LGBTQ+ Health Program

VA Maryland Health Care System (Baltimore) 443-401-8645 (V)  
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[www.va.gov/maryland-health-care/health-services/lgbtq-veteran-care/](http://www.va.gov/maryland-health-care/health-services/lgbtq-veteran-care/)

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) welcomes all Veterans, families, caregivers, and survivor beneficiaries, including diverse gender identities and sexual orientations. LGBTQ+ refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning identities. The ‘+’ sign also captures identities beyond LGBTQ, including pansexual, asexual, agender, gender diverse, nonbinary, gender-neutral, and other identities. LGBTQ+ Veterans have faced stigma and discrimination, which can affect health. As a healthcare institution, we need to make sure that LGBTQ+ Veterans know that they are welcome at Veterans Health Administration (VHA). There is an [LGBTQ+ Veteran Care Coordinator](#) (LGBTQ+ VCC) at every facility to help you get the care you need. VHA policies require that your health care is delivered in an affirming and inclusive environment and that VHA employees respect your identity.

- [VA Health Care for Transgender Men](#)
- [VA Health Care for Transgender Women](#)
- [VA Health Care for Gay and Bisexual Men](#)
- [VA Health Care for Lesbian and Bisexual Women](#)