

Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

Blind / Low Vision Resources

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Blinded Veterans Association

E-mail: bva@bva.org
www.bva.org

202-371-8880 (V)

Offer service programs, regional groups, resources, and advocacy. There is no charge for any service and membership is not a prerequisite to obtain help. All legally blinded veterans are also eligible for BVA's assistance whether they become blind during or after active duty military service. Produce the BVA Bulletin that focuses on issues and events relating to blinded veterans and includes general topics on veterans. Audiocassette versions are sent to members. **Field Service Representatives** assist blind veterans in the development of benefit claims for the Department of Veterans Affairs. This includes compensation, pension, death benefits (for widows), housing adaptation grants, automobile grants, etc. **Operation Peer Support** connects combat-blinded veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam with newly blinded veterans who have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. **Volunteer Service Program** helps blinded veterans obtain assistance and provide information on programs and services, and demonstrate equipment and aids used by the blind. **Transportation Assistance:** provides travel stipends to veterans on an as needed basis to in order to bring reality to their hopes of adjusting to blindness and attaining a greater measure of independence in their lives.

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind – Veteran Services

8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite 210
Silver Spring, MD 20910

E-mail: info@clb.org
<http://www.clb.org/employment-and-training/veteran-services/>

301-589-0894 (V)

Offer an employment/ training program for veterans and returning warriors who are blind or vision impaired. The program will supply high quality, effective workforce development training services to ensure that they are "job ready". Services include career assessments, assistive technology assessments and training, resume writing, interviewing, job development training (training internship program), job development placement and retention, computer training, orientation and mobility training, independent living skills, and case management. Also offer rehabilitation programs, orientation and mobility training, independent living skills, and Braille instruction.

Low Vision Clinics – VA Maryland Health Care System

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410-605-7000 x 5124 (V)

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410-605-7000 x 4498 (V)

www.va.gov/OPTOMETRY/Low_Vision_Rehabilitation.asp

Services include support groups, advanced low vision comprehensive rehabilitation, comprehensive blind rehabilitation, in-home or in the Advanced Low vision clinic rehabilitation, ongoing case management, comprehensive evaluations for magnification, appropriate lighting, talking watches, talking clocks, computer accessibility, orientation and mobility,

kitchen safety and all other areas of daily living, and evaluation for eligibility for VA and community resources and benefits. To be eligible for any of these services you have to be honorably discharged from the military and be enrolled in the VA for care.

Mid-Atlantic Regional Group Blind Veterans Association

1722 I Street, NW, Room 211
Washington, DC 20421
www.margbva.org

202-530-9286 (V)
1-800-669-7079 x 6002
(Toll Free)

Information on activities around the regional area, legislative news, and veterans benefits.

Veterans Health Council - Vision Loss

E-mail: vhc@veteranshealth.org
www.veteranshealth.org/GWOT/vision.html

301-585-4000 (V)

Inform veterans and their families about health issues and benefits available to them, insure that veterans get the proper diagnosis based on the impact of their particular military service, and advocate on behalf of veterans' healthcare initiatives. Website features a section on vision loss.