
















Government Shutdown


Even if there's a government shutdown, Veterans will still be able to access their health care, benefits, and memorial services from VA. Read below and learn the facts about what VA services are and are not impacted:

 **SERVICES TO VETERANS NOT IMPACTED:**

-  VA Medical Centers, Outpatient Clinics, and Vet Centers will be open as usual and providing all services.
-  VA benefits will continue to be processed and delivered, including compensation, pension, education, and housing benefits.
-  Burials will continue at VA national cemeteries. Applications for headstones, markers, and burial benefits processing will continue.
-  The Board of Veterans' Appeals will continue decisions on Veterans' cases.
-  Call Centers: VA's primary call center (1-800-MyVA411) and the Veterans Crisis Line (Dial 988, Press 1) will remain open 24/7.
-  Suicide prevention programs, homelessness services, and caregiver support will continue.

 **SERVICES TO VETERANS IMPACTED:**

-  VA will cease providing transition program assistance and career counseling.
-  Call Centers: VA's GI Bill (1-888-GIBILL-1) and National Cemetery Applicant Assistance (1-800-697-6947) hotlines will be closed.
-  VA benefits regional offices will be closed.
-  Public Affairs and outreach to Veterans will cease, including social media, VetResources emails, and responses to press inquiries.
-  No grounds maintenance or placement of permanent headstones at VA cemeteries.
-  Applications for pre-need burial at VA cemeteries will not be processed. No printing of new Presidential Memorial Certificates.
-  No outreach to state, county, tribal, municipal, faith-based, and community-based partners by VA Central Office.

 **HAVE A QUESTION? CALL US!**
The one number all Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors can use to access VA resources 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year.
[1-800-MYVA411 \(1-800-698-2411\)](tel:1-800-MYVA411)

We will continue to closely monitor this situation and keep you updated every step of the way.

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