

## Important Contact Information

### Phone Numbers

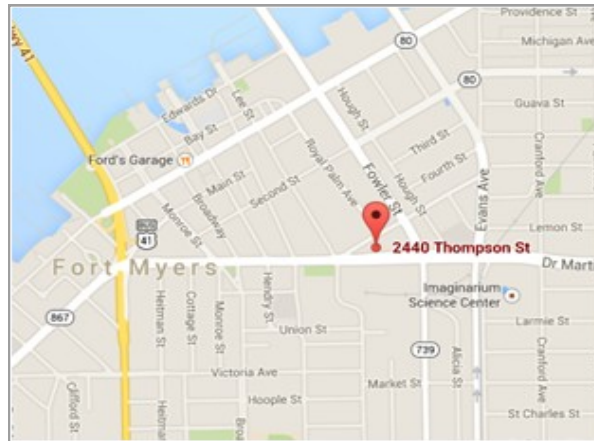
Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)	800-827-1000
Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs	239-652-1800 Ext 20081
VA Insurance Center	800-669-8477
VGLI Insurance Center	800-419-1473
CHAMPVA	800-733-8387
TDD Telecommunications	800-829-4833
Bay Pines VA Healthcare System	888-820-0230
James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital - Tampa	813-972-2000
Lee County VA Healthcare Center	239-652-1800
Fort Myers Vet Center	239-652-1861
Veterans Crisis Line	800-273-8255 Ext 1
TRICARE (formerly CHAMPUS)	800-444-5445
Veterans Transportation Program (Lee County VA Healthcare Center to Bay Pines)	239-652-1800 Ext 20366
Social Security Administration	800-772-1213
Military Retired Pay	800-321-1080
MacDill AFB Prescription Refills	800-272-0201

### Websites

US Dept. of Veterans' Affairs	<a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>
FL Dept. of Veterans' Affairs	<a href="http://www.floridavets.org">www.floridavets.org</a>
Lee County Veterans Services	<a href="http://www.leegov.com/veterans">www.leegov.com/veterans</a>
Job Placement Assistance Corporate America Supports You (CASY)	<a href="http://www.casy.us">www.casy.us</a>



## Directions



**From I-75:** Take Exit 138 - Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Head West toward Downtown Fort Myers, approx. 4.6 miles. Turn right onto Thompson Street.

**From US 41 Business S** - Head South, cross over Edison Bridge, continue on Fowler Street, turn right on Thompson Street.

**From US 41 S** - Head South, cross over Caloosahatchee bridge, take FL-80 exit toward FL-82 Downtown. Continue onto W. First Street. Turn right on Monroe Street. Turn left onto Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Thompson Street will be a slight left turn.

**From US 41 N** - Head North, make right onto Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. (Downtown) Thompson Street will be a slight left turn.



## Veterans Services



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## Vet Center Readjustment Counseling Service

One fact of war is that in its aftermath, while nations enjoy peace, some warriors experience psychological and social distress.

Readjustment Counseling is a broad and successful range of counseling, outreach and referrals offered to eligible Veterans and their families assisting them toward a successful transition from military to civilian life. These services include:

- Individual readjustment counseling
- Referral for benefits assistance
- Group readjustment counseling
- Liaison with community agencies
- Marital and family counseling
- Substance abuse information and referral
- Group substance abuse counseling
- Community education
- Job counseling and placement

Readjustment Counseling Service operates 196 Vet Centers located throughout the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

**Vet Center staff are available toll free, 24 hours a day.**

877-WAR-VETS (927-8387)

**National Center for PTSD:**

[www.ptsd.va.gov](http://www.ptsd.va.gov)

**Bereavement Counseling:**

[http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/Bereavement\\_Counseling](http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/Bereavement_Counseling)

# Helping War Veterans

## Veterans Benefit Timetable

The list below is a sampling of benefits available to veterans discharged under 'other than dishonorable' conditions. Contact the Lee County Veterans Services Office to obtain current benefits information and assistance with applying for benefits.

Benefit	Time Limit	Where to Apply
Reemployment	90 days	Former Employer
Unemployment Compensation	Limited Time	State Employment Office (Bring Form DD-214)
Health Benefits	No Time Limit	Any VA Medical Facility or call 877-222-8387
Disability Compensation	No Time Limit	Any VA Office or call 800-827-1000 or file at <a href="http://www.vabenefits.va.org">www.vabenefits.va.org</a>
Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI)	Within 120 Days of Separation	Any VA Office or call 800-419-1473
Service Disabled Veterans Insurance	Within 2 Years from the Date of Notification of Service-Connected Status	Any VA Office or call 800-669-8477
Education-Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)	Up to 15 Years from the Date of Last Discharge or Release from Active Duty	Any VA Office or call 877-442-4551 or visit <a href="http://www.gibill.va.gov">www.gibill.va.gov</a>
Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment	12 Years from Date of Entitlement to Compensation	Any VA Office or call 800-827-1000 or file at <a href="http://www.vabenefits.va.org">www.vabenefits.va.org</a>
GI Home Loans	No Time Limit	Any VA Office or call 800-827-1000 or visit <a href="http://www.homeloans.va.gov">www.homeloans.va.gov</a>