

Important Contact Information

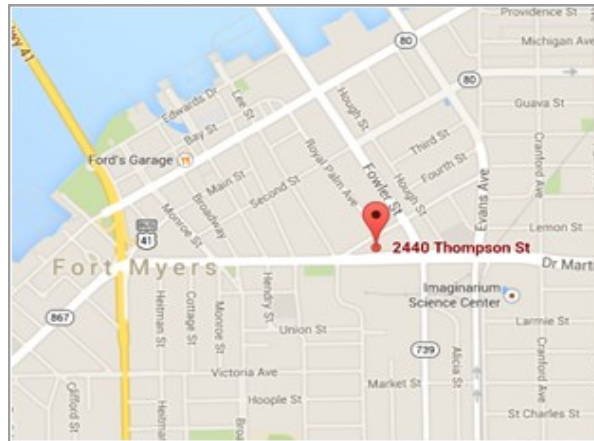
Mission United	"211"
Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)	800-827-1000
Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs	239-652-1800 Ext. 20081
VA Insurance Center	800-669-8477
VGLI Insurance Center	800-419-1473
CHAMPVA	800-733-8387
TRICARE (formerly CHAMPUS)	800-444-5445
Bay Pines VA Healthcare System	888-820-0230
James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital - Tampa	813-972-2000
Lee County VA Healthcare Center 2489 Diplomat Pkwy East Cape Coral, FL 33909	239-652-1800
Douglas T. Jacobson State Veterans Home	941-613-0919
Fort Myers Vet Center	239-652-1861
Veterans Crisis Line	800-273-8255 Ext. 1
White House VA Hotline (24 Hrs.)	855-948-2311
Veterans Transportation Program (Lee County VA Healthcare Center to Bay Pines)	239-652-1800 Ext. 20366
Hearts & Homes for Veterans	239-674-1719
Jewish, Family and Children, Services (JFCS)	941-366-2224 Ext. 626
Social Security Administration	800-772-1213
Military Retired Pay (DFAS)	800-321-1080

Websites

US Dept. of Veterans' Affairs	www.va.gov
FL Dept. of Veterans' Affairs	www.floridavets.org



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.



Lee County Human & Veterans Services



2440 Thompson St.
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County Veterans Service Officers

Helping War Veterans

Veteran Services

Lee County Veteran Services provides counseling and education to veterans, their dependents and survivors on potential benefits available from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other government agencies. This office prepares all applications for benefits, which include:

- Compensation & Pension Benefits
- Aid & Attendance Benefits
- Appeals Modernization Program
- Survivor & Burial Benefits
- Additional VA Benefits

To schedule an appointment with a Veterans Service Officer, please call 239-533-8381. Appointments can be scheduled Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. We can also be reached via email at veterans@leegov.com to discuss questions, issues or concerns. To find more information about our services, please visit our Website @ <https://www.leegov.com/dhs/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

Benefit	Time Limit	Where to Apply
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 https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage
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
Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017	The law removes the time limitation for individuals whose last discharge or release from active duty is on or after Jan 1, 2013, children of deceased Servicemembers who first become entitled to Post-9/11 GI Bill program benefits on or after Jan 1, 2013, & all Fry spouses.	Any VA Office or call 877-442-4551 or visit https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/
Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment	12 Years from Date of Entitlement to Compensation	Any VA Office or call 800-827-1000 or file at https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage
GI Home Loans	No Time Limit	Any VA Office or call 800-827-1000 or visit https://benefits.va.gov/homeloans/