



CareerSource Okaloosa Walton Region 02 Veterans' Service Organizations (VSO) Network

In late 2004 the local Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and CareerSource Okaloosa Walton Veterans Staff, introduced a program designed to unite the various organizations that provide assistance to Veterans in our two-county area. The intent of the program was twofold: One, to endeavor to keep Veterans from falling through the bureaucratic web; and secondly to ensure that all VSOs were fully aware of other local and regional resources available for Veterans.

Quarterly gatherings of local VSOs known as the VSO Networking Meeting were initiated with a preliminary focus on community-based Veterans Groups such as the VFW, American Legion, AMVETS and DAV. Over time this initial grouping has grown to include local and regional Federal, State and County officials including Educational Institutions, the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FLDVA) and multiple representatives from the Department of Veteran Affairs to include the Pensacola and Okaloosa County Vet Centers, local military base VA personnel and the VA Homeless Veteran Outreach Coordinator. Also included in our group are the Directors and their representatives of our two local Airman & Family Readiness Centers located at Eglin Air Force Base and Hulburt Field as well as their naval equivalent from Whiting Field. Attendees have come from an area that stretches from Biloxi to Lake City.

More recently staffers from our local Congressman's office as well as staff from our local state representative's office have joined our networking group bringing even more effectiveness to the information sharing opportunity this program provides.

In May of 2007, to recognize those in the community that go above-and-beyond providing services to our veterans we created a *Florida CareerSource Okaloosa Walton Region 02 Veteran Services Hall-of-Fame* into which true American Heroes have been inducted in recognition of their long years of service to our Nation's Veterans. Their names are added to a perpetual plaque that is displayed in our meeting room. To date, twelve patriots have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Additional members will be nominated and continue to be selected by sitting members of the VSO Networking Group.

The mission of VSO remains the same—building the best network possible for serving Veterans and their families.

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Veterans Florida		
Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Bobby Carbonell	Executive Director Veterans Florida	Veterans Florida is a non-profit corporation created by the State of Florida to help veterans fully transition to civilian life in the Sunshine State. We connect veterans to employers, grant funds to employers to hire and train veterans, and educate veterans on how to open their own businesses in the Florida. Because veterans often times need more than employment assistance we built a network of veteran service providers throughout the state to assist veterans with services such as housing, benefits, legal and other needs.
Joe Marino	Chief Operating Officer Veterans Florida	
CareerSource of Okaloosa and Walton Counties		
Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Linda Sumblin (850) 651-2315 lsumblin@careersourceow.com	Executive Director CareerSource Okaloosa Walton	Oversees CareerSource Centers in Ft. Walton Beach, Crestview, and Walton County for all job seekers and businesses; oversees special services for veterans and services for military spouses and other family members.
Will Miles (850) 657-2315 wmiles@careersourceow.com	Regional Manager of Employment and Training Programs for Youth, Adults, and Dislocated Workers CareerSource Okaloosa Walton	Responsible for contract and performance monitoring and outcomes for Florida's CareerSource Okaloosa Walton Workforce Investment Act Programs; Wagner-Peyser and Veterans Programs; and Welfare Transition and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Programs; Provides staff training, professional development and policy analysis for all aspects of workforce programs.
Fort Walton Beach CareerSource Okaloosa Walton		
Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Terry Cowan (850) 833-7587 x217 tcowan@careersourceow.com	Region 02 Veteran Coordinantor	Conducts outreach to employers and engages in advocacy efforts with hiring executives/managers to increase employment opportunities for veterans.
Patrick Arendall (850) 833-7587 x213 parendell@careersourceow.com	Local Veterans Employment Representative	
Rob Aldrich (850) 833-7587 x219 raldrich@careersourceow.com	Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist	Provide intensive case management services to veterans with significant barriers to employment.
Albert Bibbins (850)833-7587 x227 abibbins@careersourceow.com	Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist	
Eric Lecocq (850) 833-7587 x223 elecocq@careersourceow.com	Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist	
Rita Smith (850) 882-1446 rsmith@careersourceow.com	Military Family Employment Advocate CareerSource Okaloosa Walton	Services provided include career planning and counseling, job placement assistance, assessment & testing services, resume preparation, interview techniques, labor market information, unemployment compensation info and referral to Education & Training programs. Call: Eglin (850) 882-1446.
Elizabeth Westby (850) 833-7587 x210 ewestby@careersourceow.com	Local Veterans Employment Representative	Conducts outreach to employers and engages in advocacy efforts with hiring executives/managers to increase employment opportunities for veterans.
David Thomas (850) 833-7587 x228 dthomas@careersourceow.com	Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist	Provide intensive case management services to veterans with significant barriers to employment.
Bob Williams (850) 833-7587 x232 dthomas@careersourceow.com	Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist	Provide intensive case management services to veterans with significant barriers to employment.
Vocational Rehabilitation		
Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Diane Jackson (850) 833-9278 diane.jackson@vr.fldoe.org	VR Supervisor, Agency/Organization Vocational Rehabilitation	Provide services for eligible persons with physical or mental impairments. These services are designed to enable them to prepare for, obtain, keep, or regain employment.
Roland Williams (850) 862-8536 roland.williams@deo.myflorida.com	Intensive Service Coordinator, VA Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment	Provide a variety of employment services in coordination with the VA Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment program to veterans receiving Chapter 31 benefits that can help with adjustment to disability in the workplace, enhance self-awareness, and connect veterans to employers.
Maronda Clark (850) 862-2107 maronda.clark@va.gov	Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor	
Jennifer Morales-Leonard (850) 862-8269 jennifer.morales-leonard2@va.gov	Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor	
Daniel King (850) 432-0740 ext 19 daniel.king3@va.gov	Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Educational Employment Coordinator	

CareerSource Escarosa		
Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Cliff Krut (850) 473-0939 ckrut@careersourceescarosa.com	Executive Director	Oversees Escarosa CareerSource centers in Pensacola and Milton for all job seekers and businesses; oversees special services for veterans, provides TAP for military members transitioning to civilian life, and services for military spouses and other family members
Samuel Denson (850) 607-8702 sdenson@careersourceescarosa.com	Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist	Provides intensive case management services to veterans with significant barriers to employment.
Tim Richardson (850) 607-8701 trichardson@careersourceescarosa.com	Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist	
Garry Nelson (850) 983-5325 x 206 gnelson@careersourceescarosa.com <u>Milton Center</u>	Local Veterans Employment Representative	
Myra Gamblin (850) 607-8712 mgamblin@careersourceescarosa.com	Military Family Employment Advocate	Services provided include career planning and counseling, job placement assistance, assessment & testing services, resume preparation, interview techniques, labor market information, unemployment compensation info and referral to Education & Training programs
Nikki Maywald (850) 607-8703 dmaywald@careersourceescarosa.com	Local Veterans Employment Representative	Provide intensive case management services to veterans with barriers to employment and disabled veterans, conduct outreach to employers and engage in advocacy efforts with hiring executives/managers to increase employment opportunities for veterans; facilitate Transition Assistance Programs for separating and retiring veteran population.
Veterans Affairs		
Department of Veterans Affairs		
Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Larry Parker (228) 523-4787 lawrence.parker2@va.gov	OIF/OEF Program Manager US Department of Veteran Affairs	We offer Seamless Transition services to all veterans of OEF/OIF/GWOT and all active duty going through the Physical Evaluation Board.
Pat Wasisco (850) 651-1000 patricia.wasisco@va.gov	Team Leader	The Vet Center provides readjustment counseling to veterans who have served in the war zone and their families. A wide range of psycho-social services are provided to eligible veterans and their families to facilitate their transition to civilian life including: individual and group counseling, family, military, sexual trauma, and bereavement counseling, outreach and education, substance abuse information and referral, as well as referral for benefits assistance and medical issues. All services are delivered at no cost to the veteran or their family members.
Thomas Tucker (850) 651-1000 thomas.tucker@va.gov	Veterans Outreach Program Specialist	
Jenifer Anderson (850) 892-8140 andjenifer@co.walton.fl.us	Assistant County Veterans Service Officer Walton County Veterans Services	Assists our area veterans and dependents of their entitlements under various Federal and State laws. Counsels and files claims for compensation, pension, insurance, death benefits, hospitalization, and appeals to the BVA. Accredited with FDVA/AL, DAV, & VFW.
Ronald Inere (850) 456-5886 ronald.inere@med.va.gov	Outreach Counselor Pensacola Veterans Center	Establishes outreach services with Military installations, Reserve, and National Guard facilities and provides transitional assistance program briefings to Military, Reserve, and National Guard personnel transitioning from active duty.
Michael P. Tucker (850) 456-5886 (877) 927-8387 michael.tucker4@va.gov	Outreach Counselor Pensacola Veterans Center	
Campus Veterans Services		
Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Maronda Clark Student Services Center 251 100 College Blvd. Niceville, FL 32578 (850) 678-5111 x6752 maronda.clark@va.gov	Northwest Florida State College, VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) Counselor	Serves as a one-stop liaison for active duty, veteran, and eligible dependent students attending school at Northwest Florida State College. Assists with obtaining appropriate resources and benefits to 1) transition to student life, 2) maximize success in academic programs, and 3) achieve suitable employment.
Rebecca L. Baisden 11000 University Parkway Pensacola, FL 32514 (850) 474-2550 rebecca.baisden@va.gov	University of West Florida, VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) Counselor	The University of West Florida (UWF) Military and Veterans Resource Center (MVRC) is dedicated to serving our military and veteran students. The goal of this center is to provide a "one-stop" location for all military and veteran students to simplify the transition process from the military to an academic environment. Serving as a leading campus advocate, the MVRC is working to ensure the needs of our military and veteran students are met by coordinating with multiple university offices and services.
Marc Churchwell USN, MCPO (ret.) uwf.edu/mvrc mchurchwell@uwf.edu 11000 University Parkway Bldg 38/147 Pensacola, FL 32514 (850) 474-2550 www.uwf.edu/hometownheroes	University of West Florida Director, Military and Veterans Resource Center/ Chairman, Pensacola Veterans Service Organizations Network	
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Greg Mett (850) 678-5111 ext 5373 mettg1@nwfsc.edu	Financial Aide Technician with Veterans Affairs, Northwest Florida State College	
Amanda Sprosty (850) 301-2171 asprosty@troy.edu	Recruiter, Troy University	
David Talamantez (850) 301-2120 dtalamantez@troy.edu	Recruiter, Troy University	
Jeff Meister (850) 474-2550 jmeister@uwf.edu	Assistant Director University of West Florida Military and Veterans Resource Center	Serves as a one-stop liaison for active duty, veteran, and eligible dependent students attending school at Northwest Florida State College. Assists with obtaining appropriate resources and benefits to 1) transition to student life, 2) maximize success in academic programs, and 3) achieve suitable employment
Lyn Zittle (850) 474-2550 szittle@uwf.edu	University of West Florida Military and Veterans Resource Center	
Lori Milkeris (850) 474-2550 lmilkeris@uwf.edu	Veterans Counselor, University of West Florida/Military Veterans Resource Center	

Florida Department of Veterans Affairs

Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
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Andy Huffman (850) 912-2051 huffmanA@fdva.state.fl.us	Veterans Claims Examiner	
Sally Ferland (850) 636-7000 ferlandS@fdva.state.fl.us	Veterans Claims Examiner	
Jim Wilson (850) 882-1957 james.wilson.ctr@calibresys.com	VA Benefits Advisor - Contractor, Team Calibre	

Okaloosa County Veteran Service Office

Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Beatrice Love-Moore (850) 651-1000 (850) 651-7258 (850) 689-5922 blovemore@co.okaloosa.fl.us	Director, Okaloosa County Veterans Service	Two office locations: Shalimar and Crestview. County Service Officer for assisting area veterans and dependents of entitlements under various Federal and State laws. Counsels and files claims for compensation, pension, insurance, death benefits, hospitalization, education, and appeals to the DVA. Assist veterans in filing claims for DoD benefits. Conduct visits to the housebound, Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and hospitals as needed. Accredited with FDVA/AL, DAV, & VFW.
James Whitner (850) 689-5922 (850) 651-7258 jwhitner@co.okaloosa.fl.us	Veterans Counselor Okaloosa County Veterans Service	Offices in Crestview & Shalimar - Office Services provided include assisting veterans, widows and dependents in filing claims with the US Department of Veteran Affairs and the Crestview office coordinates the DAV Transportation Network.

Walton County Veteran Services		
Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Mark Kelley (850) 892-8140 kelmark@co.walton.fl.us	County Veterans Services Officer, Walton County Veterans Service	Our County Service Officer assists our area veterans and dependents of their entitlements under various Federal and State laws. Counsels and files claims for compensation, pension, insurance, death benefits, hospitalization, and appeals to the BVA. Accredited with FDVA/AL, DAV, & VFW.
Santa Rosa County Veteran Services		
Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Karen Haworth (850) 981-7155 karenh@santarosa.fl.gov	Director, Santa Rosa County Veterans Services Office	Two office locations: 6051 Old Bagdad Hwy, Suite 204 in Milton and Gulf Breeze (Midway). We provide assistance to veterans and their families for VA benefits they may be entitled to received; as well as home visits for housebound clients.
Edward McCants (850) 932-9508 edm@santarosa.fl.gov	Veterans Services Specialist Santa Rosa County Veterans Services	Two office locations: 5841 Gulf Breeze Pkwy, Gulf Breeze (Midway) and Milton. We provide assistance to veterans and their families for VA benefits they may be entitled to receive; as well as home visits for housebound clients.
Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars & American Veterans Organizations		
Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Mark Brown 5296 Hare St. Crestview, FL 32536 (850) 682-0982 (850) 496-1715 (Mobile) mark.brown@dav57@gccoxmail.com	Disabled American Veterans Chapter #57	Providing free professional assistance to veterans and their family members in obtaining benefits and services earning through military service an provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies of the government. Conduct visits to the housebound, Nursing Homes, Assistant Living Facilities, and hospitals as needed to develop VA claim work on site.
Randy Kelley (850) 682-0982 5296 Hare St. Crestview, FL 32536 randy.kelley@dav57.gccoxmail.com	Chapter Service Officer, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #57	Providing free professional assistance to veterans and their family members in obtaining benefits and services earned through military service and provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies of the government.
Jerry Rexford (850) 865-0193 jdr4125@aol.com	Department Service Officer, DAV Chapter #57	Services are provided at no cost and include Initial and follow up claims, Benefit Delivery at Discharge, Pre-discharge Claims assistance for active duty, retirees, and veterans, widows, at both Hurlburt Field A&FRC and DAV Crestview Chapter 57.
Cathy Magnuson Niceville, Florida (850) 678-3525 cathymagnuson@gmail.com	Veterans Service Officer, DAV Chapter #112	Providing free professional assistance to veterans and their family members in obtaining benefits and services earned through military service and provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies of the government.
Ed Baker (850) 218-2314 eddbkr1@earthlink.com	Veterans Service Officer, VFW Post 7674	
Larry Rambo (850) 376-3676 rambos97@aol.com	Veterans Service Officer, VFW Post 7674	
Craig Sarrasin (850) 682-8435 commander@amvetspost35fl.com	Commander, AMVETS Post #35	
Veteran Medical and Wellness		
Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Daniel Cobbs, MPA, FACHE (850) 833-7512 Official@bridgeway.org	Chief Executive Officer/Bridgeway Center, Inc.	<p>Outpatient Counseling with Specialties in: Nurturing Parenting Classes, Child Therapy, Play Therapy, Grief/Loss Therapy, Individual, Family & Couples Therapy, Psychiatrist Medication Management, Teen Anger Management, Stress Reduction Classes, Deployment Family Support, Military OneSource EAP Services, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Employee Assistance Programs, Tricare& Major Insruances Accepted</p> <p>Two Locations:</p> <p>Southland Wellness Consultants (SWC) - South 205 Shell Avenue Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 Phone: (850) 226-8585</p> <p>Southland Wellness Consultants (SWB) - North 351 N. Ferdon Blvd Crestview, FL 32536 Phone: (850) 689-7844</p>
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Maria Salazar Maria.Salazar@bridgeway.org	Soundside Wellness Consultants (SWC) Referral Coordinator / Alternate Customer Access Representative (CAR)	
Brittany March, BSBA (850) 833-7510 Brittany.March@bridgeway.org	Human Resource Specialist/Bridgeway Center, Inc.	
Laroy McFarland (850) 833-3965 lmcfarland@bridgeway.org	Vice President Community Care Services	

<p>Joanne Devine (850) 530-3771 jkraus@crchealth.com</p>	<p>Community Resouce Liasion, 12 Oaks</p>	<p>Twelve Oaks Recovery Center is a high-end treatment center located on five beautiful acres of the Navarre Sound off the Emerald Coast of Florida. Our primary treatment modalities, as well as adjunctive therapies like recreational therapy, beach activities, and ropes course, allow us to provide comprehensive care for adult men and women struggling with substance abuse and chemical dependency. Many of our patients come to us with secondary diagnoses in addition to their primary substance use disorders, so we also offer care to those who struggle with both substance abuse and co-occurring anxiety disorders, depressive disorders, bipolar disorder, and posttraumatic stress disorder, to name a few.</p>
<p>Ashlie Fitzsimmons (850) 307-3146 ashlie.fitzsimmons@shhpens.org</p>	<p>Military Navigation Services Manager, Sacred Heart Health System</p>	<p>Since the Daughters of Charity opened the area's first hospital in 1915, Sacred Heart Health System has grown into the regional leader for providing high-quality, compassionate health care to children and adults in Northwest Florida. Today, we have hospitals in Pensacola, South Walton County and Gulf County, and we provide physicians' offices and outpatient centers across the coast of the Florida Panhandle. In 2012, our mission expanded farther as we became a partner in the operation of Bay Medical Center in Panama City. We are a member of Ascension Health, the nation's largest Catholic, non-profit health system.</p>
<p>Gretchen Haney (850) 936-6017 ghaney@biaf.org</p>	<p>Military Liasion, Brain Injury Association of Florida</p>	<p>Founded in 1985, BIAF is Florida's only statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to inform, educate, support and advocate on behalf of traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivors, their families and caregivers.</p> <p>BIAF has several offices located in communities and trauma centers throughout Florida, where Resource Coordinators are available to communicate by phone and in person to assist the TBI survivor and family member. Resource Coordinators answer the TBI Toll Free Helpline (800.992.3442) and provide ongoing, proactive, phone and in person support to the TBI family in the hospital, at home and in the community.</p> <p>Resource Coordinators are available to help families from the time the injury occurs throughout the various phases of recovery, and are experts in national, statewide and local resources necessary to live stable and productive lives. They connect families to the right resources and ensure that the resources are responsive and accessible to meet the needs of the individual.</p>
<p>Virginia Glynn Barr (850) 244-1040 MHAOWFL@mhaow.org</p>	<p>Executive Director, Mental Health Association of Okaloosa and Walton Counties</p>	<p>Provides advocacy for veteran's issues, linkage to mental health and substance abuse counseling, provision of psychotropic prescription medication, essential hygiene supplies, and clothing. Agency provides free clinical screenings for Depression and Bipolar disorder.</p>
<p>John Gunther (850) 912-2310 john.gunther@va.gov</p>	<p>Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System</p>	
<p>Holli McDonald (228) 523-5305 holli.mcdonald@va.gov</p>	<p>Mammography & Maternity Care Coordinator, VA Gulf Coast Health Care System</p>	<p>Since 1932, VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System has been improving the health of the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. The VA Gulf Coast Veterans HCS is privileged to serve over 50,000 veterans. Additionally, it provides support to readjustment counseling centers and VA National Cemeteries along the Gulf Coast. The Health Care System is a part of VISN 16, South Central VA Health Care Network.</p>
<p>Laurie Howard (850) 249-4300 lhoward@journeypure.com</p>	<p>Community Outreach Manager, JourneyPure Emerald Coast</p>	<p>JourneyPure Emerald Coast 22219 Panama City Beach Parkway Panama City Beach, FL 32413 <i>Substance Abuse, Addiction, and Dual Diagnosis Treatment:</i> - Inpatient Detoxification - Partial Hospitalization Program - Intensive Outpatient Program</p>
<p>Mike Barringer (850) 249-4300 mbarringer@journeypure.com</p>	<p>Executive Director, JourneyPure Emerald Coast</p>	<p>- Outpatient Program - Outpatient Detoxification - Community Housing</p> <p>JourneyPure Emerald Coast Fort Walton Beach Outpatient 907 Mar Walt Drive #2013 Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547 <i>Substance Abuse, Addiction, Mental Health, and Dual Diagnosis Treatment Facility</i> - Intensive Outpatient Program</p>
<p>Penny Eubanks 1455 S. Ferdon Blvd., Suite B-1 Crestview, FL 32536 (850) 682-2552 (Work) (850) 830-9995 (Mobile) (850) 682-2521 (Fax) peubanks@wfahec.org www.westfloridaahec.org</p>	<p>Assistant Director of West Florida AHEC</p>	<p>West Florida Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote health and wellness within our four county service area (Okaloosa, Walton, Santa Rosa, and Escambia counties). Our newest project involves coordinating continuing education programs aimed at teaching frontline healthcare professionals about veteran's mental/behavioral health concerns. Issues are broad and include everything from PTSD, traumatic brain injury, alcohol/drug abuse, depression, domestic violence, and functioning disorders. Our goal is to train healthcare providers on how to identify these clients and where to refer them to. West Florida AHEC also offers a free tobacco cessation program to the public, continuing education for healthcare providers and students, training for dental and medical professionals, support for health professions students all across the state, and youth tobacco prevention programs.</p>

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Denise O'Connor (850) 883-9254 Denise.Oconnor.1.ctr@us.af.mil	Air Force Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC) Eglin AFB	Contact us: AFW2 E-mail: afwounded.warrior@us.af.mil AFW2 Toll-free: 800-581-9437
Agustin Maldonado III (334) 400-6890 agustin.maldonado5.civ@mail.mil	AW2 Advocate Pensacola, U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program/U.S Army Warrior Transition Command WTC	Providing personalized support to the severely wounded, injured and ill for Soldiers and their Families for as long as it takes to the path of independence.
Kathy Monson LCSW 790 Veterans Way Pensacola, FL 32507 (850) 912-2085 (850) 607-1516 (Mobile) Kathy.Monson2@va.gov	Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System Pensacola Joint Ambulatory Care Center	I do outreach to justice-involved veterans (either incarcerated or in the community with pending legal charges) to assist in linking them to the VA and then linking them with mental health and/or substance abuse treatment.
Jerron Barnett (850) 912-2380 jerron.barnett@va.gov	Public Affairs Specialist, Pensacola Joint Ambulatory Care Center	The primary care and mental health facility for veterans in the Pensacola area.
Kristen Freeman (850) 912-2025 kristen.freeman@va.gov	TCM, Joint Ambulatory Care Center	
Ginny Barr (850) 244-1040 mhaowfl@mhaow.org	Executive Director, Mental Health Association of Okaloosa and Walton Counties	Mental Health Association of Okaloosa/Walton (MHAOW) is the area's oldest non-profit organization addressing all aspects of mental health, mental illness, and substance abuse. The association educates the public, advocates for excellence and equality in treatment, and supports individuals and families living with mental health disabilities. All services are free of charge.
Zachary Bayer (850) 830-5860 drzbayer@bayerpsych.com	Clinical Neuropsychologist, Bayer Psych	For adults, we offer neuropsychological/psychological evaluations, cognitive remediation, and therapy. For children, we offer psychoeducational assessments (learning disorder/ADHD/gifted testing) and psychological/behavioral evaluations. We offer evidence-based therapy to adults and children for a variety of psychological concerns.
Carole Haws 220 Eglin Parkway, N.E., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547 (850) 729-1800, ext. 4608 Carole.boyd-haws@covenanthospice.org	Vol. Services & Community Relations Manager Covenant Hospice	Covenant Hospice is widely recognized as one of the largest and most comprehensive hospices in the nation, providing specialized care with a wide range of health and supportive services for individuals with life-threatening illnesses and their families. Our primary objective is to provide patients with the opportunity to remain at home or in a home-like setting while maintaining a strong emphasis on quality of life.
Paige Collier 1455 South Ferdon Blvd, Ste B-1 Crestview, FL 32536 (850) 682-2552 (Work) (850) 682-2521 (Fax) pcollier@wfahec.org www.westfloridaahec.org	Executive Director/CEO	West Florida Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote health and wellness within our four county service area (Okaloosa, Walton, Santa Rosa, and Escambia counties). Our newest project involves coordinating continuing education programs aimed at teaching frontline healthcare professionals about veteran's mental/behavioral health concerns. Issues are broad and include everything from PTSD, traumatic brain injury, alcohol/drug abuse, depression, domestic violence, and functioning disorders. Our goal is to train healthcare providers on how to identify these clients and where to refer them to. West Florida AHEC also offers a free tobacco cessation program to the public, continuing education for healthcare providers and students, training for dental and medical professionals, support for health professions students all across the state, and youth tobacco prevention programs. For more information about our services please contact our office at (850) 682-2552 Monday through Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.
Alissa Dunbar (850) 226-7893 alissa.dunbar@uhsinc.com www.emeraldcoastbehavioral.com	Director, Okaloosa Outpatient Center	Okaloosa Outpatient Center offers a structured intensive outpatient program specifically designed to meet the needs of individuals experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse issues. We serve the active duty, veteran, and civilian population. Our IOP/Half Day PHP groups meet three to five days a week for three hours each session. Our newly renovated center is specifically designed to facilitate healing and recovery.
Robert Reuille (850) 481-3036 robert.reuille@uhsinc.com	Director, Emerald Coast Behavioral Hospital	Emerald Coast Behavioral Hospital is a Joint Commission accredited psychiatric hospital. Located in the heart of beautiful Panama City, Florida, Emerald Coast Behavioral Hospital provides mental health services to children, adolescents, adults, active duty service members and their families, and Veterans.
Cedahlia D. Pena Pensacola VA (850) 912-2184 Cedahlia.Pena@va.gov	Program Support Assistant Richard Randall, RN, BSN Polytrauma Program Manager TBI Polytrauma Support Clinic VA Joint Ambulatory Care Center	Provide Clinical Support to Traumatic Brain Injury Patients, we are responsible for managing patients with a stable treatment plan, provide regular follow-up visits and respond to any new problems that may emerge. We routinely collaborate with other Polytrauma Network Sites.
Cindy Bradford 790 Veterans Way Pensacola, FL 32507 (850) 912-2297 (850) 912-2462 cynthia.bradford2@va.gov	Medical Foster Home Program Coordinator, VA-Medical Foster Home Program	The Medical Foster Home program allows Veterans to move into a private home to receive personal care and supervision from a dedicated caregiver. The Veteran or the Veteran's family pays the Medical Foster Home caregiver directly for the care and room and board. The VA Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) program provides primary care services, including nurse and doctor visits, in the home. The Medical Foster Home program and the Home-Based Primary Care team work together to monitor the patient and the home.

Base and Military Services		
Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Dennis Krebs (850) 708-5976 dnomadchief@aol.com	Eglin Chiefs Group Life Member	The Eglin AFB Chiefs Group strengthens, supports and mentors the Air Force Enlisted Force. Comprised of both active duty and retired AF Chief Master Sergeants and sister-service equivalents, we promote the core values and professional development of the total enlisted force. Our primary focus is the airmen assigned to Eglin AFB. In addition, we participate in local community programs that further our goals and objectives. We partner with other professional organizations to promote the Air Force family and quality of life projects in the local community.
Don Cleveland (850) 225-8425 cleveland1954@embarqmail.com	Hurlburt Field Chiefs Group Life Member	The Hurlburt Field Chiefs Group strengthens supports and mentors the Air Force Enlisted Force. We promote the core values and professional development of the total enlisted force. Our primary focus is the airmen assigned to Hurlburt Field. In addition, we participate in local community programs that further our goals and objectives. We partner with other professional organizations to promote the Air Force family and quality of life projects in the local community.
Gary Rogers (850) 596-2683 gary.n.rogers@mail.mil	Family Assistance Center Specialist Area 1 Florida National Guard	Provides information and referral for members of the Florida National Guard and their Families from Panama City to the Pensacola area. Reviews local and State resources available through military and civilian agencies and provides to Soldiers and Families.
Sharon Boggs (850) 623-7177 Sharon.boggs@navy.mil	Director, Fleet & Family Support NAS Whiting Field	The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) seeks to improve the quality of life for ALL military service members and their families by providing quality referrals to military and civilian services. The center is located in Bldg. 3025 and is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The telephone number is (850) 623-7177. DSN 868-7177. Fax: 7735.
Mark Harden (850) 452-2300 mark.harden@nmcrs.org	Representative, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society	To provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational, and other need-based assistance to active-duty and retired Sailors and Marines, their eligible family members, and survivors.
Arbutus Mullins (850) 452-2763 arbutus.mullins@vmcrs.org	RN, Visiting Nurse Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society	
Jennifer Garraty-Hargett (850) 883-6293 jennifer.garraty_hargett.1.ctr@us.af.mil	Community Programs and Peer Network Coordinator, Preservation of the Force and Family/Duke Field	
Marisa Olin (850) 884-6250 marisa.olin.ctr@us.af.mil	Community Programs and Peer Network Coordinator, Preservation of the Force and Family/Hurlburt Field	
Debby Lundblad (850) 844-5441 debby.lundblad@hurlburt.af.mil	Airman & Family Readiness Center Director Hurlburt Field	The Hurlburt Airman and Family Readiness Center provides information and referral services to active duty, retired, civil service, Guard and Reservists and their eligible family members. Our focus is on readiness, to insure both the members and families are prepared for any contingency to include deployment, disasters, remote tours, etc. We offer assistance in the following areas: relocation, readiness, financial assistance and education, volunteer activities, personal and work life issues, employment, transition, casualty, and support to exceptional family members and meet educational needs of military children.
LaVonne Vasquez (850) 884-1257 lavonne.vasquez@hurlburt.af.mil	Transitions Manager	
William Warren (850) 884-3812 william.warren.26@us.af.mil	Community Readiness Specialist, Hurlburt Airman & Family Readiness Center	
Sanora Brunson (850) 884-4123 sanora.brunson.1.ctr@us.af.mil	Component Manager, Preservation of the Force and Family	
Diana Lawrence (850) 883-3841 Diana.Lawrence@us.af.mil	Transitions Manager	The Eglin AFB Airman and Family Readiness Center provides information and referral services to active duty, retired, civil service, Guard and Reservists and their eligible family members. Our focus is on readiness, to insure both the members and families are prepared for any contingency to include deployment, disasters, remote tours, etc. We offer classes and/or consultation in the following areas: relocation, readiness, financial assistance and education, volunteer activities, personal and family life issues, employment and transition assistance.
Janice Barnes (850) 882-4021 janice.barnes@us.af.mil	Director, Eglin Airman & Family Readiness Center	

Sharon Behnke 30 Holly Avenue Shalimar, FL 32579 (850) 651-2797 Behnke@afev.us www.afev.us	Air Force Enlisted Village Director, Bob Hope Village	The Air Force Enlisted Village is a non-profit organization that provides a home for surviving spouses of former military heroes and to mothers of current active duty and retired military members. AFEV's purpose is to give these military family members a safe, secure home and to treat them with the dignity and respect we reserve for our own moms. The Air Force Enlisted Village is comprised of two active, independent living communities—Bob Hope Village in Shalimar, FL and Teresa Village in Fort Walton Beach, FL, and an assisted living/memory care community, Hawthorn House, located on the Bob Hope Village campus. To learn more about the Air Force Enlisted Village, please visit us online at www.afev.us.
Jena Sweeney 92 Sunset Lane Shalimar, FL 32579 sweeney@afev.us www.afev.us	Director of Human Resources, Air Force Enlisted Village	

Homeless Veteran Services

Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Lydia Barton (850) 240-1034 Bartly44@hotmail.com	Homeless Coordinator	Provides service to homeless
Bill Van Hoesen 1687 Hwy 98 W #3 Mary Esther, FL 32569 (850) 225-2957 bvh.USA@cox.net	President, Association of the US Army Emerald Coast Chapter/Coordinator Homeless Veterans Stand Down	AUSA represents every American Soldier by: - Being the voice for all components of American's Army - Fostering public support of the Army's role in national security - Providing professional education and information programs
Sharon Schuler 134 SW Beal Parkways Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 (850) 243-3732 pastor@firstpresfwb.org	Pastor First Presbyterian/Veterans Stand Down Church	First Presbyterian Church is the site of the annual Okaloosa and Walton County Homeless Veterans Stand Down.
David Middleton (850) 609-2604 david.middleton@va.gov	HUD/VASH	Assists our area veterans with supported housing in partnership with HUD Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. Veterans must qualify for medical care from the VA, have no active warrants and agree to case management services. Case managers assist veterans with required HUD documentation
Karen McGavin (850) 226-9597 karen.mcgavin@va.gov	HUD/VASH Housing Specialist	
Phyllis Morgan 100 Veterans Way Eglin AFB, FL 32542 (850) 240-7432 Phyllis.morgan@va.gov	HUD/VASH Case Manager Eglin VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic	
Jennifer Steinmeier, LCSW (850) 218-8235 jennifer.steinmeier@va.gov	HUD/VASH Social Worker, Crestview/Walton County	
Terry Merrell (850) 982-2680 tmerrell@90works.org	Case Manager, 90 Works	A 501(c)3 organization that believes homelessness, poverty and family violence can be overcome by self-sufficiency. 90Works invests in people who will strive to secure affordable housing and gainful employment with our team of professionals who are experts in navigating public and private resources. Our holistic approach incorporates solutions for transportation to work and access to healthcare for physical and emotional challenges. We boast a 90% success rate helping people become self-sufficient in 90 days! We believe our model makes a dramatic impact improving the quality of life for Northwest Florida.
Matt Peterson mpeterson@90works.org	Case Worker, 90 Works	
Gina Romans (850) 776-7672 gromans@90works.org	Case Worker, 90 Works	
Raven Taylor (850) 619-5899 rtaylor@90works.org	Stability Services Coordinator, 90 Works	

Veteran Supporting Agencies

Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Nathaniel Bass (Nate) (850) 346-8698 Nathanielbass1@gmail.com	Chairman, Gulf Coast Veterans Advocacy Council	We are a veteran advocacy council that bridges between veterans and the Gulf Coast Veteran Health Care System. Our main focuses are homelessness, mental health care, women veterans, oif/oef returnees, incarcerated veterans, and veteran family support.
Jerrie Mills (251) 979-7653 JerrieM.gvac@gmail.com	Public Relations Director Gulf Coast Veterans Advocacy Council	We are a veteran advocacy council that bridges between veterans and the Gulf Coast Veteran Health Care System. Our main focuses are homelessness, mental health care, women veterans, OIF/OEF returnees, incarcerated veterans, and veteran family support.
Francisco Lopez (865) 221-4221 franc@militaryherc.com	Director, Military Program with Higher Education Resource Center (HERC)	Our <i>free</i> support is designed to help Veterans (and their family members) pursue a degree at any college or university. With our state-of-the-art degree exploration system, <i>DegreeQuest</i> , we can identify which degrees best fit the credit Veterans have earned in the past, thereby empowering them to minimize loss of credit in transfer. Electronic education records for Veterans digitally stream credit (including courses taken from accredited colleges, military credit, college level exams, and more) into the curriculum requirements of thousands of degrees from over 3800 accredited colleges and universities to identify the optimal choices for the Veterans to consider. The majority of the colleges and universities having a presence on military installations are in our degree exploration system, <i>DegreeQuest</i> .

Debra Hutto (850) 864-1484 aveclite@aol.com	President, Northwest Florida Blue Star Mothers, Shalimar	Northwest Florida Blue Star Mothers supports our troops at home and abroad. We are involved in the local military community and support veterans' organizations.
Tom Rice (850) 302-0266 Pegtom2003@yahoo.com	President, Fisher House, Member of Association of U.S. Army	Fisher House Foundation is best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. These homes are located at major military and VA medical centers nationwide, close to the medical center or hospital they serve. Fisher House Foundation ensures that there is never a lodging fee.
Andrew Coughlan Wounded Warrior Project 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300 Jacksonville, Florida 32256 (904) 405-1308 (904) 254-4822 (Mobile) (904) 296-7347 (Fax) acoughlan@woundwarriorproject.org	Wounded Warrior Project (POC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members * To help injured service members aid and assist each other * To provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members * We do this by providing 18 programs for Wounded Warriors and their family members in the area of body, mind, economic empowerment, and engagement
Christopher Dacy (904) 646-6839 cdacy@woundedwarriorproject.org	Wounded Warrior Outreach Coordinator	
Bryan Highman (904) 576-1197 bhighman@woundwarriorproject.org	Wounded Warrior Outreach Coordinator	
Jill Matta (904) 405-1179 jmatta@woundedwarriorproject.org	Wounded Warrior Outreach Coordinator	
Matthew Rumble (850) 293-9842 matthew.rumble@teamrwb.org	Veterans Outreach Co Director, Team RWB/FWB	Our chapters deliver consistent, local opportunities for veterans and the community to connect through physical and social activity. They host regular fitness activities, social gatherings, and community service events, and facilitate building strong local connections with other members and the community.
Kristin Odekirk kristin.odekirk@teamrwb.org	Community Outreach Coordinator, Team RWB/FWB	
Joe Throgmorton (801) 309-8690 joseph.throgmorton@teamrwb.org	Veterans Outreach Co Director, Team RWB/FWB	
Dan Verda (850) 708-5996 dverda@panhandlewarriors.org	Executive Director, Panhandle Warrior Partnership	Our mission is to empower warriors of Northwest Florida through a holistic program of community collaboration designed to connect warriors and their families to the local community through benefits, services, education, jobs, and housing.
Wade Wilmoth (850) 708-5975 gwilmoth@panhandlewarriors.org	Associate Executive Director, Panhandle Warrior Partnership	
Jennifer Luchak (850) 708-5994 jluchak@panhandlewarriors.org	Case Coordinator, Panhandle Warrior Partnership	
Nicole Olge (850) 708-5954 nolge@panhandlewarriors.org	Warrior Advocate, Panhandle Warrior Partnership	
Jeff Tisdale (850) 708-5973 jtisdale@panhandlewarriors.org	Community Intigration Advocate, Panhandle Warrior Partnership	
Samantha Barrett (850) 708-5961 sbarrett@panhandlewarriors.org	Development Manager, Panhandle Warrior Partnership	
Dennis Krebs (850) 708-5976 dkrebs@panhandlewarriors.org	Warrior Advocate, Panhandle Warrior Partnership	
Sherri Beck (540) 429-2934 sherri@eodwarriorfoundation.org	Program Coodinator, EOD Warrior Foundation	The EOD Warrior Foundation (EODWF) serves the EOD community by providing financial assistance and support to active-duty and veteran wounded, injured or ill EOD warriors, families of our wounded and fallen EOD warriors and by maintaining the EOD Memorial.
Mike Mack (850) 255-4368 mike@eodwarriorfoundation.org	Family Case Worker, EOD Warrior Foundation	
Corey Conner (334) 400-5926 corey.conner@operationhomefront.net	Community Liasion, Operation Home Front - Southeast	Build STRONG, STABLE, and SECURE military FAMILIES so they can thrive in the communities that they've worked so hard to protect.
Jim Bryan (850) 652-3350 jbryan_3ph@yahoo.com	Director, Haven-4-Heros	

Fletcher Williams Jr. pdcwilliams@legionmail.com fletcher.williams@cox.net (850) 699-2202	Department of Florida American Legion	As the nation's largest veteran's service organization, the American Legion is committed to mentoring and sponsorship of youth programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans. Services provided by The American Legion include Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) Program designed to provide financial assistance to veterans with families in need of basic necessities, such as shelter, food, electric, etc. This program is funded by The American Legion's National office and implemented by the State Department. Participation in the program is restricted to veterans with dependent minors. Also, the Gilchrist Fund is a program designed to assist veterans in need that may not fall under the criteria of the TFA program. The American Legion employs a Veteran Service Officer on staff that handles Veteran Support Cases and the American Legion works closely with County Veteran Service Officers throughout the state. CVSOs advocate for our veterans mainly in the realm of VA matters (claims and pensions) but are also very familiar with their county's veteran preferential programs, from employment to education. The American Legion also sponsors job fairs throughout the state.
Janis Wilson (850) 341-1399 pcolajan@yahoo.com	Monument to Women Veterans	The Monument to Women Veterans, Inc. advocates for female veterans through the establishment of a large sculpted monument recognizing the service and sacrifices of all women who have proudly donned a United States armed services uniform. It further seeks to provide resources and services for a myriad of issues currently impacting Women Veterans to include PTSD/MTBI, sexual assault, sexual harassment, unemployment, homelessness and countless others that may arise in the future. Ultimately, the Monument to Women's Veterans, Inc. will serve as a gateway to specialized services available to female Veterans throughout Florida's Gulf Coast. Women Veterans are encouraged to visit and enjoy the sense of community with fellow female patriots from across the United States.
Dana Cervantes-Richardson (850) 455-8280 Option 5 hblair@uso.org	USO Northwest Florida	Three locations in NW Florida serving active duty and retired military. Provide a touch of home at NW Florida Regional Airport, Pensacola Airport and NAS Pensacola.
Diane Freeman DLFreeman@USO.org	USO Center Manager, USO at NWFR Airport	Three locations in NW Florida serving active duty and retired military. Provide a touch of home to those traveling at the Northwest Florida Regional Airport, Pensacola Airport and NAS Pensacola.

Community Veteran Supporters

Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Christina Armistead (850) 863-1969 christinaocdc@gmail.com	Senior Case Manager, Okaloosa Community Development Corporation	Is dedicated to providing affordable and safe housing to Okaloosa County.
Mike Arena (850) 716-8198 healingpaws4warriors@gmail.com	Executive Director, Healing Paws for Warriors	Healing Paws for Warriors is dedicated to providing Post-9/11 combat veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and Military Sexual Trauma (MST) rescue-to-trained ADA-certified service dogs. We are a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
Caroline Dixon (850) 659-7188 carolina.dixon@gescg.org	Program Coordinator Legacy Corps, Goodwill Easter Seals of the Gulf Coast	Serving 12 counties in the Alabama-Florida Gulf Coast region, Goodwill Easter Seals provides programs and services to help individuals and families overcome challenges due to disabilities and other barriers that impact economic well-being, self-sufficiency, and quality of life. Our mission is to help families, in whatever shape they are in – needing a job, a GED, or literacy skills, help with parenting a special needs child, or a place for their adult family member who can't stay home alone. They may need help teaching their children to be ready for school, or getting a piece of medical equipment they can't afford. Whatever the need, Goodwill Easter Seals is here for them.
Michael Chad Franklin (850) 471-1636 cfranklin@voa-fla.org	Clinical Program Supervisor, Volunteers of America	For more than a century, Volunteers of America has provided essential services and opportunities to people of all faiths. We excel at meeting immediate needs, but are able to transform lives through our belief in, and reliance on, grace.
Beth Ostroff (850) 226-1994 jobs4uinfloida@gmail.com	President, Jobs4U Inc.	Jobs4U, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 serving individuals in Okaloosa County, Florida. We are a group of people that are passionate about helping others. We wanted to fill a need in the community and saw Employment Training and Job Developing as our opportunity. Our current target populations are disabled veterans and spouses of our active duty military. We believe that everyone, no matter age, ability, or circumstance can be a part of their community. With our talented staff we will work one-on-one with our interns in order to promote growth and successfully obtain and maintain employment.
Charles Palocy (850) 797-9852 charles.palocy@yahoo.com	President, American Military University Student Veterans of America	Student Veterans of America (SVA) is a coalition of student veteran groups from college campuses across the United States. Founded in January 2008, Student Veterans of America is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization that works to develop new student groups, coordinate between existing student groups, and advocate on behalf of student veterans at the local, state, and national level. The Student Veterans of America's three primary missions are to develop student veterans groups on college and university campuses and coordinate by region between existing ones; connect them with resources; and advocate on behalf of student veterans at the state and national level.

Bill Robinson (850) 585-5472 brobinson18@cox.net	Executive Director, Community Solutions	Community Solutions of the Emerald Coast is dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness through effective communication and collaboration between service entities, resource providers, and our community by bestowing innovative and compassionate direction to men, women and children in Okaloosa County.
Lynne Thompson (850) 356-1196 lthompson@ccdcareerconnection.com	Case Manager, Hero to Hired Program (H2H)	Members of the Reserve Components & Military Spouses, H2H is an ESGR & Yellow Ribbon project with a special mission: To Help You Find a Job.
Darrell Whited (256) 604-4029 vetsworking@rocketmail.com	Solider and Veterans Consultant, Vets Working Today	
Eva Wise (850) 244-2825 ext 1056 wisee@cc.ptdiocese.org	Emergency Assistance Program Specialist, Catholic Charities	Catholic Charities has a mobile food pantry and outreach service that provides needed food assistance, experts, information, and supplies to our neighbors in need in rural areas of the Florida Panhandle. We have staff on hand to assist people in applying for SNAP (also known as food stamps.) Many of the individuals in these rural communities do not have the resources to come to us for assistance, so we go to them.
Jim Fisher (361) 876-1170 james.fisher.ctr@calibresys.com	Regional Economic Liaison, Veterans Economic Communities Initiative	A launched the Veterans Economic Communities Initiative (VECI) in May 2015 as part of VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald's MyVA initiative. VECI supports the economic success of Veterans and their families by bringing together community partners to coordinate and integrate services at the local level. These programs and resources encourage collaboration among communities and provide training opportunities to help transitioning Service members, Veterans, and their families develop professional skills that can benefit them in any career path.

State and Local Government Veteran Supporters

Name/Contact	Job Title	Services
Sheilah Bowman (850) 982-2329 Sheilah.Bowman@mail.house.gov	District Director, Office of U.S. Congressman Jeff Miller, Florida's First Congressional District	Congressman Jeff Miller, Florida District One, Oversees District offices (Pensacola & Fort Walton Beach) to support constituents with Federal issues, for information inquiries, or individual casework. The District Office staff will also relay your veteran military news or other pertinent information to the Congressman for consideration. Visit www.jeffmiller.com for addition information
Stevan Davis (850) 479-1183 Stevan.Davis@mail.house.gov	Officer of U.S. Congressman Jeff Miller Military/VA Liaison & Caseworker	
Bob Black (850) 803-0470 bob.black@mail.house.gov	Senior Military Advisor, Office of Congressman Jeff Miller	
Richard Caldwell (850) 981-5161 caldwell.richard@mail.dc.state.fl.us	Veterans Coordinator, Santa Rosa CI Annex	
Dan Friedsberg (850) 244-1040 dan@mhaow.org	Veterans Court Mentor Coordinator	
Carl Jett (850) 609-5186 carl.jett@flcourts1.gov	Veterans Court Coordinator	
T. Patterson Maney (850) 651-7486 pattmaney@cox.net	County Court Judge	The Okaloosa County Veterans' Court Program is a specialized court established to serve veterans struggling with treatable behavioral, mental, or chemical health problems as a result of trauma experienced while serving in a combat/war zone. There is a specialized court docket for veteran defendants that substitutes traditional court process with a problem solving model
Paul T. Farnsworth Sr. (850) 689-1457 (850) 689-5092 (Fax) (850) 305-2310 (Mobile) pfarnsworth@co.okaloosa.fl.us	Inmate Population Manager Okaloosa County Department of Corrections	Identifies and interviews incarcerated veterans. Refers them to the County Veteran Service Officer and other support agencies. Provides information regarding incarcerated veterans to support agencies as needed.
Sandra Hoffa (850) 689-4687 sandra.hoffa@corizonhealth.com	Social Worker, Okaloosa County Department of Corrections	
Tina Ferland (850) 634-4406 tferland@judicialservices.com	Probation Manager, Okaloosa	
Christa Machado (267) 808-5009 crkmachado@cox.net	President, Downtown Fort Walton Beach Association, Inc.	
Valerie Lott (850) 682-3212 vlott@crestviewchamber.com	President/CEO, Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce	We are the premier business advocate in the Crestview area community, providing membership services and proactive leadership to promote responsible economic development, business success, and a high quality of life.

<p>Shane A. Moody (850) 837-6241 ceo@destinchamber.com</p>	<p>President/CEO, Destin Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>The mission of the Destin Area Chamber of Commerce is "Advocating for businesses... strengthening our community." The Destin Area Chamber of Commerce prides itself on working to build successful businesses and a vibrant economy. The Chamber provides products and services to its member businesses helping them grow and prosper. The Chamber acts as the voice of business in government affairs. Governed by a volunteer board of directors and operated by a professional staff, the Chamber works daily to ensure that businesses have what they need to flourish. A strong base of volunteers assists in making sure that all of our programs are relevant to the needs of businesses.</p>
<p>Megan Harrison (850) 267-0683 ceo@waltonareachamber.com</p>	<p>President/CEO, Walton Area Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Be the driving force to promote, develop and advocate for successful businesses in the community.</p>
<p>Ted Corcoran (850) 244-8191 ted@fwbchamber.org</p>	<p>President/CEO, Fort Walton Beach Area Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce brings together the business, non-profit, and cultural leaders of our area, strengthening local businesses and enhancing the quality of life in our community by providing services which help businesses help themselves. As the largest Chamber from Pensacola to Tallahassee, we host the largest (and friendliest!) regular business networking events in Northwest Florida. Additionally, we organize a variety of community festivals throughout the year, including the world-famous Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival in June. The Chamber offers business promotion, advocacy, and exposure to its members, along with various opportunities to serve the community. There's always something going on at the Chamber – just check our calendar!</p>