

## National Resources

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

**The Episcopal Church** has a strong commitment to justice and support for our nation's veterans. The national church's website often has articles, events and blogs about veterans and recommendations for recognizing the veterans in our midst. If you visit the website and do a search for 'veteran' you will find a wealth of material.

<http://www.va.gov/>

The **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs** website offers a wide range of information on veteran's issues and resources. There are also forms and instructions on how to apply for benefits. You can learn about veteran health issues, homelessness, family issues and much more.

[www.amvets.org](http://www.amvets.org)

Tracing its roots to 1948, **American Veterans (AMVETS)** provides help and support to veterans and their families. The helping hand that AMVETS extends takes many forms. They have a network of trained national service officers (NSOs) accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs provide sound advice and prompt action on compensation claims at no charge to the veteran. They also offer scholarships to deserving high school seniors, ROTC students and veterans pursuing higher education.

[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

The **American Legion** was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veteran's organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization with local chapters across the country. The Operation Comfort Warriors program supports recovering wounded warriors and their families, providing them with "comfort items" and the kind of support that makes a hospital feel a little bit more like home. The Legion also raises millions of dollars in donations at the local, state and national levels to help veterans and their families during times of need and to provide college scholarship opportunities.

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil> (resources)

**Military OneSource** is a free service provided by the Department of Defense (DoD) to active duty, Guard and Reserve service members, and their families with comprehensive information on every aspect of military life including deployment, reunion, relationships, grief, spouse employment and education, parenting and child care, and much more. Military OneSource has policy and programmatic information, helpful resources, products, and articles and tips on numerous topics related to military life. Services are available 24 hours a day by telephone and online. In addition to the website, Military OneSource offers call center and online support for consultations on any number of issues such as spouse education and career opportunities, issues specific to families with a member with special needs, and financial support and resources. A great feature of the website is that you can type in the name of the installation nearest to you to see what services they offer.

<http://soldiersangels.org/>

**Soldiers' Angels** has many programs to support military families, deployed service members, wounded service members and veterans. Programs are broken into categories based on the population they serve. Most of the programs are provided by the support of Angels who dedicate their time, money and talents, to the organization. Below is a list of the various programs and teams. Go to the website to read more about the program, how it works and how you can get involved.

### **Veteran Support**

- ☐ Soldiers' Angels Veteran Affairs Medical Center Support program assists patients at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and supports Stand Downs.

### **Deployed Support**

- ☐ Letter Writing Team provides individualized support throughout a soldier's deployment
- ☐ Ladies of Liberty Team provides extra TLC for deployed women
- ☐ Deployed Adoptions Team provides individualized support throughout deployment
- ☐ Angel Bakers Team provides homemade treats for the deployed
- ☐ Chaplain Support Team helps chaplains support the troops
- ☐ Special Operations Forces Team provides support to Special Operations and Special Forces service members and units

### **Wounded Support**

- ☐ Soldiers' Angels, Landstuhl, Germany supports medevac'd wounded/ill and medical staff at the military hospital
- ☐ Valor-IT provides adaptive laptops for the severely wounded or injured

### **Family Support**

- ☐ Living Legends Team comforts the loved ones left behind when a warrior falls on the battlefield.
- ☐ Operation Top Knot Team provides handmade gifts and virtual baby showers
- ☐ Women of Valor Team provides support to female caregivers of Post 9-11 wounded, ill and injured service members
- ☐ Adopt-A-Family Team provides support to meet a family's holiday needs

### **Other Support**

- ☐ Sewing and Crafting Team provides handmade blankets, scarves and pillowcases
- ☐ Cards Plus Team provides extra TLC for soldiers and families