



# Department of Veterans Services

## Overview of Programs and Services



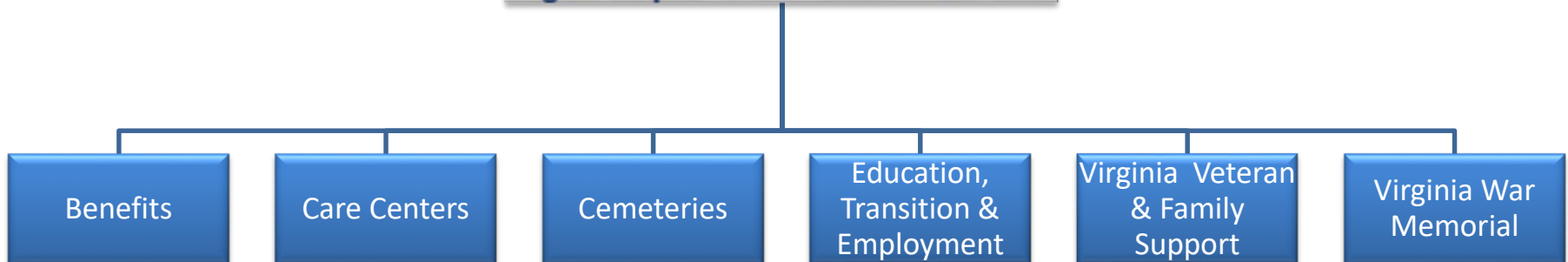
**Virginia Department of Veterans Services**

## **Proudly Serving Our Veterans Across the Commonwealth**

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) connects Virginia's veterans and their families to federal and state benefits, support, quality care, and recognition they have earned



Acting Commissioner Steve Combs  
Deputy Commissioners Annie  
Walker and Tom Herthel





## ***DVS PROVIDES A WIDE ARRAY OF SERVICES***



**Benefits:** *Mission: provide Virginia's veterans and their family members with accurate, timely and ethical education and assistance in obtaining the federal and state benefits they have earned through service and sacrifice to our Commonwealth and Nation*

**Education, Transition &, Employment:** *Mission: augment the new Virginia economy with mission-ready, relevantly-skilled veterans by creating seamless transitions for veterans with high-quality education and workforce services that accelerate career opportunities*





## ***DVS Services (Cont.)***

**Care Centers:** *Mission: provide long-term care, Alzheimer's/dementia care, and short-term rehabilitation to Virginia's veterans.*

*Virginia Veterans Care Center – Salem; Va  
Sitter & Barfoot Care Center – Richmond, Va*



New in 2020:

Puller Veterans Care Center – Fauquier County  
Jones & Cabacoy Care Center – Va. Beach



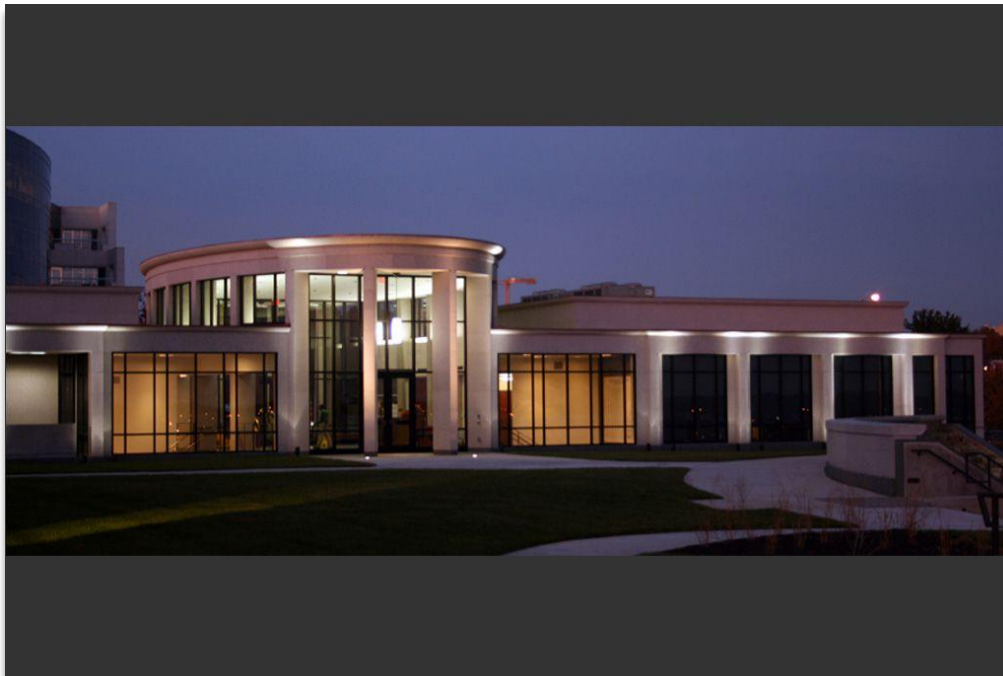
**Cemeteries:** *Mission: provide final resting for our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines – places of honor, dignity, respect, and remembrance.*

Virginia Veterans Cemetery (Amelia), the Albert G. Horton, J., Memorial Veterans Cemetery (Suffolk) and the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery (Dublin)



## ***DVS Services (Cont.)***

**Virginia War Memorial:** *Mission: honor our veterans by preserving our history, educating our youth, and inspiring patriotism in all.*







# Virginia Veteran and Family Support

**Mission:** *VVFS provides resource referrals, care coordination and supportive services to Virginia's Veterans, National Guard, Armed Forces Reserves, caregivers and family members.*

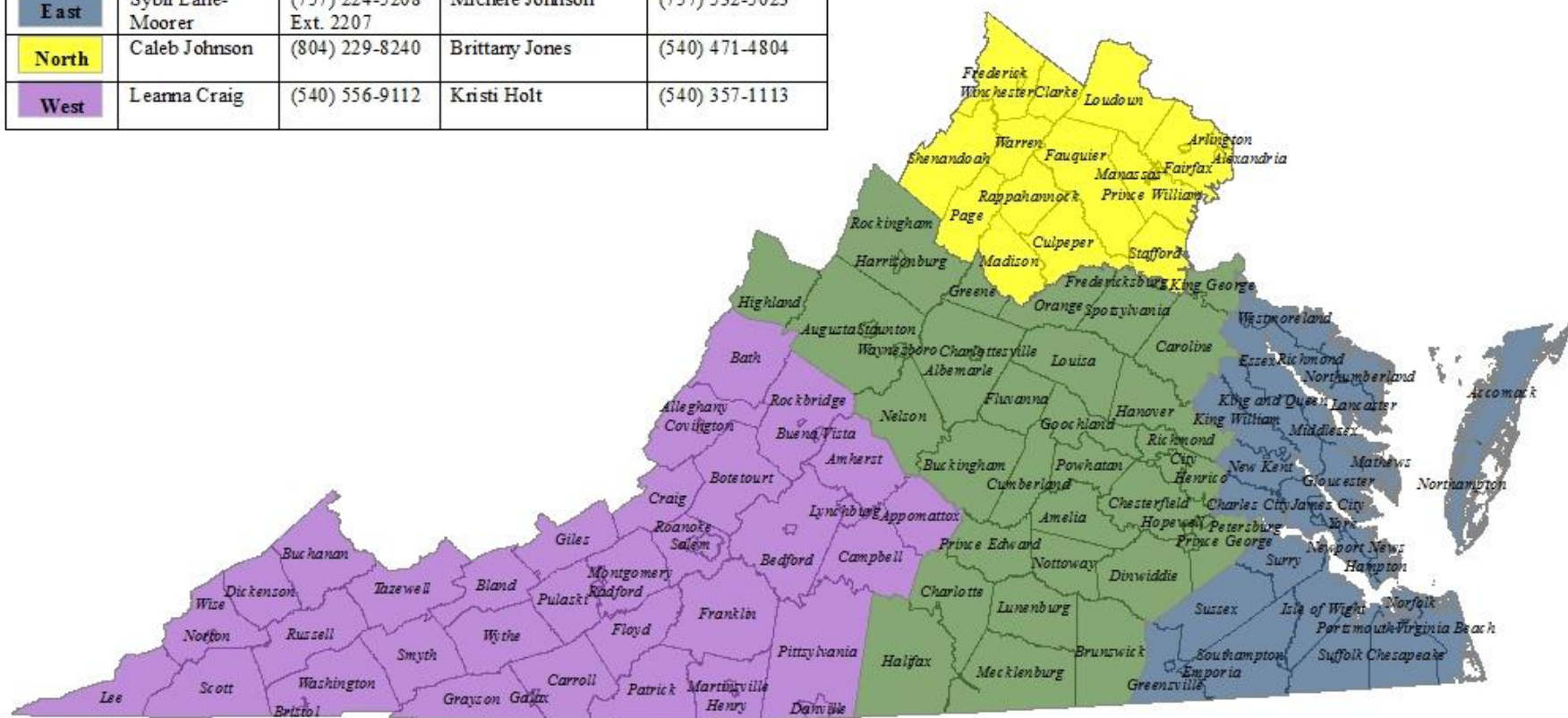


# Who We Serve

- ✓ Any Virginia Veteran, no matter the discharge status, in need of behavioral health support
- ✓ Members of the Virginia National Guard not on active federal service
- ✓ Virginia residents in the Armed Forces Reserves not on active federal service
- ✓ Family members and caregivers of these Veterans and service members









# Veteran Resource Specialist

The purpose of the **Veteran Resource Specialist (RS)** position is to identify the behavioral health, rehabilitative, and other services needs of service members, veterans and/or their dependents/family members (SMVF).

Based on those identified needs the **VRS** develops a coordinated services plan, connects the individual with appropriate service providers, offers care coordination support/assistance, and monitors for the successful resolution of the identified needs.



# Veteran Peer Specialist

The purpose of the **Veteran Peer Specialist (VPS)** position is to provide individualized peer coaching and advocacy services to veterans, members of the National Guard and Reserves, and transitioning service members throughout an assigned VVFS Region.

The **VPS** works alongside veteran peers to inspire and support individuals in their personal management of daily living and behavioral challenges. The **VPS** provides hope, support, knowledge, coaching, role modeling, connection, navigation, and more via the connection of similar personal experience as a military service member or veteran.



# Veteran Justice Specialist

The purpose of the **Veteran Justice Specialist (VJS)** position is to provide direct services to justice-involved veterans and service members interfacing with courts and diversion/veteran docket programs, during incarceration in jails and prisons, and upon re-entry to the community.

The VJS identifies needs, develops a coordinated services plan and connects veterans/servicemembers involved in the criminal justice system to community resources.



# Spectrum of Services



## Care Coordination

Comprehensive Needs Assessment & Care Coordination Planning  
Linkage to **Behavioral Healthcare, Rehabilitative and Supportive Services**



## Family Services

Care Coordination Services  
Mission: Healthy Relationships Workshops  
Mission: Healthy Families Retreats  
Operation Family Caregiver



## Homeless Services

Prevention resources  
Rapid Re-housing Assistance  
Energy Share



## Peer Services

Vet to Vet Support  
Peer Groups  
Individualized and relationship-based support  
Encourages, inspires and assists in achieving hope and goals



## Justice Involved Services

Capacity Building to Expand use of Veteran Dockets/Courts  
Re-Entry Councils  
Jail/Prison Visits  
Resource Connections for Incarcerated



## Outreach & Community Education

Resource Tables  
Community Event Coverage  
Military Culture Training  
Crisis Intervention Training  
PTSD/TBI Training  
V3 Employer Training

**Spectrum of Services**





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