



VETERANS SERVICES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



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AGENDA

- Supports & resources available to Service members and Veterans in the state and local communities
- Supports & resources available to Service members and Veterans in the higher education environment
- Collaborations between federal, state, and local partners including the University of New Hampshire



DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

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Supporting Veterans in a Shifting Landscape





Snapshot of New Hampshire's Military & Veterans

757 Active Duty military¹

4,097 Reserve military¹

**≈ 3,000 serving in NH
National Guard**

≈ 105,390 NH Veterans²

- ❖ 51.33% of NH Veterans are over 65 years of age²
- ❖ 45,100 are enrolled in VA Healthcare system—**approximately 60,000 are not²**

¹DoD Defense Manpower Data Center, 9/30/17

²Source: Veterans Administration data, 9/30/2017



How Veterans are served in NH

- ✓ **Federal services & benefits**
- ✓ **State services**
- ✓ **State benefits**
- ✓ **Legislatively-mandated Groups**
- ✓ **Advocacy**
- ✓ **Partnerships—federal, state, local, military & civilian**
- ✓ **Local benefits**
- ✓ **Community providers**

VA Medical Centers

Manchester, NH



White River Junction, VT



- Traditional hospital-based services (surgery, critical care, mental health, and physical therapy)
- Medical and surgical specialty services—oncology, geriatrics, neurology, and more.
- Close partnership with state government and community based programs
- Latest national data: the suicide rate increased 26% for those veterans NOT in VHA care compared to a 13.7% increase for those veterans in VHA care (2005-2016, June 2018 VA Suicide Report)

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State Department Priorities

It is imperative that NH Veterans have access to:

- ❖ any & all benefits available through a timely process;
- ❖ quality healthcare;
- ❖ community resources that ensure employment, financial stability, housing, education and quality healthcare;
- ❖ opportunities to continue serving the community; and,
- ❖ opportunities for the Veteran's family to thrive.

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Leadership

The Adjutant General: Major General David Mikolaities

Deputy Adjutant General: Colonel (Ret.) Warren Perry



State Divisions

New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery
Division of Veterans Services
Division of Community Based Military Programs

Military Divisions

Army National Guard
Air National Guard

NH Dept of Military Affairs & Veterans Services

Division of Veterans Services (DVS)



Formerly NH Office of Veterans
Services

Veteran Service Officers assist with
benefit eligibility and applications.

275 Chestnut Street
Norris Cotton Federal Bldg, Room 517
Manchester, NH 03101

603-624-9230 or 1-800-622-9230

<https://www.nh.gov/nhveterans/>



NH Dept of Military Affairs & Veterans Services

Division of Community Based Military Programs

To foster and facilitate collaboration, coordination and communication between military, veteran and civilian provider groups serving New Hampshire Veterans, Service Members and their Families.



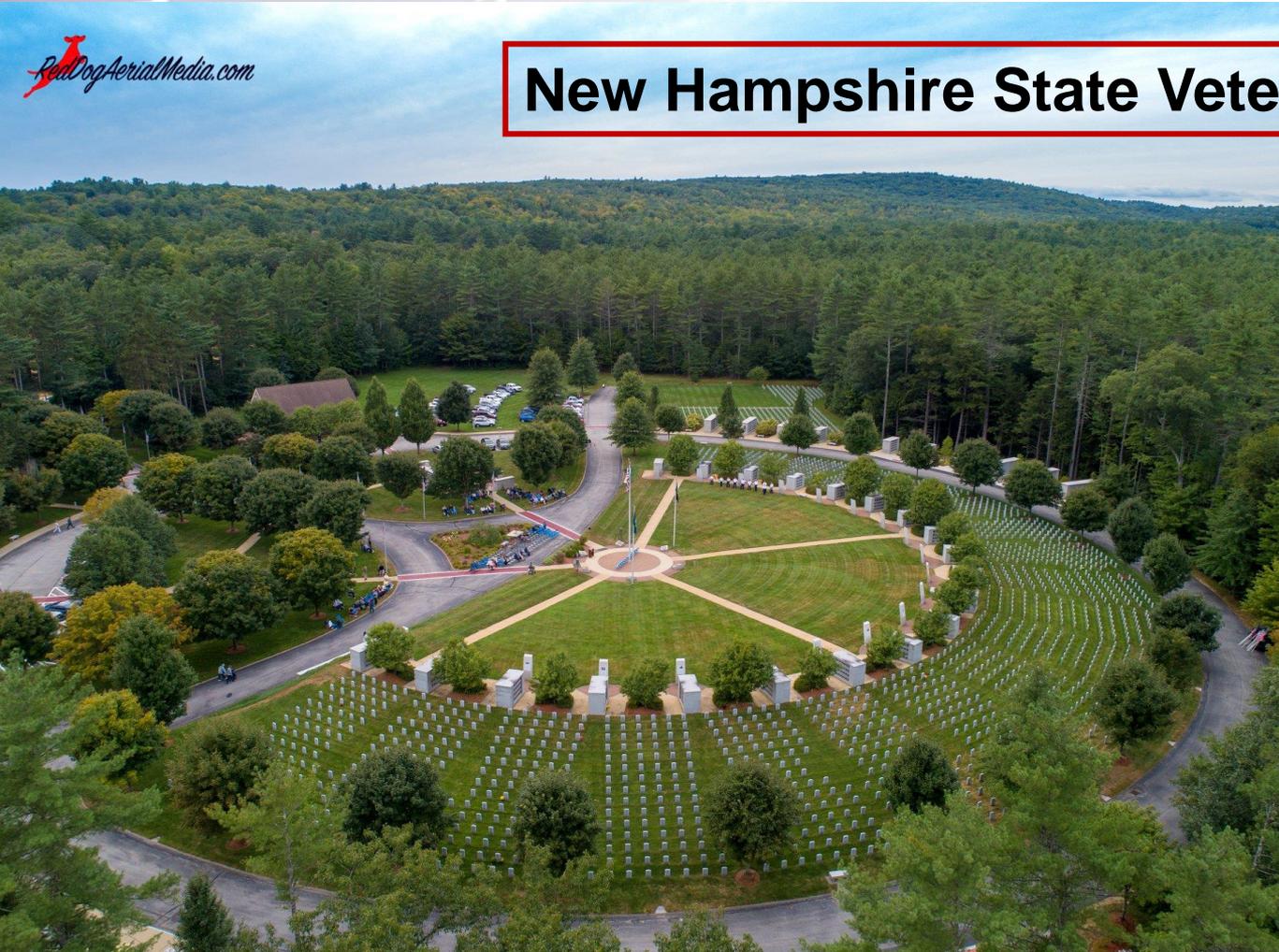
Awareness Resources Services



NH Dept of Military Affairs & Veterans Services

RedDogAerialMedia.com

New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery



<http://www.nhsvc.com/>



DMAVS & NHNG

NH National Guard Family Assistance Center (603) 227-5175

Legal

Power of Attorney documents/Wills
Service Members Civil Relief Act
Employer support to the Guard and Reserve

Financial

Provide referrals for budgeting
Financial assistance

TRICARE

Understanding benefits
Assist in finding participating providers

ID Cards/DEERS

Info on DEERS/RAPIDS
Help finding ID card centers

Family Assistance Center Operations

Resource & referral assistance
Community information & outreach

Exceptional Family Member Program

Resources for family members with special
medical or educational needs

NH Veterans Home

The mission of the New Hampshire Veterans Home is to provide the best quality of life for NH Veterans with dignity, honor and respect.

- ❖ Actively engaged in all state planning, events and initiatives
- ❖ Collaborative partner with VA, Dept of Military Affairs and Veteran Services



Legislatively Established

These groups consist of military & civilian leaders across the state who work to ensure state budget, priorities, policies and legislation effectively reflect the interests of the Veteran community.



- State Veterans Council
- Military Leadership Team
- Legislative Commission on PTSD & TBI
- Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs—Joint Military Task Force



COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

“Have you or a family member ever served in the military?”



The **“Ask the Question” Campaign** is dedicated to Lt. Col. Stephanie Riley, a former nurse with the NH National Guard.

Lt. Col. Riley died of lung cancer in December of 2014.

The Commission on PTSD & TBI and the Bureau of Community Based Military Programs are grateful to

Lt. Col. Stephanie Riley for the campaign she inspired.

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Division Priorities

- ❖ **Suicide Prevention**
- ❖ **Access to quality healthcare including mental health services**
- ❖ **Access to resources promoting successful attainment of life's milestones—live, work, play & serve in NH**
- ❖ **Quality care for military children & families in schools and child/family service agencies**
- ❖ **Navigation & accessibility of resources**



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