# Welcome Home!



We are the people in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs who welcome home war veterans with honor by providing quality readjustment services in a caring manner. Vet Centers understand and appreciate Veterans' war experiences while assisting them and their family members toward a successful post-war adjustment in or near their community.

You Served Proudly, Let Us Serve You

#### Alabama Vet Centers

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#### Readjustment Counseling Service



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"Keeping the Promise"

#### Our Mission

Vet Centers serve veterans and their families and other services in the U.S. Department of providing a key access link between the veterans services with community agencies, and outreach to special populations, the brokering of readjustment counseling, community education, by providing a continuum of quality care, which Veterans Affairs communities. value for veterans, Care includes families professional and

#### **Background of Readjustment** Counseling Services

The Vet Center program was established by serving you! significant number of Vietnam veterans were have evolved over the years and look forward to ALL combat veterans and their families. We Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Guam serve Today, over 271 Vet Centers across the U.S., Congress in 1979 out of recognition that a experiencing readjustment problems



# Confidentiality and Privacy

The Vet Center staff respects the privacy of crisis. (Privacy Act of 1974) process. No information will be communicated all information disclosed in the counseling all veterans, and we hold in strictest confidence except in necessary circumstances to avert a to any person or agency without written consent









### from theater may experience: Servicemembers returning

- Marriage/Relationship Problems
- Nightmares or Sleeplessness
- Lack of Structure/Motivation
- Endless Questions from Family
- Guilt or Shame
- Feelings of Isolation
- Anger, Irritability, or Rage
- Alcohol or Substance Abuse Depression or Anxiety Attacks
- Medical Issues

Financial Hardships



### Services Provided

- Individual Readjustment Counseling
- Group Meetings & Counseling
- Military Sexual Trauma Counseling\*
- Bereavement Counseling
- Marital & Family Counseling
- Employment Counseling & Guidance
- Benefits Assistance & Referra
- Substance Abuse Information and Referral
- Community Education
- Liaison with Community Agencies



## **Eligibility for Services**

Readjustment counseling: Veterans who served in the following regions of hostilities:

Global War on Terrorism - Sept. 2001 Somalia - Sept. 1992 to... Grenada - Oct. 1983 to Nov. 1983 Vietnam War - Feb. 1961 to May 197 Merchant Marines - Dec. 1941 to Aug. Korean War - June 1950 to July 1954 World War II - Dec. 1941 to Mar. 1946 (Operation Enduring/Iraqi Freedom) Former Yugoslavia - Dec. 1995 to. Persian Gulf - Aug. 1990 to... Panama - Dec. 1989 to Jan. 1990 Lebanon - Aug. 1982 to Feb. 1984

our country. Also eligible are family members of Bereavement counseling: Family members of all armed forces personnel who died in service for while on active duty. Reserve and National Guard personnel who died

while serving on active duty (gender neutral). who experienced sexual trauma or harassment Sexual trauma counseling\*: Veterans of any era