Chicago Area Vet Center
Locations Include:

Vet Center
1515 S. Harlem Avenue
Forest Park, IL 60130
708.457.8805

Vet Center
1901 Howard St.
Evanston, IL 60202
847.332.1019

Veterans Resource Center
3348 West 87th St.
Chicago, IL 60620
773.962.3740

Vet Center
1010 Dixie Highway
Chicago Heights, IL 60411
708.754.0340

Vet Center
107 E. 93rd
Crown Point, IN 46307
219.736.5633

Vet Center
7015 Rote Rd.
Rockford, IL 61107
815.395-1276

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Background of Readjustment Counseling Service

In the years following the end of the Vietnam conflict, it became increasingly clear that some veterans experienced a variety of problems adjusting to civilian life. In an effort to reach out to those veterans who needed help and were reluctant to seek if from more traditional sources, Vet Centers were established by Congress in 1979.

In 1991, legislation extended eligibility for counseling to combat veterans of post-Vietnam era conflicts, including the Persian Gulf, Panama, Grenada and Lebanon.

The Women Veterans Health program Act of 1992 authorizes counseling for men and women veterans who have experienced acts of sexual violence or harassment while on active duty.

Since that time, our mission has expanded to include all veterans who served in a combat zone. Vet Centers stand ready to act as a support to all Veterans returning from battle.

Services Provided

- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Couple/Family Counseling
- Alcohol/Drug Assessment
- Sexual Trauma Counseling
- Benefits Information
- Community Education
- Liaison with VA Facilities
- Referral to Community Agencies
- Employment Counseling and Job Referral
- Spouse/Significant Other Support

For More Information

The Vet Center offers free counseling to eligible veterans and their families. If you are interested contact us for further information at 708.457.8805.

Vet Centers are community based and part of the Department of Veteran Affairs. The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach and referral services to eligible veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war adjustment.

Eligibility for Services

- All veterans who participated in the following conflict zones:
  - WWII 9/16/40 - 7/25/47
  - Korea 6/26/50 - 1/31/55
  - Vietnam 8/5/61 - 5/7/75
  - Lebanon 8/25/82 - 2/26/84
  - Grenada 10/23/83-11/21/83
  - Panama 12/20/89-1/31/90
  - Persian Gulf 8/2/90-Present
  - Somalia 9/17/92-Present
  - Former Yugoslavian Ops:
    - Operation Joint Endeavor
    - Joint Guard, Joint Forge

- Global War on Terrorism
  - 9/11/01 - Present

- All veterans who were sexually traumatized while in the military

- Family members who have lost a loved one in the military

Confidentiality & Privacy

Vet Center staff respect the privacy of all veterans. We hold in the strictest confidence all information disclosed in the counseling process. No information will be communicated to any non-VA person or agency without written consent from the veteran, except in the following circumstances: to avert a crisis (Privacy Act, 1975), if ordered by a court of law, or if current abuses of children are involved.