

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR MILITARY/VETERANS BENEFIT ACCESS

Many Baltimore County residents are entitled to receive health, pension and other benefits because of their service in the United States military. However, it can be difficult to ascertain eligibility, particularly if the individual served in the Reserves or National Guard. It can also be hard for former service members and their family members to ascertain eligibility and access services if they have not registered with the Veterans Administration.

This guide is designed to help counselors, social workers, and other agency staff assist clients who may be eligible for services and benefits. It provides some general questions to narrow down possible eligibility, and gives local contact information.

Other helpful local and national resources can be found on Baltimore County's veterans support website, "HOMEFRONT: Our Turn to Serve", at www.bcpl.info/veterans.

1. What branch of the service are/were you in?

a. Army/ Reserve c. Air Force/ Reserve e. Coast Guard b. Navy/ Reserve d. Marines/ Reserve f. National Guard

2. Are you on ACTIVE duty?

a. If the service member is on active duty, then they are covered by military health care and the following numbers are contacts for each respective branch in the area:

<u>Army</u>

Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center 2480 Llewellyn Ave. Ft. Meade, MD 20755 (301) 677-8606 or (410) 674-7116

Kirk Medical Center Building 2501 Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD 21005 (410) 278-1716

Navy & Marine Corps

National Naval Medical Center 8901 Wisconsin Ave. Bethesda, MD 20889 (301)295-4611 or Toll Free (800) 526-7101

Coast Guard

USCG Yard Clinic 2401 Hawkins Point Road Baltimore, MD 21226 (410) 636-7505 or (410) 636-7506 Walter Reed Army Medical Center 6900 Georgia Ave NW, Washington, DC 20307 (202) 782-3501 or Toll Free (800) 433-3574

Air Force

Malcolm Grow Medical Center Building 1050, W. Perimeter Road Andrews Air Force Base, MD 20762 (888) 999-1212 or (240) 857-5911

3. Are you a Reservist or National Guardsman?

a. If the service member is a Reservist, then inquire their respective branch and their specific Reserve Center. Staff at Reserve Centers can help with referrals and other information. The following is all Reserve Centers in the Maryland area:

Army Reserve

- 1.1900 Broening Highway Baltimore, MD 21224 (410) 631-7733
- 2. 700 E. Ordnance Road Curtis Bay, MD 21226 (410) 789-7600
- 3. 5515 Liberty Heights Avenue Baltimore, MD 21207 (410) 448-2200
- **Navy & Marine Corps Reserve**
- 1. 1301 Wallace Street Baltimore, MD 21230 (410) 752-8767
- 2. 2991 N 2nd Street Harrisburg, PA 17110 (717) 255-8069
- 3. Anacostia Naval Station Washington, DC 20373 (202) 433-4475

4. 2997 N 2nd Street Harrisburg, PA 17110 (717) 234- 5985

b. If the service member is Maryland National Guard, then inquire information on the service member's respective National Guard Armory/Airfield. The following is a listing of all Army National Guard Armories and Air National Guard Airfield contact information in Baltimore County:

Army National Guard

Camp Fretterd Armory

13700 Hanover Road Reisterstown, MD 21136 410-517-3744

CSM Gerome M. Grollman Armory

2101 North Point Boulevard Dundalk, MD 21222-1621 410-284-6335

1CW4 Melvin Sherr Armory

3727 Putty Hill Avenue White Marsh, MD 21236-3509 410-661-2353/2372

Purnell Armory

10901 Notchcliff Road Glen Arm, MD 21057-9998 410-592-2535

Towson (Old) Armory

307 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204-4765 410-337-6772

Air National Guard

Warfield Air National Guard Base

2701 Eastern Boulevard Middle River, MD 21220-2899 410-918-6210/6538

MG William J.Witte Armory

130 Mellor Avenue Catonsville, MD 21228-5142 410-788-7080

First Regiment Armory

14 Dorsey Road Glen Burnie, MD 21061-3203 410-768-1919

3rd Brigade

610 Reisterstown Road Pikesville, MD 21208-5197 410-653-6755

MG(MD) Harry C. Ruhl Armory

1035 York Road Towson, MD 21204-2517 410-616-0518

MG(MD) John P. Cooper, Jr. Armory

610 Reisterstown Road Pikesville, MD 21208-5197 410-653-6750

4. Are you a veteran of the United States military?

- a. If the service member was in the ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, then they are considered a VETERAN (they will have a DD-214 "discharge paper").
- b. If the service member was in the RESERVE/NATIONAL GUARD and they **DID** serve IN Operation Iraqi/Enduring Freedom or in SUPPORT of Operation Iraqi/Enduring Freedom, then they are considered a VETERAN (must have a DD-214 to qualify).
- c. If the service member was in the RESERVE/NATIONAL GUARD and they **DID NOT** serve IN Operation Iraqi/Enduring Freedom or in SUPPORT of Operation Iraqi/Enduring Freedom, then they are NOT considered a VETERAN (they will not have a DD-214 "discharge paper").
- * If the service member was issued or thinks that they are entitled to a DD-214 "discharge paper," but does not have a copy, they can contact the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs at 410-333-4429 for assistance in obtaining a copy.
- * If the service member is considered a VETERAN and they are not currently associated with any military service, the agency that is to be contacted is the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The contact information below is for veterans in the Baltimore region.

Veterans Affairs

<u>Veterans Affairs Medical Centers</u>: provide a broad spectrum of medical, surgical, and rehabilitative care for veterans.

10 N. Green St. Building 5H

Baltimore, MD 21201 Perry Point, MD 21902

410-605-7000 410-642-2411

Veterans Affairs Clinics: provide limited medical care for veterans.

9600 North Point Road 1406 South Crain Hwy. 3901 The Alameda Baltimore, MD 21052 Glen Burnie, MD 21061 Baltimore, MD 21218

410-477-1800 410-590-4140 410-605-7650