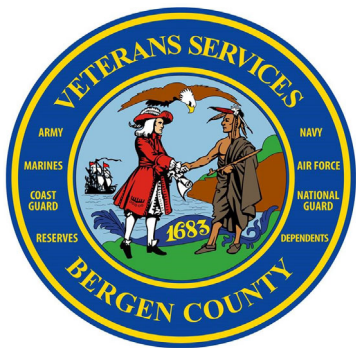


Veterans Newsletter

*Bergen County
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A message from Bergen County Executive James J. Tedesco III



Veterans are an important part of Bergen County and always will be. The COVID-19 pandemic has been an adjustment for everyone, especially our veterans, and we want you to know that the Division of Veterans Services is still here to serve those who have served our nation. The Division has compiled a list of Veteran Affairs resources for veterans and their families to get them through this difficult time, which can be referenced in this newsletter.

If you are a veteran who has not applied for VA healthcare and/or who has seen your income change due to the crisis, then you can learn whether you qualify for VA healthcare by visiting the VA healthcare eligibility website or by calling 1-877-222-VETS (8387). You can submit an application to the local CBOC (Community Based Outpatient Clinic) in Hackensack but please make sure you call ahead at 201-342-4536. If you want to file for a disability claim, please call NJ DMAVA VSO, Mr. Joseph Restivo at 201-996-8050 or e-mail him at Joseph.Restivo@dmava.nj.gov.

Please also remember that Bergen New Bridge Medical Center in Paramus is a VA choice facility, offering a complete continuum of care right here in Bergen County. New Bridge also is a recent recipient of a NJDOH grant for Integrated Health Care Program for Military and Veterans to allow for even more specialized care. For a full detail of services, you can call the Veterans Access Line at 201-225-7189 or visit www.newbridgehealth.org/veterans.

Our veterans are the reason why we enjoy the many freedoms we have today and that is why we will never stop working for you and your families while you serve and after you serve. We thank you for your service.

Should you know of any veterans in need, regardless of when they served or how long they served, please have them contact us at: (201) 336-6325 or email us at: veterans@co.bergen.nj.us.

From the Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division of Veterans Services

We want to wish everyone a healthy and happy summer. We also want to express our sincere thanks to everyone for their continued support throughout these last 5 years of the Tedesco Administration.

The County of Bergen along with the Division of Veterans Services is looking to once again host our annual "POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony" in September where we will be posthumously honoring a WWII service member who was KIA and is still MIA. Veterans Services has assisted with jobs, referrals for disability claims, donated items to assist with everyday life, and other services to improve the quality of life for our veterans. It goes to show that many people in our community not only want veterans to get what they deserve, but are also willing to help those that are less fortunate and in need.

The Division has received a lot of positive feedback from the work we have done to end veterans homelessness. We thank our over 50 service providers that have offered services in homeless prevention, mental health, employment opportunities, and other important services that aim to improve the lives of our veterans who might be struggling.

Should you know of any veterans in need, regardless of when they served or how long they served, please have them contact us at:

(201) 336-6325 or email us at: veterans@co.bergen.nj.us. We are here to help.



Donations to the *Tracers* program are used to supply bus tickets to jobs, assist in preparing the veteran for employment, and to fill in gaps in the service delivery system.

Since our inception, more than \$135,000 in bus tickets were given to homeless veterans.

GOLD (\$500 and above)

American Legion Post #310

SILVER (\$250—\$499)

BRONZE (\$100—\$249)

BOOSTERS (Under or up to \$99)

Kristen S. Labazzo

Our veterans are thankful for every item that they receive through the generosity of all the organizations in Bergen County. Donations always needed:

- \$10 food gift cards for McDonald's, Dunkin Donuts, Burger King, and other restaurant establishments.
- \$25-\$50 gift cards redeemable in stores such as Shop Rite, BJ's, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS Pharmacy.
- New items including: tote bags, sweatshirts (Medium to X-Large), jackets, underwear and socks may be dropped off weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.* (call for coordination)

"TRACERS" assures that every penny donated is spent on items and services which help improve the lives of former members of the United States Military and their families, who are now homeless or are in danger of becoming homeless.

**Parking is available. Pickup can be arranged for big donations such as food, clothing, and toiletries (if volunteers are available).*

We still need your help for more supplies. Please mail your check or call us for needed supplies at:

201-336-6325.

Kindly make check payable to:

County of Bergen - Tracers

Bergen County Division of Veterans Services

One Bergen County Plaza, 2nd Floor



Army National Guard Retirement Services: Applying for non-regular retirement pay

By Maj. Monique G. Pulley, Army National Guard Retirement Services Section Chief



Did you know the average time a Retired Army National Guard Soldier spends in the Gray Area is 14 years? That is a long time from the point of transferring to the Retired Reserve to reaching age non-regular retirement eligibility (usually age 60 unless entitled to a reduced age retirement for qualifying periods of service). A lot can happen and change in those 14 years of life. We would like to remind you to continue to keep your contact information current with the US Army Human Resources Command (HRC) and Defense Finance Accounting Service (DFAS) to ensure your record is current.

Did you know that in accordance with Army Regulation 135-180, it is the Retired Soldier's individual responsibility to apply for non-regular retired pay? Yes, it is true. You must submit an application to receive your earned retired pay. US Army HRC Gray Area Retirements Branch is the office which processes your application for non-regular retired pay. Their website details the documents required for your application. <https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/Gray%20Area%20Retirements%20Branch>.

Army National Guard Retirement Services Officers (RSOs) are located throughout the 54 states, territories and the District of Columbia and are available to assist you in completing your application for non-regular retired pay, should you desire assistance with our application. US Army HRC Gray Area Retirements Branch recommends you submit your application for retired pay as early as nine months prior to your 60th birthday or reduced age eligibility. You served our Nation, the US Army and your respective state, territory or District of Columbia earning a retirement, do not delay in submitting your application on time for retired pay.

ARNG Retired Soldiers, surviving spouses and families: We want to hear from you. What retirement questions or topics would you like to see discussed in Army Echoes? Please email your recommendations to ArmyEchoes@mail.mil. Do you need other assistance? There is an appointed Retirement Services Officer (RSO) and Retirement Points Accounting Management (RPAM) Administrator assigned to each State/Territory and District of Columbia. They are there to assist you.

To find your respective RSO use the Resource Locator on the MyArmyBenefits website at <https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/Benefit-Library/Resource-Locator>.

Army Reserve Retirement Services Office continues virtual support during COVID-19

By Lt. Col. Trentonia Scott, Army Reserve Retirement Services Section Chief



As we continue to experience the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Army Reserve Readiness Division Retirement Services Office teams continue to offer virtual services as a safety precaution. The teams conduct monthly virtual seminars and provide customer service assistance to you and your families remotely. These sessions cover updates to the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP), Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) election options, retired pay application procedures and other retirement related topics. The RSO teams are available to schedule one-on-one virtual sessions to assist with your specific retirement concerns.

To find your RSO or obtain information regarding the retirement planning seminars scheduled for your area visit: <https://www.usar.army.mil/Retirement/> or <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Retirement/ArmyReserve>.

Camp Lejeune Water Contamination Health Issues

If you served at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune or Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) New River in North Carolina, you may have had contact with contaminants in the drinking water there. Scientific and medical evidence has shown an association between exposure to these contaminants during military service and development of certain diseases later on. If you have qualifying service at Camp Lejeune and a current diagnosis of, you may be able to get disability benefits. Two on-base water wells that were shut down in 1985 had these chemicals: Trichloroethylene (TCE), Perchloroethylene (PCE), Benzene, Vinyl chloride, and other compounds.

What kind of benefits can I get?

- Health care
- Compensation (payments)

How do I get these benefits?

- You'll need to file a claim for disability compensation and provide the evidence (supporting documents) listed below:
- Your military records showing you served at Camp Lejeune or MCAS New River for at least 30 days from August 1953 through December 1987 while on active duty, or in the National Guard or Reserves, and
- Medical records stating that you have 1 or more of the 8 illnesses on the presumptive conditions list (see above)

You can file a claim in any of these ways:

- [File a claim online on VA.gov](#), or
- [File a claim online on eBenefits](#), or
- [Get help from an accredited representative, like a Veterans service officer \(VSO\)](#), or
- [Get help at a VA regional office](#)

Note: When you file, be sure to state that you're applying for one or more of the presumed Camp Lejeune illnesses, and upload evidence (like a doctor's report or medical test results).

You must provide evidence of payment during one of these time periods:

- Between January 1, 1957 and December 31, 1987 (if you lived on Camp Lejeune during this time period, we will reimburse you for care received on or after August 6, 2012, and up to 2 years before the date of your application), or
- Between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1956 (if you lived on Camp Lejeune during this time period, we will reimburse you for care received on or after December 16, 2014, and up to 2 years before the date you apply for benefits)

You may want to provide a Camp Lejeune Family Member Program Treating Physician Report (VA Form 10-10068b)

You will need to ask your doctor to fill out and sign this form before submitting it to us. We don't require this form, but it can help give us important information to determine your eligibility for benefits. https://www.va.gov/VA_Form_10-10068.pdf

To File a Claim:

Fax **512-460-5536**, or Mail it to:

Department of Veterans Affairs

Financial Services Center

P.O. Box 149200

Austin, TX 78714-9200



For more information visit the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at <https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/camp-lejeune-water-contamination/>.

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019

The Blue Water Navy (BWN) Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 ([PL 116-23](#)) extended the presumption of herbicide exposure, such as Agent Orange, to Veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, Veterans who served as far as 12 nautical miles from the shore of Vietnam, or who had service in the Korean Demilitarized Zone, are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides, such as Agent Orange, and may be entitled to service connection for any of the [14 conditions related to herbicide exposure](#): *Chronic B-Cell Leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, Multiple Myeloma, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Prostate Cancer, Respiratory Cancers, Soft Tissue Sarcomas, Ischemic Heart Disease, Chloracne, Porphyria Cutanea Tarda, Parkinson's Disease, Peripheral Neuropathy, Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus, and AL Amyloidosis.*

VA is also now able to extend benefits to children with spina bifida whose BWN Veteran parent may have been exposed while serving. Additionally, PL 116-23 made changes to the VA Home Loan Program, specifically:

- VA-guaranteed home loans will no longer be limited to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (Federally-established) Confirming Loan Limits. Veterans will now be able to obtain a no-down payment home loan in all areas, regardless of loan amount.
- The law exempts Purple Heart recipients currently serving on active duty from the VA Home Loan funding fee.
- VA removed the loan limit for Native American Veterans seeking to build or purchase a home on Federal Trust Land.
- At this time, there is a temporary change to the VA Funding Fee, which is a congressionally mandated fee associated with the VA Home Loan. Veterans and service members will see a slight increase of 0.15 to 0.30% in their funding fee (currently for two years), while National Guard and Reserve members will see a slight decrease in their fee to align with the fee paid by 'Regular Military' borrowers (permanent). Veterans with service-connected disabilities, some surviving spouses, and other potential borrowers are exempt from the VA loan funding fee and will not be impacted by this change.

Veterans with questions about benefits or filing a claim can visit the [VA Agent Orange website](#) and [Compensation for Surviving Spouse and Dependents \(DIC\) website](#). They can also call 1-800-749-8387.

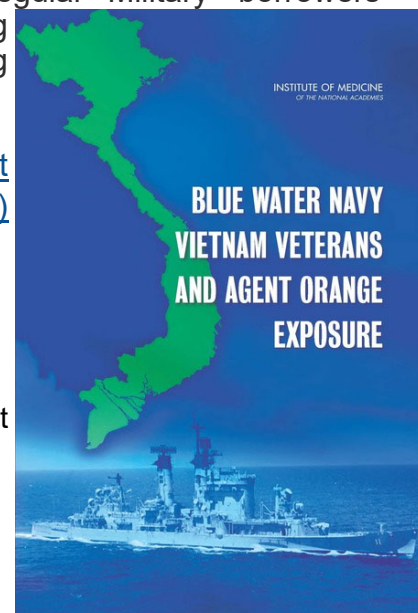
To obtain a copy of the book please see the information below:

Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans and Agent Orange Exposure

Institute of Medicine (US) Committee on Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans and Agent Orange Exposure.

Washington (DC): National Academies Press (US); 2011.

ISBN-13: 978-0-309-16247-0 ISBN-10: 0-309-16247-5



VA's Million Veteran Program wants thousands of more women to sign up for genetic study

By Leo Shane III

Fri Jun 25 2021 11:37 AM

The Veterans Affairs [Million Veteran Program](#) has reached almost one million veterans, but it needs more women.

The project, launched in 2011, **is** one of the world's largest research efforts on genetics and health. More than 840,000 veterans have participated, forming a massive database that's the backbone of 65 scientific studies already and at least 30 more pending.

But only about 75,000 of those participants thus far are women, a small fraction of the more than 2 million women veterans in the United States today. Program officials for the last few months have been working to boost that number in the hopes of providing new medical breakthroughs to aid not just women veterans, but all Americans.

The participation rate among women and men veterans in the program is roughly equal, and the percentage of women veterans nearly matches the percentage in the veterans population as a whole.

Women make up about 10 percent of the country's veterans population today, up from about 4 percent in 2000. In another 20 years, that figure is expected to top 18 percent.

That has led to advocates and department officials working to shift VA operations from a male-only approach to health care to more balanced offerings. But Muralidhar said the benefits of more thorough research aren't just for women vets, but instead for anyone who may benefit from new treatments or therapies related to specific illnesses.

For the full article visit:

<https://www.airforcetimes.com/>



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By Leo Shane III

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Wellness Wednesday Sneak Peek—A Discussion about Mental Health

By Keisha Reynolds, MyCG Writer

Oct. 14, 2020 — There wasn't one particular moment—there were many.

Cmdr. Lyle Kessler battled depression and frequent suicidal thoughts for which he didn't at first know where to turn. Kessler, from the Coast Guard's Seventeenth District in Juneau, will share his story at today's Wellness Wednesday. He will be joined by Chaplain Scott Shields, a lieutenant commander also at District Seventeen, who will share resources for those suffering. The conversation will happen Oct. 14 from 3-4 p.m., EDT on CVR Teams.

"I am going to share my story of depression and suicidal ideations to help raise awareness so that other people going through that can get help," said Kessler.

Shields will identify resources available to the workforce like Ask, Care and Escort (A.C.E.), a quick hip pocket card used to remind Coast Guard members how to help those with suicidal ideations. "I believe intervention and prevention begins with suicide-safer communities," said Shields. "We need people confident enough to stand in the gaps and be a supportive shipmate, a good listener, and not leave them alone."

Shields believes a Coast Guard that's trained in suicide prevention and intervention, and community building, will be a suicide-safer organization. "We are building a community of care givers and linking people in need with others and with resources," he said of his resiliency hikes that he leads as just one way to foster connections and sharing amongst Coast Guard members.

Kessler eventually got the help he needed when he confided in a doctor at the Base Ketchikan detached clinic in Juneau, who sent him for specialty care to Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) in Anchorage. Now, it's been two years and after medication and counseling, Kessler is continuing to thrive.

"My life is immeasurably better," said Kessler about depression and his emotional extremes. "I am not having mood swings and although I still get happy and sad, things have normalized."

Kessler added, "Barriers are the reasons people may not want to get help. People think they will be discharged but depression and suicidal thoughts in and of themselves aren't reasons for discharge. Certainly depression can cause some behaviors that may lead down that road, but our hope is to get people help before it ever gets that far."

Kessler wants members, and even leaders, to begin sharing their stories so that people will know it's okay to get help.

"I'm really hoping and praying that our shipmates won't be afraid of the topic of suicide, and [instead] seek out ways to get involved," said Shields. "On any given day, one out of five people have suicide ideations, so it's not a matter of if suicidal ideations will impact us, but when."

Please click this [link](#) to attend Wellness Wednesday from your CG computer, personal computer or mobile device. You may also call (571) 388-3904; Conference ID 453 387 852#. If you have questions or suggestions, you may e-mail us at wellnesswednesday@uscg.mil

<https://www.mycg.uscg.mil/News/Article/2380898/wellness-wednesday-sneak-peeka-discussion-about-mental-health/>



BERGEN NEW JERSEY *County*

COUNTY OF BERGEN
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES
One Bergen County Plaza • 2nd Floor • Hackensack, NJ 07601-7076
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veterans@co.bergen.nj.us

BERGEN COUNTY MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL APPLICATION

Name of Veteran	_____				
Address	_____				
City	_____	State	_____	Zip Code	_____
Branch of Service	_____				
Dates of Service	_____				
Type of Discharge	_____				
Signature	_____	Phone Number	_____		

POSTHUMOUS AWARD YES NO (If YES, complete the following and attach copy of Death Certificate)

Name of Person to Receive Award	_____				
Relationship to Deceased Veteran	_____				
Address	_____				
City	_____	State	_____	Zip Code	_____
Signature	_____	Phone Number	_____		

Check here if you want your medal to be mailed to you upon approval

BERGEN COUNTY MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL REQUIREMENTS

- Veteran must currently reside in Bergen County.
- Veteran must have an Honorable Discharge.
- Application must be completed and submitted with a copy of the following:
 - If discharged prior to January 1, 1951, the following separation papers must be attached to the application:
 - U.S. Army: WSAGO 53-55
 - U.S. Navy & U.S. Coast Guard: NAVPERS 553
 - U.S. Marine Corps: NAVMC 790
 - If discharged after January 1, 1951, a copy of the DD 214 must be attached to the application.
 - Posthumous Medals will be awarded subject to the above requirements including a copy of a death certificate or obituary showing that the deceased veteran was a Bergen County resident at the time of his or her death.

Return this form, along with required documentation by fax or mail:

Fax to:
201-336-6327

Mail to:
Bergen County Division of Veterans Services
One Bergen County Plaza, 2nd Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Email: veterans@co.bergen.nj.us



Questions? Call the Division of Veterans Services at 201-336-6325.



National Headquarters

11861 Westline Industrial Drive, Suite 750
St. Louis, Missouri, 63146

Free Consultation Referrals: 1-888-314-6075

Fax Referrals: 1-800-640-7988

About the Veterans Aid & Attendance Pension benefit:

In 1952, Congress passed Title 38 of the United States Code, creating what we now call the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), authorizing benefits for veterans. One of these benefits is the Non-Service Connected Pension, with "Aid & Attendance." (Veterans Aid & Attendance Pension benefit.)

Even though the pension has existed for 60 years, very few people know about it or understand how it works. Veterans Home Care has 18 years' experience successfully helping veteran families apply for and receive the pension. Let us help you, too.

At Veterans Home Care, we're dedicated to helping veterans who have proudly served their country, or their surviving spouses, get the benefits they deserve.

- **We help you determine if you qualify for the VA Aid & Attendance Pension Benefit.**
- **We assist you to identify and obtain documents needed for the application.**
- **We help you complete and submit the application to the VA.**
- **We provide your home care right away.**
- **We furnish an interest-free loan so you can pay for your home care while the VA processes your application.**
- **We monitor your application's progress, and assist with responses to VA requests for additional information until your pension is approved.**

Eligibility

Do You Have the "3-Ms"?

1. **Military:** Are you a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran who served at least 90 days on active duty, at least one day during wartime with an honorable or general discharge? (Persian Gulf War veterans must have two years of active duty or the full period of which they were called for active duty.)
2. **Medical:** Do you have a non service-connected medical condition causing you to need assistance with activities of daily living?
3. **Money:** Do you have a net worth at or less than \$130,773? (limit established by Congress 12.1.2020) A primary residence and auto are not counted as part of net worth. Ongoing non-reimbursable medical and long-term care expenses may reduce your countable income.

Did you serve during one of the VA Defined War Periods?

- **World War II: Dec 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946**
- **Korean Conflict: June 27, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955**
- **Vietnam Era: Aug. 5, 1964-May 7, 1975 For veterans who served Feb. 28, 1961-Aug 5, 1964, must have served "in country" (Vietnam).**
- **Persian Gulf War: Aug 2, 1990- date to be prescribed by Presidential proclamation or law.**
- **Must have served active duty for two years or the full period of which the veteran was called for active duty.**

<https://veteranshomecare.com/>

The **Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division of Veterans Services** would like to take this opportunity to remind our veterans that the Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior Services, is another great resource. The **Division of Senior Services** is located on the 2nd floor of One Bergen County Plaza down the hall from our office.

Bergen County Department of Human Services

Division of Senior Services

Aging & Disability Resource Connection

One Bergen County Plaza
Second Floor

Phone: (201) 336-7400

The Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior Services was established in 1968 under Federal Legislation of the Older Americans Act. It is the primary agency in Bergen County that plans and coordinates services for county residents age 60 and above, and their caregivers. The Division and its various committees advocate for those with the greatest economic and social needs. The Division also provides support to various community-based organizations that promote the well-being and independence of Bergen County's 200,000 older adults.

ADRC Information & Assistance

Bergen County ADRC provides information and assistance to older persons, adults with disabilities, caregivers, and professionals looking for services or programs.

Services we offer:

- **Information about programs and services**
- **Benefits counseling and referrals**
- **Assistance filling out forms and applying for benefits**
- **Medicare counseling including Medicare Savings Programs**
- **Access to publicly-funded long-term care programs**
- **Wellness Check program**

Resources we can help you find:

- **Financial assistance**
- **Aging-in-place and other long-term care options**
- **Housing information, including home modifications and repairs**
- **Transportation**
- **Caregiver information and support**
- **Health, wellness, and nutrition**
- **Legal, advocacy, and keeping adults safe**
- **Employment and volunteer opportunities**
- **Social activities**
- **Tax relief and services**
- **And more!**

To speak to an Aging Specialist call
(201) 336-7400 or visit our office.

Meals on Wheels

Eligible adults who are unable to shop and prepare their own meals, are provided with a mid-day meal delivered directly to their homes.

For information on eligibility and options available call (201) 336-7420. To apply online go to www.co.bergen.nj.us

Lunch Nutrition Program

Monday through Friday a well-balanced mid-day meal is served at senior centers located throughout Bergen County. The program fosters social interaction and educates participants through quarterly nutrition and wellness lectures. Transportation may be available.

Senior Activity Centers

Bergen County operates ten Senior Activity Centers that are open for services to all Bergen County residents 60+ and their significant others regardless of age.

- Zumba
- Tai –Chi
- Choir
- Muscle training
- Yoga
- Spanish workshop
- Board games
- Arthritis exercise
- Dancing classes
- Chair exercise
- ESL classes
- Meditation
- Computer workshop
- Knitting & crocheting

For more information, call (201) 336-7400

Locations:

Bergenfield - East Rutherford - Elmwood Park - Garfield - Hackensack - Midland Park - North Arlington - Palisades Park - Ridgefield Park - Wallington

Check your community center or town for addition senior activities. Eligibility criteria and fees may apply.



HealthEASE

HealthEASE is an expansion of the ADRC, system designed to improve and sustain the health and wellness of age 60+ adults provided through:

- Health Education
- Health Screenings
- Senior Farmers' Market
- Senior Wellness Fairs
- Health Resources
- Nutrition Counseling

For more information call (201) 336-7403.

Department of Human Services

Melissa DeBartolo, Esq.

Director

Division of Senior Services

Lorraine Joewono

Director

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Medicare Counseling

New Jersey state trained and certified counselors help Medicare beneficiaries and pre-enrollees understand their benefits, options, and entitlements.

For more information call (201) 336-7413,

(201) 336-7427 or (201) 336-7400.

Reverse Mortgage Counseling Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM)

Certified counselors trained by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), advise seniors age 62 and over on ways to access their home equity so they can remain at home and age-in place.

For more information call (201) 336-7569.

Veterans Healthcare Services

AT BERGEN NEW BRIDGE MEDICAL CENTER



A Veterans Community Care Program PARTICIPATING PROVIDER

VETERANS ACCESS LINE
201-225-7189
Monday—Friday, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

Bergen New Bridge offers Veterans a complete continuum of care, including:

- Imaging and diagnostic services, including: state-of-the-art digital MRI, and lowest dosage mammography, allowing for safe and quick results
- Full-Service Laboratory
- Pharmacy
- Behavioral Health Services
- Long Term Care
- Substance Abuse Services
- Medical Detox
- Comprehensive outpatient care services featuring more than 26 medical specialties in addition to primary care
- Rehabilitation
- 24/7 Emergency Department

All your healthcare needs under one roof.

Access to convenient, local healthcare services is available to you at Bergen New Bridge. Just ask your primary care physician for a referral to Bergen New Bridge Medical Center. It is important to follow your benefits program requirements as specified in your plan when seeking services regarding referrals, authorization, and appointments

All your healthcare needs under one roof.

Bergen New Bridge Medical Center offers acute medical services, including 24/7 emergency department, surgical suites, physical rehabilitation, pharmacy, laboratory, radiology services (including digital mammography), and more than 26 medical specialties available through its Ambulatory Care Center. Learn more at www.newbridgehealth.org.

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Veterans Healthcare Services

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

COVID-19 Vaccines Are Available for All Veterans in Need
AT BERGEN NEW BRIDGE MEDICAL CENTER

All three approved COVID-19 vaccines are currently available at the Alternative Care Facility Annex at Bergen New Bridge Medical Center in Paramus

WALK-INS ACCEPTED

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE TUESDAY-THURSDAY FROM 7AM-2:30PM

Please be sure to bring **Proof of Age** (*driver's license/ID card, passport or birth certificate*)
Those 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian

Vaccinations are available at **NO COST***

**No out of pocket cost or co-pay expenses*



NewBridgeHealth.org
230 E. Ridgewood Ave., Paramus, NJ





BERGEN NEW JERSEY
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2021

**Bergen County Department of Human Services
Division of Veterans Services**

POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony

Friday September 17, 2021

(tentative date)

Please call **(201) 336-6325** or email **veterans@co.bergen.nj.us**

For more information or to request special accommodations

James J. Tedesco III

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