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VA Podcast: [Justin Nassiri: Navy Veteran, Entrepreneur and Podcast Host](#)

Veteran News Network: [TBI, Blood Donations, Benefits Breakdown](#)

Photo of the week: [Thank you VA volunteers!](#)



For more information visit: <https://www.va.gov/coronavirus>

Veterans asked to lead communities in social distancing

During the COVID-19 crisis, VA is asking Veterans to lead our communities in practicing social distancing and to use VA telemedicine for our care and prescriptions. It's what we need to do to keep our fellow Veterans safe and defeat this virus. [Watch this message](#) from Dr. Richard Stone, Executive in Charge of the Veterans Health Administration and a former U.S. Army combat physician. For the latest VA updates on COVID-19, visit www.va.gov/coronavirus.

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Free audio books for Veterans with disabilities



Through its national network of cooperating libraries, the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled circulates books and magazines in braille or audio formats, delivered by postage-free mail or instantly downloadable.

And if you're a musician, or want to learn to play an instrument, NLS has the world's largest collection of braille music scores and braille and audio music instruction and appreciation materials.

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PREVENTS campaign rallies to help end suicide



The President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS), has launched a messaging campaign specifically in response to the COVID-19 crisis called, *More Than Ever Before*.

Encourage everyone to care for their mental health and support those they love every day.

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Borne the Battle: Coronavirus update #4



Listen to Veteran and host Tanner Iskra discuss SBA's support for Veteran-owned businesses, VA's last three COVID-19 news releases and FAQs and an Interview with on-the-ground mobilized vet center directors in New York and New Orleans

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Did you know the [National Resource Directory](#) has more than **14,000** vetted resources available to you right now? Resources like the [Community Health Net](#): Assists homeless individuals in obtaining health, dental and eye care and assistance with medications.

Vantage Point

- [Watch VA leaders share tips for military spouses applying to VA jobs](#)
- [They Served: The Hello Girls of WWI and their sixty-year battle for recognition](#)
- [What to know before visiting DoD exchanges and commissaries during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [Blue Water Navy Veterans received \\$140M in retroactive benefits in January, February](#)

VA News Releases

- [VA Releases COVID-19 Response Plan](#)
- [VA to assist New York City with COVID-19 response](#)
- [VA deploys Mobile Vet Centers to increase outreach during COVID-19 outbreak](#)

- [VA expands virtual services to support Veterans amid regional office closures due to COVID-19 pandemic](#)

HELLO.

Welcome to VA.
Let's get started.

Find a VA Facility near you.

FACILITY LOCATOR

Not sure where to start?

VA WELCOME KIT

Explore resources to help manage stress and anxiety

No Veteran Should Be Without a Place to Call Home

Free Help for Homeless Veterans Dial 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) for 24/7 access VAs services for homeless and at-risk Veterans

[Homeless Veteran Chat](#) Confidential, 24/7 online support for homeless Veterans and friends

<https://www.va.gov/homeless> for more information

Are you a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one?

Did you know that VA offers same day services in Primary Care and Mental Health at 172 VA Medical Centers across the country? [Make the Connection ResourceLocator](#)

Contact the Veterans Crisis Line(1-800-273-8255 and press 1, Chat, or Text 838255.)

A group of soldiers in full combat gear, including helmets and rifles, are positioned on a stone wall. The scene is set outdoors with a clear sky and some snow on the ground.

Find free post traumatic growth and mental health services on RallyPoint

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[Feeling isolated? Connect with others on RallyPoint](#)

[Discuss:What will be OIF/OEF's Vietnam Wall Memorial?](#)

[Discuss:Home Buying Advice with a VA Loan?](#)

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