

VET CENTER AND MOBILE VET CENTER (MVC) OVERVIEW



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Bismarck Vet Center

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Plan of Attack

- ROEs
- Intro
- Vet Center Overview
- MVC
- Tour
- Resources

ROEs and Intros

- ROES

- Ask questions
 - Don't hold until the end
 - If there are terms or acronyms you don't recognize or understand don't be afraid to get clarification
- Please fill out the Contact Card

- Intros

- Todd
- CJ

Vet Center History & Locations

- Established in 1979
- Vietnam Vets didn't trust VA
- VA didn't know how to handle the Vietnam Vets
 - Better survivability of combat wounded
 - 1st unpopular war
- Started out as “rap groups”
- ND Locations
 - Bismarck
 - Minot
 - Fargo
 - Outstation in Grand Forks

Vet Center Services

- Readjustment counseling
- Military Sexual Trauma victims
- Bereavement counseling for active duty death
- Vet Center services provided to family members of Veterans and Service members for military related issues related to readjustment
- Humanitarian
- Also serves as a source of Information and Referral
- Services are the perfect price...FREE
- Do NOT need to be enrolled in VA Health Care

Vet Center Eligibility

- Any Veterans and active duty Service members, including members of National Guard and Reserve components, who:
 - Have served on active military duty in any combat theater or area of hostility
 - Experienced a military sexual trauma
 - Provided direct emergent medical care or mortuary services, while serving on active military duty, to the casualties of war
 - Served as member of unmanned aerial vehicle crew providing direct support to operations in a combat zone/area of hostility
- Vietnam Era Vets accessing Vet Center care prior to 1 Jan 04

Mobile Vet Center (MVC) Description

- **Manufacturer:** Farber Specialty Vehicles
- **Length:** 36 feet, 6 inches
- **Height:** 13 feet, 3 inches
- **Weight:** 22,900 pounds
- **Chassis:** Freightliner M-2 Supreme with Cummings 6.7 liter diesel engine
- **Fuel Tank:** 100 gallons
- **Generator:** Cummings Onan 12 kilowatt diesel powered
- **Satellite:** TracStar 1600 Communications suite, 4 internet phones, printer, fax, video conference system

Mobile Vet Center (MVC) Missions

- Community Outreach
- Clinical Outreach
- Natural disaster or Civil Defense emergency

Mobile Vet Center (MVC) Requests

- Contact Veteran Outreach Specialist at nearest Vet Center
 - Bismarck – Todd
 - Minot – Rick
 - Fargo - Kristi

Resources

- Vet Center Call Center
 - 1 (877) WAR-VETS/ 1 (877) 927-8387
- Veteran's Crisis Line (VCL)
 - 1 (800) 273-8255 , press 1 for Veterans (VCL)
- Military Service Center
- County Veteran Service Offices
- Veteran Service Organizations
- Airman & Family Readiness Centers
- Military OneSource
- Local community resources
- Can be a moving target

Summary

- Vet Centers originated in 1979 for Vietnam Vets
- Vet Centers do Readjustment Counseling, MST, and bereavement; additionally they are a source of resources and information
- Vet Centers in Bismarck, Minot, and Fargo with an Outstation in Grand Forks
- Only currently operational MVC is in Bismarck
- Contact closest Veteran Outreach Specialist to request support and/or MVC
- Please request as soon as possible

QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU

From the Bismarck Vet Center Team