



TRANSITION ASSISTANCE ADVISORS

Who we are:

The purpose of the Transition Assistance Advisor (TAA) program is to provide a person in each state/territory to serve as the statewide point of contact to assist members in accessing Veterans Affairs benefits and healthcare services. Each TAA also provides assistance in obtaining entitlements through the Veterans Affairs System and access to community resources. The TAA initiative began in May 2005 when the National Guard Bureau signed a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs. The TAA program is staffed by 55 contract positions and two federal technicians.

Who we serve:

The program is primarily designed to serve the members of the National Guard and their families. Additionally, we gladly provide services to members in all of the Reserve components.

Why we will be successful in meeting your needs:

- We care about you and your family.
- Over 90% of us are veterans or spouses of military members.
- Many TAAs have worked through the disability process and receive disability compensation.
- We have built strong partnerships and coalitions within the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, State Directors of VA, Veterans Services Organizations, and State Headquarters groups, such as Family Support, Chaplains Offices, Department of Labor, and Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).

Where we may travel to ensure that you, your family members, your leadership, and the local state and federal agencies understand these benefits:

- Mobilization and demobilization sites
- Reintegration meetings
- Unit weekend drill gatherings
- Sponsored Guard leadership conferences at the national and state levels to the specialized organizational agency meetings
- Post Deployment Health Reassessment sites
- **AND ANYWHERE ELSE YOU WANT US TO BE!**

What we can do for you as an individual service member:

We help you navigate through the numerous benefits and entitlements in the DoD and VA system. We take the time to assist you and not toss you into the “**800 number desert!**” We will educate you so you will understand the benefits you have earned, such as:

- Guard entitlements and access for health care in both the DoD and Veteran Affairs medical facilities.
- Important deadlines that require your action while still on active duty and as a veteran so you do not miss these time sensitive opportunities.
- Dental care programs (time sensitive).
- Referral for counseling services for you and your family that will not affect your career.
- Referral for possible compensation for injuries or illness sustained in OEF and OIF.
- Insurance information such as SGLI and TSGLI
- Rehabilitative care management needed to help you return to a normal lifestyle.
- Assistance with job search and connection with ESGR for rights of employment.
- Assistance in connecting you to the Veterans Benefits Administration and Veteran Service Organizations to file disability claims.
- Assistance in the event of financial hardship, healthcare issues, or unemployment needs.
- Assistance with locating your medical records, DD 214s and other needed documents.

Questions?

If you have questions, contact the State Transition Assistance Advisor located at the National Guard Joint Headquarters in your state

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