

# PA Link Veterans Day Message 2018

A collaborative effort between the PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources, the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) and the PA Department of Aging (PDA)

This Veterans Day, PA Link partners are invited to join in an effort to:

- help more veterans become aware of and sign up for the online PA VETERANS REGISTRY (pages 2-3), and
- raise awareness of how everyone can help a veteran who is in crisis (page 4).

For more information on how you can join the effort, please continue reading!

## What is the PA VETERANS REGISTRY?



The PA VETERANS REGISTRY is an online application that allows veterans, family members and veteran advocates to connect with the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to request information related to the valuable state benefits, programs and services they have earned. By connecting with DMVA, registrants can also opt-in to receive the weekly DMVA DIGEST, filled with valuable veteran-related news, job opportunities and events. ([view our most recent edition here](#))

The PA VETERANS REGISTRY is DMVA's long-term strategy to achieve a higher level of communication with our veterans as well as our partners who support them.

Encourage all veterans you know to register today and sign up yourself. You do not need to be a veteran to register or to receive the DMVA Digest. Professionals and community members, as well as veteran family members, caregivers, and advocates will find the DMVA Digest to be a useful and informative resource. To start receiving the DMVA Digest, simply go to the PA VETERANS REGISTRY at [register.dmva.pa.gov/](https://register.dmva.pa.gov/), fill out the form, and be sure to check the box in the "Would You Like to Receive:" section of the registry. You can unsubscribe from the DMVA Digest at any time.

Register today! [register.dmva.pa.gov/](https://register.dmva.pa.gov/)

# How can I help spread the word about the PA VETERANS REGISTRY?

## **Link to the PA VETERANS REGISTRY from your company or agency website in two simple steps:**

- 1) Have your IT department use this link:  
<https://register.dmva.pa.gov/>
- 2) Then email Eric Felty ([efelty@pa.gov](mailto:efelty@pa.gov)) and Samantha Cossman ([c-scossman@pa.gov](mailto:c-scossman@pa.gov)) with your company/agency name and website URL so you can be added to the list of partners who are helping to spread the word about the PA VETERANS REGISTRY.

## **Help the veterans you work with sign up for the PA VETERANS REGISTRY at [register.dmva.pa.gov/](https://register.dmva.pa.gov/)**

- A PDF version of the registry form can also be accessed on the registry site and be mailed to the address indicated on the form.



# How can I help a veteran in crisis?

Approximately 820,000 veterans call Pennsylvania home.

You never know when a veteran may walk through your agency doors or you may meet one at the grocery store. Chances are you encounter a veteran, or the family or friend of a veteran, more often than you realize.

The Veterans Crisis Line is an important number for everyone to know.

**Call 1-800-273-8255, press 1**

**Chat online at [VeteransCrisisLine.net](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net)**

**Send a text to 838255**



Veterans Crisis Line is a toll-free, confidential resource that connects veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) responders. The Veterans Crisis Line responders are specially trained and experienced in helping veterans of all ages and circumstances. Whether it is coping with a mental health issue or difficulty transitioning back to civilian life, the Veterans Crisis Line can help.

Veterans and their loved ones can call, chat or text to receive free, confidential help twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, even if they are not registered with VA or enrolled in VA healthcare.

For more information about Veterans Crisis Line, visit: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/about/what-is-vcl>. For more information about mental and behavioral health services available through the VA visit: [www.mentalhealth.va.gov](http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov)