The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is proud to serve all of our nation’s Veterans and their families, including the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community. This June, during LGBT Pride Month, VA will attend 2017 Pride Celebrations across the country, helping Veterans access and learn more about the VA benefits they’ve earned and deserve.

**EVENT LOCATIONS**

Between May and July, VA will attend over 55 LGBT Pride events across the country to provide information about available VA Benefits and how to access them.

To find an event near you:

- Go to www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/events.asp.
- Scroll to the SEARCH EVENTS box under the calendar.
- Search for “Pride.”

**BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO LGBT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

VA offers a number of non-medical benefits and services that are based on a Veteran’s marital status, including benefits specifically for spouses or surviving spouses of Veterans. Based on the 2015 Supreme Court ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges, VA now recognizes all same-sex marriages when determining eligibility for benefits.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Can’t make it to an event? Learn more about the benefits and services VA offers to LGBT Veterans and their families at www.benefits.va.gov/personal/lgb.as or check out the explore.va.gov/spouses-dependents-survivors page for more information on VA benefits available to spouses and surviving spouses of Veterans.

If eligible, LGBT Veterans and their spouses can access the following VA benefits:

- **Adding a Dependent to Disability Compensation**
  Veterans with a 30% disability rating or higher can add their spouse as a dependent to receive additional monthly compensation.

- **Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)**
  Also known as “Survivor’s Pension,” DIC is a monthly benefit paid to surviving spouses.

- **Employment Services**
  Get access to support for determining a career based on interest and capabilities, benefits coaching, academic or adjustment counseling, and more.

- **Education and Training**
  Includes programs that help cover the cost of tuition, housing, books, and supplies, such as the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program (DEA), and transfer of the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

- **VA Home Loan Guaranty**
  Refinance a mortgage, or help purchase, construct, or improve a home with purchase loans, cash-out refinance home loans, interest rate reduction, and more.

- **Fiduciary Program**
  Spouses can serve as a fiduciary for Veterans who are unable to manage their VA benefits.

- **Life Insurance**
  Beneficiaries of all VA life insurance programs receive a tax-free monetary death benefit.

- **Memorial Benefits**
  Spouses and dependents can be buried in a VA national cemetery even if their death occurs before their Veteran loved one.