

## 5. Military Outreach

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<b>Introduction</b>	This topic provides information on the outreach program for military personnel.
<b>Change Date</b>	Initial content load September 2012
<b>a. Military Outreach Coordinators</b>	Each RO will provide a listing of military services coordinators for the RO. A listing of the coordinators will be maintained with coordination between the BAS Military Services Outreach and Web Admin and can be found at: <a href="http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/27/outreach/military/military_index.htm">http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/27/outreach/military/military_index.htm</a> .
<b>b. Outreach to Active Duty Servicemembers</b>	<p>Outreach to active duty military service members is accomplished in many ways. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• individuals processing into the military at Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS) are provided a pamphlet on VA benefits by staff at the MEPS.</li> <li>• special benefits briefings should be provided to service members as requested by the military.</li> <li>• ROs should hold training programs or seminars for training officers of local units.</li> </ul> <p>Training sessions should include local, State, and Federal benefits.</p>
<b>c. Reserve and National Guard Outreach</b>	VBA briefers provide outreach to Reserve and National Guard in the RO's area of jurisdiction. Briefings should be scheduled, if allowed, for units being activated and/or demobilized to provide information on VA benefits. In many instances, Veterans Health Administration may be the lead for these briefings.
<b>d. Liaison With Military Facilities</b>	ROs should maintain liaison with military facilities (active duty, reserve and National Guard) in their jurisdiction and provide assistance and support as needed.

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ROs should also liaison with National Guard Transition Assistance Advisors (TAAs). TAAs were created in early 2006 to help ensure a smooth and seamless transition for Guard member returning from active-duty deployments.

The highest national guard headquarters having jurisdiction over guard units should be informed of outreach efforts and willingness to provide information and briefings.

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