5. Military Outreach

Introduction
This topic provides information on the outreach program for military personnel.

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a. Military Outreach Coordinators
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: http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/27/outreach/military/military_index.htm.

b. Outreach to Active Duty Servicemembers
Outreach to active duty military service members is accomplished in many ways. They include:

- individuals processing into the military at Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS) are provided a pamphlet on VA benefits by staff at the MEPS.
- special benefits briefings should be provided to service members as requested by the military.
- ROs should hold training programs or seminars for training officers of local units.

Training sessions should include local, State, and Federal benefits.

c. Reserve and National Guard Outreach
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.

d. Liaison With Military Facilities
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.