#### 5. Military Outreach

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| 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>. |

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| 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. |

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| 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. |

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| 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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|  (continued) | 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. |