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**Our Mission  
Statement**

“Serving Those Who  
Served”

## **RESIDENTIAL FACILITY**

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### **RESIDENTIAL & REHABILITATION SERVICES:**

Since 1863, the Residential Facility at the Veterans' Home at Rocky Hill offers a continuum of rehabilitative services designed to ultimately prepare veterans for their return, if possible, to independent living in the community. Components of the Residential Rehabilitation Services offered include Room and Board, Substance Abuse Recovery Support, Vocational Training and Education, Employment Search Assistance, Recreational Services, Social Work Services, and Supportive Housing for those obtaining full time employment.

### **ROOM AND BOARD:**

All meals, clothing and medical care are provided to residents. Each veteran admitted is billed monthly according to the Rules and Regulations at a rate determined by the Commissioner.

### **VOCATIONAL EXPLORATION AND COUNSELING:**

Veterans who express an interest in pursuing a specific career goal meet with the Vocational Counselor to help them determine career areas of interest and to identify the skills, abilities and training required to prepare them for competitive employment in that field. An individualized vocational rehabilitation plan is then developed outlining the steps necessary to achieve their career goal.

### **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:**

Veterans have the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational courses offered on grounds or at the local State Universities and Community-Technical Colleges, vocational-technical schools, private training centers and Adult Education Centers. These courses may include a variety of college credit courses, certification programs such as Nurse Aide Training, Trade courses and G.E.D. preparation courses. A separate residence is available to students participating in educational training and degree programs.

### **VETERAN WORK PROGRAM:**

Veterans, if physically qualified, participate in a compensated work therapy program, which exists on the grounds of the CTVA. Veterans are assigned work in a number of departments depending on previous work experience, job interest and available openings. Quarterly work evaluations are completed on each worker.

### **EMPLOYMENT SEARCH ASSISTANCE:**

Once veterans are ready to begin their transition back to community-based gainful employment, assistance is provided with Resume Writing, Networking and Interviewing Skills. Veterans can utilize the Career Resource Center at the facility to access employment websites to ensure greater success in obtaining gainful employment.

### **RECREATIONAL SERVICES:**

Recreational Services are provided for all Residential Facility Residents. Activities include Bingo, Table Games, Pool Tournaments, Softball, Basketball, Movies and in-house groups. Outside trips to ball games, theater, shopping malls and local organizations are also available.

### **SOCIAL WORK SERVICES:**

Veterans are assigned a Social Worker once they are admitted to the Residential Facility. This Social Worker can assist them with pursuing benefits they may be eligible for such as Social Security Disability, Retirement and Medicare. Assistance can also be provided to help veterans address financial problems, family issues, legal matters and eventual housing needs when the time comes to discharge from the facility.

### **WOMEN'S RESIDENCE:**

A separate secured residence is available for single women. They have access to all programs and services provided in the Residential Facility.

### **STAR PROGRAM:**

A separate residence is available to veterans who have secured full time employment. They reside in private rooms on the grounds of the CTVA. The length of stay in the STAR program is a maximum of one (1) year.

### **RECOVERY SUPPORT PROGRAM:**

This program provides a variety of recovery support services to veterans who have chosen to be clean and sober and whose long-term wish is to reintegrate back into the community. Treatment components include relapse prevention, anger management, 12 Step groups and daily support meetings.

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