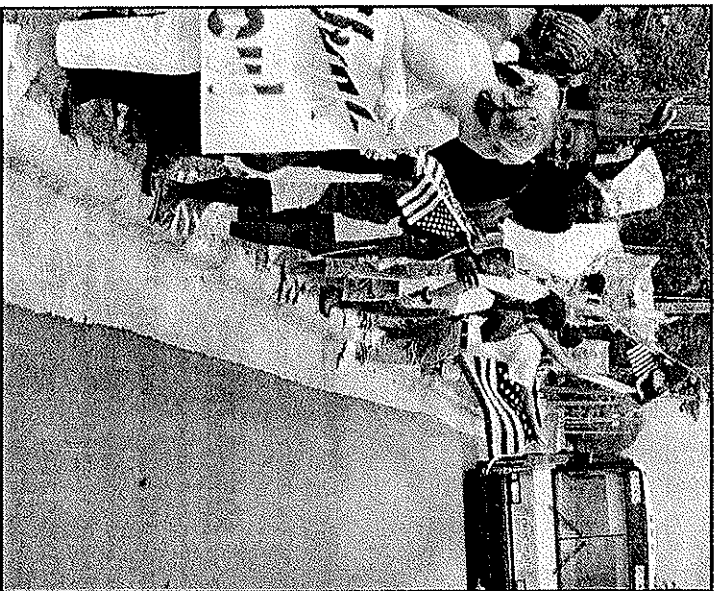
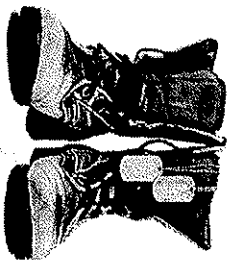


# Welcome Home!



We are the people in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs who welcome home war veterans with honor by providing quality readjustment services in a caring manner, assisting veterans and their family members toward a successful post-war adjustment in or near their communities.

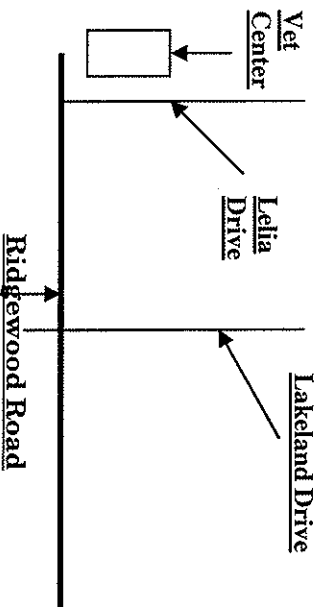
*You Served Proudly, Let Us Serve You*



## Walk on in!

*Direction to Jackson Vet Center*

1755 Lelia Drive, Suite 104



55 to Lakeland Drive. Go east on Lakeland to intersection of Ridgewood and Lakeland Dr. Make a right at the light onto Ridgewood. Take the first right onto Lelia Drive. This is the first multistory building on your left (1755, Suite 104).

### Staff

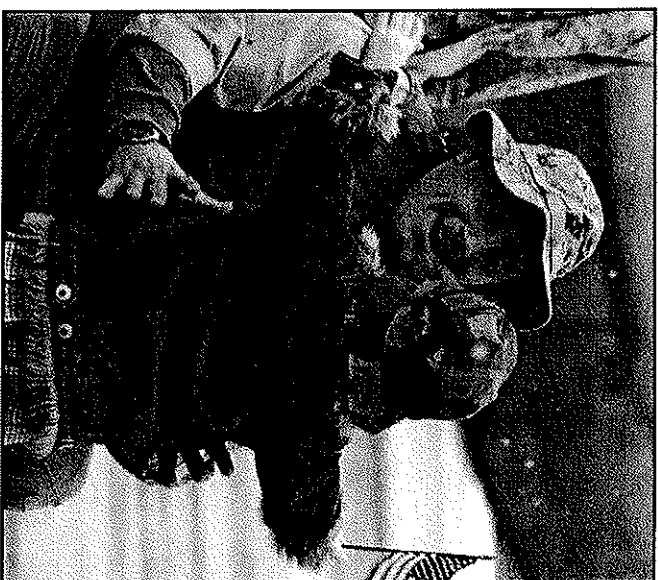
Robert W. Cheeks, Team Leader  
Micha Taylor, Counselor Phone: 601-965-5727  
Tamko McCollum, Counselor Fax: 601-965-4023  
Ruby Jackson, Counselor  
David Germany, Counselor  
Nelson Norwood, Mobile Vet Center Technician  
Don Malin, Veteran Outreach Program Specialist  
Annie Grantham, Office Manager

www.VetCenter.va.gov  
National Combat Call Center  
1-866-644-5371  
National Suicide Hotline  
1-800-273-8255 (Talk)



# Vet Center

## Readjustment Counseling Service



# JACKSON VET CENTER

*"Keeping the Promise"*

## Our Mission

*Vet Centers serve veterans and their families by providing a continuum of quality care, which adds value for veterans, families and communities. Care includes professional readjustment counseling, community education, outreach to special populations, the brokering of services with community agencies, and providing a key access link between the veterans and other services in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.*

## Background of Readjustment Counseling Services

*The Vet Center program was established by Congress in 1979 out of recognition that a significant number of Vietnam veterans were still experiencing readjustment problems. Today, over 200 Vet Centers across the U.S., Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Guam serve ALL combat veterans and their families. We have evolved over the years and look forward to serving you!*

## Confidentiality and Privacy

*The Vet Center staff respects the privacy of all veterans, and we hold in strictest confidence all information disclosed in the counseling process. No information will be communicated to any person or agency without written consent except in necessary circumstances to avert a crisis. (Privacy Act of 1974)*



*Troops praying for those killed in action, the wounded, and each other*

## Veterans returning from combat may experience some of these issues:

- Marriage/Relationship Problems
- Medical Issues
- Financial Hardships
- Endless Questions from Family/Friends
- Guilt or Shame
- Lack of Structure
- Feelings of Isolation
- Nightmares or Sleeplessness
- Lack of Motivation or Forgetfulness
- Anger, Irritability, or Rage
- Alcohol or Substance Abuse
- Depression or Anxiety Attacks



## Services Provided

- Individual Readjustment Counseling
- Group Meetings & Counseling
- Military Sexual Trauma Counseling
- Bereavement Counseling
- Marital & Family Counseling
- Employment Counseling & Guidance
- Benefits Assistance & Referral
- Substance Abuse Information and Referral
- Community Education
- Liaison with Community Agencies

## Eligibility for Services

*Readjustment counseling:* Veterans from the following periods of hostilities:

- World War II - Dec. 1941 to Mar. 1946
- Korean War - June 1950 to July 1954
- Merchant Marines - Dec. 1941 to Aug. 1945
- Vietnam War - Feb. 1961 to May 1975
- Lebanon - Aug. 1982 to Feb. 1984
- Grenada - Oct. 1983 to Nov. 1983
- Panama - Dec. 1989 to Jan. 1990
- Persian Gulf - Aug. 1990 to...
- Somalia - Sept. 1992 to...
- Former Yugoslavia - Dec. 1995 to...
- Global War on Terrorism - Sept. 2001 to...

*Bereavement counseling:* Family members of armed forces personnel who died in service to our country. Also eligible are family members of reservists and National Guard personnel who die while on federally activated duty.

*Sexual trauma counseling:* Veterans of any era who experienced sexual trauma or harassment while serving on active duty (gender neutral).

