

VA TAP Registration Details

Beginning 02 January 2024, the new VA TAP curriculum will allow VSOs time at the end of the in-person VA TAP briefing on military installations to introduce themselves and provide a brief summary of how they may assist transitioning Service Members. This was discussed by VA at the 08 Dec 2024 VBA VSO multi-hour briefing.

If you are near a military base and would like to participate, you will need a VA PIV card and access the registration using your VA desktop. The link will not work if you are not in the VA system.

When you go to the registration page for the first time, it will indicate you do not have access, but will allow you to request access.

You will receive a confirmation email in your **VA email** when granted access.

Once you have access, when you visit the site, you can search for the military base near you and register to participate in a briefing.

You will be asked for your organization when registering for a class. It does not use abbreviations such as "VFW", so you will need to type in Veterans of Foreign Wars.

There are three 15-minute blocks of time for each VA TAP class. If they are filled, you can register on the Wait List, which will automatically place you on the briefing list if a slot becomes available.

Access to the military installations is on you. Registering for a class does not grant access to a military installation. Recommend you visit the local military visitors center or access control point.

If you participate, please do not be a "no-show". We will receive reports of "no-shows" and cancellations.

You cannot bring slides. There is a generic slide that is built into the VA curriculum.

If you register, you cannot have a substitute brief for you. The local VA Benefits Advisor will have your name as the participant.

Please dress appropriately; business casual or business. We are often the first contact for a Service Member to see who we are as an organization; professional or amateur.

Abide by the 15 minute time slot.

Do not speak negatively about anyone; participants, DoD, VA, or other VSOs.

This is the generic slide that will be displayed during the VSO time:

VSO, State or Local Veteran Affairs Valuable Resource

- VA-accredited representative can help you understand and apply for VA benefits you may be entitled to receive.
- VSO representative can help you gather any evidence needed and submit a claim on your behalf.
- VSO representative can correspond with VA about your claim on your behalf.
- VSOs always provide their representation on VA claims free-of-charge.

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Your 15 minute time is to discuss:

- Who you are
- Where you are located
- What VFW can do to assist transitioning Service Members with their VA benefits

If you have issues registering, contact your local VA IT

If you have questions about the content of the briefing, feel free to contact me or Cindy Noel:

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