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During the month of November most of us make a point to thank a veteran, and businesses offer discounts or free products and services. However, veterans deserve assistance locating health care, education and job opportunities all year long. Here we highlight a wonderful web resource we can share with our veterans, the National Veterans Foundation (https://nvf.org/).

The National Veteran’s Foundation seeks to provide a *Lifeline for Vets* by offering a dedicated phone line for vets to text message or call for assistance. They also accept requests online via an online form.

The Foundation provides education and training for veterans “by veterans”. Speakers are available to discuss their personal experiences with PTSD, secondary trauma, alcoholism, drug abuse, homelessness, depression and gangs. Training in anger management, PTSD treatment and compassion fatigue is available. For more about classes or to arrange for a speaker visit, check https://nvf.org/education-training-veterans/.

For those veterans seeking a job or career advancement, the website hosts a database of jobs for veterans (as well as an option for employers to post jobs to the site). Jobseekers can search for opportunities by region, category and employment type (including full time, part time, freelance and temporary). The website provides a Veterans Resume Guide to help job seekers highlight their military achievements and covers other aspects of the other resume writing process. For more about jobs for veterans, check https://nvf.org/jobs-veterans/.

The National Veteran’s Foundation seeks to make the process of utilizing veterans’ benefits less confusing by providing a comprehensive guide to health care, purchasing a home, education, insurance, pension and national cemetery burial.

Finally, the website provides a list to veteran resources provided by other agencies, including those specializing in crisis, education, housing and health services. A guide to resources specifically for women veterans needing support transitioning to life after the military is also available.