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## U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Reentry Search Services (VRSS) System



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## Virginia Specialty Dockets Division Department of Judicial Services

The Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) encourages localized training to enable correctional and other criminal justice system entities to identify inmates or defendants who have served in the United States military. It is recommended that such training include use of the Virginia Reentry Search Services (VRSS) developed by the U.S. Veterans Administration to facilitate direct outreach to these veterans, and to inform localities of the development of veteran-specific programs in the criminal justice system including the establishment of a Veterans Docket pursuant to Rule 1:25 (b).



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## What is VRSS?

The VRSS system is a free web-based tool developed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that allows jail and prison staff to quickly identify incarcerated individuals with a record of military service.

The VRSS system is used to identify veterans so that Veterans Treatment Dockets can be created in those jurisdictions to provide treatment and services to justice involved veterans

### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Program

- Links eligible veterans involved with the local justice systems to the needed mental-health and substance use treatment services and other VA services and benefits as required
- Participates as part of veterans dockets team with linkage to VA hospital-patient and out-patient treatment programs including substance use, PTSD, etc.
- Referrals to homeless services and employment programs
- Interacts with the court and pre-trial services

### Use of the VRSS System by the VA VJO Programs

- Enables the VA VJO Specialist to prioritize outreach activities
- Some veterans can be pre-registered for VA services prior to face-to-face contact
- Facilitates access to remote data from other medical centers
- Allows VJO Specialists to proactively collaborate with jail staff on community-based referrals

[www.va.gov/homeless/vjo.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/vjo.asp)

## VRSS Helps

- Identify justice involved individuals who have served in the U.S. military
- Provide jails with accurate information on individuals who are veterans
- Enables VJO to assist veterans pre-release with connections to the VA and other services
- Facilitate a connection to the Veterans Administration Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist (VJO)
- Accelerate veteran enrollment and reduce delays accessing VA services post release
- Enhance collaboration between criminal justice agencies, VA, and other veteran services organizations
- Provide better veteran identification to increase veterans treatment dockets implementation and enrollment



TO ACCESS THE VRSS SYSTEM GO TO:  
[Veterans Re-Entry Search Services \(va.gov\)](http://Veterans Re-Entry Search Services (va.gov))