

## About FDVA

Watching over and advocating for Florida's more than 1.5 million veterans are the men and women of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. The cabinet agency is responsible for assisting, without charge, Florida's veterans, their families and survivors in improving their health and economic well-being through quality benefit information, advocacy, and education.

FDVA's two primary program areas include Benefits and Assistance with staff conducting outreach throughout the state to help veterans connect with their earned benefits and services. Its second primary program is operating the Homes Program running six skilled nursing facilities and one assisted living facility.



*"I'm very proud of our staff, volunteers and residents. They've come together to make this facility a true home for our resident heroes. Recent VA and AHCA surveys as well as the Gold Seal Award, confirm that our home is one of the best in the state."*

### Ruth Bentley

Home Administrator  
Clifford C. Sims Veterans' Nursing Home

**Clifford Chester Sims  
State Veterans' Nursing Home**  
Panama City, Florida



## Our Locations



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**Honoring those who served U.S.**



## Who We Are

The Clifford Chester Sims State Veterans' Nursing Home in Panama City (Bay County) is a modern, state-of-the-art 120-bed facility providing skilled nursing care and the highest quality of life and medical care to its veteran residents.

The home opened its doors to residents in 2003.

Operated and maintained by the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, the home is licensed by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and inspected annually by AHCA and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Each of the facility's two wings has a nursing station staffed 24 hours a day by registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and certified nursing assistants.

A full complement of physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy staff is maintained at the home.



*The Gold Seal Award recognizes nursing homes that demonstrate the highest standards of quality of life and care for their residents.*



### **Army Staff Sergeant, Clifford Chester Sims**

The Clifford Chester Sims State Veterans' Nursing Home is named after Staff Sergeant Clifford Chester Sims, a Floridian who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during the Vietnam War.

## Admission

Basic admission requirements include an honorable discharge from the Armed Forces, Florida residency prior to admission and certification of need of skilled nursing care as determined by a VA physician. Upon admission, each resident is given a checkup by the staff physician to ensure all medical information is current. For additional information, call (850) 747-5401.

## What We Offer

- Spacious private or semi-private rooms
- Screened porches
- Cable television in every room
- Daily housekeeping and laundry services
- Main dining area
- U.S. Postal Service box and daily delivery
- Extensive in-house library
- Complete in-house pharmacy service
- Barber and beautician services
- Daily activities and field trips

## Supporting the Home

Your purchase of the Florida Salutes Veterans or one of the approved Army, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard license plates helps people who need it most, when they need it most.

The \$15 surcharge is placed into a trust fund for the operation and maintenance of State Veterans' Homes in Florida. A portion of the Marine Corps and Support Our Troops license plates also supports the State Veterans' Homes Program.

## Job Vacancy Announcements

To view a current listing of staff vacancies at the nursing home, log onto People First at [peoplefirst.myflorida.com](http://peoplefirst.myflorida.com). A State of Florida application is required. Apply online!