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.

“Emory L. Bennett we are a tight-knit family of residents and staff. We enjoy great support from our volunteer organizations. Every day we focus on serving our residents with compassion, sharing their lives and providing peace of mind for their families.”

E. Gray Kilpatrick
Home Administrator
Emory L. Bennett State Veterans’ Nursing Home

Our Locations

- Panama City
- Lake City
- St. Augustine
- Daytona Beach
- Land O’ Lakes
- Port Charlotte
- Pembroke Pines

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Who We Are

The Emory L. Bennett State Veterans’ Nursing Home in Daytona Beach (Volusia 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 December 1993. Beginning in 2010 and completed in 2013, the home underwent $7 million in extensive renovations to upgrade everything from the resident rooms to the HVAC systems.

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 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.

What We Offer

• Spacious semi-private rooms
• Semi-private screened porches
• TVs over each resident’s bed
• Direct TV satellite service in every room
• Daily housekeeping and laundry services
• Restaurant-style dining
• U.S. Postal Service daily delivery
• Extensive in-house library
• Complete in-house pharmacy service
• Barber and beautician services
• Daily activities and field trips
• Small in-house banking service available

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. A state of Florida application is required. Apply online!