



WICHITA MOBILE VET CENTER

When a VA Vet Center is miles from your home, it's a long drive to access its many services. When those services come to you on wheels, life gets a little more convenient.

The Mobile Vet Centers (MVCs) of the Department of Veterans Affairs provide readjustment counseling and information resources to Veterans across the country. Like community-based Vet Centers, Mobile Vet Centers focus on services that help Veterans make the difficult transition between military and civilian life.



The Wichita Mobile Vet center provides outreach services to eligible Veterans and their family members who experience readjustment difficulties as the result of the Veteran's service in the Military.

World War II, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, and the Global War on Terrorism.

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Fact Sheet

The Mobile Vet Center (MVC) is the Department of Veterans Affairs latest effort to reach the underserved veteran populations of rural America. Our primary mission is to help veterans readjust to civilian life. We do that by helping the veteran identify problems and then offering individual, family, and group counseling for a host of issues including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), military sexual trauma, and bereavement. Vet Centers provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to all veterans who served in any combat zone. Services are also available for their family members for military related issues. Veterans have earned these benefits through their service and all are provided at no cost to the veteran or family. While these programs have been available for years at our Vet Centers in Wichita, Kansas City, Manhattan, and at the Vet Center Outstation in Ft. Dodge and Winfield, the new mobile facility can go wherever there is a need, conceivably every corner of the state and adjacent portions of Kansas.

Primary Mission: The MVC has two confidential counseling areas on either end with a waiting room in the center. The internet satellite and onboard generator assures that Vet Center counselors will have real time access to the veteran's VA records on a secure system. A video conferencing system allows for face-to-face visits between the veteran and a health provider at any VAMC. We are planning, eventually, to provide a set servicing

schedule around our catchment area. As part of our outreach to veterans, the MVC will travel to pre and post deployment locations making sure that our Reserve and Active Duty service members are aware of the problems they may encounter while overseas and when they return home.

Secondary Mission: The MVC has been maximized for multi-use applications by adding portable exam tables that can be configured within the existing confidential counseling areas to provide limited primary care capability. Additionally, the installation of rear doors, a wheelchair lift, and litter racks (4) within the vehicle provide emergency patient evacuation capability. The addition of locked storage space and refrigeration facilitate medication storage during primary care utilization. A shower and toilet facilities are also contained within the MVC. These will all enhance VA medical personnel capabilities in health care outreach such as “Stand Downs” for homeless veterans.

Tertiary Mission: In the event of a natural disaster or a civil defense emergency, the extraordinary communications capabilities of the MVC can be deployed to assist federal and state emergency managers in a variety of ways.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Manufacturer: Farber Specialty Vehicles

Length: 38 ft.

Height: 13.6 ft.

Weight: 22,000 lbs (Max)

Chassis: Ford F-53 with 6.8L SOHC three-valve Triton V10 gasoline engine

Fuel Tank: 75 gal.

Generator: Kohler 10kw gasoline powered

Satellite: TracStar 1600 capable of providing high-speed Wi-Fi to 10 separate laptops.

Communications: 6 internet phones, printer, fax, video conference system.

If you are in need of immediate crisis counseling, please contact VA's Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK; counselors are available 24/7 to help.

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