



The Veterans' Victory House consists of five pavilions, each named in honor of a South Carolinian who has made great personal sacrifice furthering the cause of freedom around the world.

Pavilions:

1. Boatswain's Mate First Class James Elliot Williams Pavilion – Medal of Honor recipient, U.S. Navy, Vietnam, deceased.
2. Lance Corporal Rodney J. Williams Pavilion – U.S. Marine Corps, Beirut, deceased.
3. Captain John H. Truluck Pavilion – U.S. Air Force, World War II, Ace, living.
4. Staff Sergeant Eugene A. Lyons Pavilion – U.S. Army, World War II, deceased.
5. Master Sergeant Francis S. Currey Pavilion – Medal of Honor recipient, U.S. Army, World War II, living.

Facts:

- It is estimated that South Carolina is currently home to 400,000 veterans;
- JHS Architecture: Integrated Design, Inc. of Columbia was the prime architect for the project. HKS, Inc. of Richmond, Virginia, was retained by JHS as consulting design architect;
- The nursing home is located on 20 acres of land and contains 135,970 square feet.
- The facility is one of the most modern of its kind in the United States, with 3 nursing units with 56 beds each, and a 52 bed secured dementia unit for a 220 bed total;
- The project cost about \$28 million dollars to build. Federal government: \$18.5 million, State of South Carolina: \$3.5 million, Colleton County: \$3.5 million, SCDMH: \$3 million;
- Advantage Veterans Services of Walterboro operates the nursing home for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health (SCDMH);
- The nursing home employs 250+ staff;
- The first administrator of Veterans' Victory House was LeeAnne Newton;

Eligibility and Admission

To be eligible for admission to Veterans' Victory House, a veteran must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- must have received a general discharge or an honorable discharge from military service;
- must have been a resident of South Carolina for at least one year;
- must need long term nursing care.

Veterans who meet these requirements or would like more information or an application should:

- contact their local county Veterans' Affairs officer, who can assist in the process, or call the Veteran's Victory House at 843-538-3000.

Veterans should send the completed application to an Admissions Coordinating Office, which will verify the applicant's eligibility and residency status.

Questions?

Call 843-538-3000.

Services

Medical Care - The home employs a fully licensed primary care physician as medical director. Experienced in long-term care, this specialist provides admittance and follow-up annual physical exams and regularly visits residents to ensure their physical well-being. The medical director sees residents any time the need arises. However, residents may elect to choose their own attending physician at their own expense.

Nursing Care - A full nursing staff serves residents 24 hours a day, supervised by registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. The staff offers a broad range of experience, with particular emphasis in gerontological and rehabilitative services.

Rehabilitative Therapy - Licensed therapists, under contract, provide occupational, physical, speech, and restorative therapies.

Pharmacy Services - A full-time licensed pharmacist and pharmacy technician are on duty five days a week.

Recreational and Therapeutic Activities - Residents enjoy a full range of activities under the supervision of a trained and certified activity therapist. Residents are encouraged to lead full, active lives. The activity program incorporates all physical, emotional, social, and religious needs.

Social Services - A fully staffed social work department offers counseling, assistance in obtaining benefits, financial, and other important services to residents and their families.

Dietary Services - Under the supervision of a registered dietitian, the dietary department's goal is to meet the specific nutritional needs of each resident. All meals are prepared on-site, and special diets are prepared as prescribed by the attending physician. Meals are served in the nursing units or in the cafeteria.

Transportation Services - Transportation is provided for local medical or other appointments. Ambulance service is used in emergency cases or for residents who need it.

Beauty and Barber Services - A licensed beautician/barber is employed full time, meeting residents' grooming needs, such as haircuts, permanents, and manicures.

Laundry Services - Laundry services are provided by the facility.