

Brunswick County Veterans Services

I'm just passing along some information...

Wilmington VA Health Care Center

Hurricane Florence caused some minor damage to the building, so temporary clinics have been opened inside mobile clinics that have been set up in the parking lot of the clinic. Primary care, mental health, radiology, lab, and pharmacy services are currently available. Specialty clinic appointments are having to be rescheduled; the VA will contact anyone effected by this. For continued updates, visit the VA's website at: <https://www.fayettevillenc.va.gov/> .

Rumor Control

The VA does not hand out money to veterans after a disaster. Anything you hear about veterans getting money after a disaster is from organizations other than the VA. Last Saturday, a DAV Post had someone distributing \$500 to veterans in need. Earlier this week, a VFW post was providing \$200 to veterans who had nowhere to sleep. Neither of these activities was sponsored by the VA. These events are being done to help those in need who were affected by the hurricane, by non-profit organizations.

Freedom Day - Free "One Service Per Person" Dental Care (This is a Non-VA Service)

Coastal Cosmetic Family Dentistry wants to honor and thank active military, their dependents, and veterans for their service by providing FREE services on Thursday, October 11, 2018. Services include cleaning, filling, crown OR extraction. ****Services are by appointment only**** in the Bolivia and Oak Island Offices.

REGISTRATION: begins Oct. 1, 2018. To request an appointment, call Jackie at 910-253-7535.

Space is limited and only one service will be provided per person.

Disaster Food Benefits Offered Friday through Oct. 6 (This is a Non-VA Service) Brunswick County has been declared a disaster county by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. These declarations authorize the Department of Social Services to administer the Disaster Food and Nutrition benefits program.

This program is designed to authorize food stamp benefits for eligible households that are not currently receiving food and nutrition benefits and have experienced a loss as a result of Hurricane Florence. Residents may qualify for assistance for a one-month period if their home was damaged or destroyed or they have disaster related expenses. Eligibility is based on available income and resources.

Applications for Disaster Food and Nutrition benefits will be taken at Odell Williamson Auditorium on Brunswick Community College Campus at 150 College Road, Bolivia beginning Friday, Sept. 28, through Saturday, Sept. 29, and Monday, Oct. 1, through Saturday, Oct. 6. Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturdays. No applications will be taken on Sunday.

Individuals applying for benefits will be asked to provide the following information:

- Identity**
- Residency**
- Date of birth for all household members included on application**
- Social Security Numbers for all household members included on application**
- Income made or anticipated to be made between September 7th – October 6th for all household members**

As always, if you have any VA related questions or would like to file for VA benefits, our office is here to assist you, please call our office at 910-253-2233 to schedule an appointment.

