

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT SERVICES TEAM (VIST)
VIST NEWS LINE
VA MEDICAL CENTER – WEST PALM BEACH



JULY, 2013

The VIST Support Group meeting for August 2013 will be held August 21st in room 2C-252 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

The BVA Group meeting will be held August 21st, following the VIST Support Group meeting, from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in room 2C-252.

This room has been reserved for the remainder of 2013 for use by the BVA. All BVA members, prospective members, and significant others are invited.

BLIND REHABILITATION PROGRAM IN WEST PALM BEACH

Do you know a Veteran who is in need of Blind Rehabilitation training? Or are you yourself in need of refreshing your skills? Then let me share the news that new and prior students can attend the BRC program whether it is to learn new skills or just to work on skills that have been forgotten. At the BRC, you will receive training in living skills, orientation and mobility, visual skills, manual skills and medication management. In addition, we have highly trained staff whose main concern is to help you achieve your goals and stay as independent as possible. Remember being visually impaired is not the end of everything but instead the beginning of a new journey in your life. So call us today at (561) 422-5260 and let us help you be the best that you can be and bring out the best in you....

APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULING/CANCELLATIONS:

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Lee or Jackie Yoshimura, VIST Coordinator, please call: (561) 422-8398. If for some reason you cannot make your appointment, please cancel as early as possible as this will allow another Veteran to have that appointment. Your cooperation in making our clinic flow easily is greatly appreciated.

- For Dr. Cajamarca or John Getz, Low Vision Coordinator, please call: (561) 422-8398.
- The Low Vision Team, Dr. Cajamarca and John Getz, are located on 8B on the 8th floor.

Check-in for VIST/Optomety Appointments:

Check-in for scheduled VIST/Optomety and VIST Review appointments will be on Unit 7B at the Blind Rehabilitation Nursing Station.

VIST Educational Group (facilitated by VIST Coordinator):

The VIST Educational Group is being held monthly by the VIST Coordinator on the third Wednesday of the month. Refer to section "Upcoming Events" for specific dates and times.

Blinded Veteran Association (BVA) MEETINGS: HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER VIST MEETINGS

Meeting is held every third Wednesday of each month from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in room 2C-252.

Blind Rehabilitation Center Adjustment Group:

Blind Rehabilitation Center has a weekly VIST Adjustment Group on Tuesdays from 9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. The purpose of this group is to help visually impaired Veterans adjust to their visual loss, while also being able to meet with other Veterans who have similar or different experiences. This is an excellent group for Veterans wanting to attend a group on a weekly basis.

Local Support Group:

A local support group is offered by Lighthouse for the Blind in West Palm Beach. Call (561) 586-5600 for the time and date since they are subject to change.

Website Address: www.westpalmbeach.va.gov

VIST Office: 7A202; (561) 422-5260

Low Vision: 7A201; (561) 422-8645

BROS: (561) 422-5771

Prescription Refills Line: (561) 422-5294

Toll Free Main Phone Number: 1 (800) 972-8262

Remember:

Bundle your appointments if you already have an appointment at the VA. This will help you maximize your time while here at the VA hospital. All you have to do when you call for your appointment is to inform the scheduling clerk that you would like to arrange for your other appointments on the same day if possible.

Computers:

If you have any computer issues, have a question, need an update or ink cartridges, please contact Mr. John Getz, Low Vision Coordinator, at (561) 422-8645.

Catastrophically Disabled (Category 4)

Attention all legally blind Veterans: If you still have not been classified as Category 4, please call Enrollment at (561) 422-6916 to get categorized as catastrophically disabled (Category 4). VIST continues to assist with this process. However, it is important that you, the Veteran, follow up also. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

ADAPTIVE MEDICAL MANAGEMENT DEVICES:

In the VIST Medical Device Clinic, adaptive devices are available for issuance to blind Veterans to assist with managing health issues. The devices available are:

- The Scriptalk, a talking medicine bottle reader
- The Prodig4 is a pre-measured insulin delivery device. If you are unable to read your VA prescriptions bottles or independently manage your diabetes or blood pressure, you may benefit by using these devices. To arrange for training and issue of these devices, your Primary Care Provider needs to submit a referral to VIST.

Non-VA Services for VIST patients:

The Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches is in a new location.

1710 Tiffany Drive East West Palm Beach, FL 33407

Contact information is: trink@lighthousepalmbeaches.org

Phone: (561) 586-5600 extension 3510

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UPCOMING EVENTS-MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- August 21, 2013 - VIST Support Group meeting
- August 21, 2013 - BVA Group meeting
- September 18, 2013 - VIST Support Group meeting
- September 18, 2013 - BVA Group meeting
- October 16, 2013 - VIST - Support Group meeting
- October 16, 2013 - BVA Group meeting
- November 20, 2013 - VIST Support Group meeting
- November 20, 2013 – BVA Group meeting
- December 18, 2013 - VIST Support Group meeting
- December 18, 2013 - BVA Group meeting

SPECIAL MODE

If you require Special Mode transportation to the VIST Support Group meeting, please contact Ms. Barbara Jackson at the Blind Rehabilitation Center at (561)-422-8398.

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