



History

February 7, 2025: [Executive Order 14205](#):
Establishment of the White House Faith Office

February 14, 2021: [Executive Order 14015](#):
Establishment of the White House Office of
Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

May 3, 2018: [Executive Order 13831](#):
Establishment of a White House Faith and
Opportunity Initiative

April 5, 2013: [Executive Order 13640](#):
Continuance of Advisory Council

November 17, 2010: [Executive Order 13559](#):
Fundamental Principles and Policymaking
Criteria for Partnerships with Faith-Based and
Other Neighborhood Organizations

February 5, 2009: [Executive Order 13498](#):
Amendments to Executive Order 13199
and Establishment of the President's
Advisory Council for Faith-Based and
Neighborhood Partnerships

June 1, 2004: [Executive Order 13342](#):
Establishment of Centers for Faith-Based and
Community Initiatives at the Departments of
Commerce and Veterans Affairs and the Small
Business Administration

December 12, 2002: [Executive Order 13279](#):
Equal Protection of the Laws for Faith-Based
and Community Organizations

January 29, 2001: [Executive Order 13199](#):
Established the White House Office of Faith-
Based and Community Initiatives

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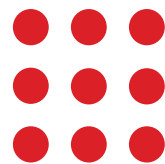
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The CF Vision

To create and strengthen partnerships with
faith-based and community organizations
across the nation to reach our Veterans

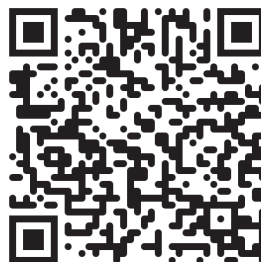
The CF Mission

Our mission is to engage, educate and inform
faith-based and community organizations
about the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
(VA) tools and resources that will equip them
to better serve the Veterans, their families,
survivors, caregivers, and other beneficiaries
within their organizations



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Partnerships

Helping Organizations

The VA Center for Faith (CF) can help your organization by:

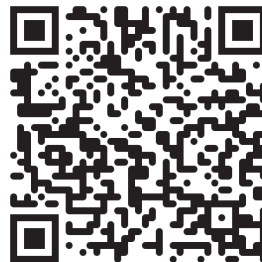
- Collaboratively coordinating training sessions for clergy, congregations and community organizations. Examples include:
 - VA S.A.V.E. Suicide Prevention Training to faith leaders, their congregants and Faith Based Community Organizations (FBCOs)
 - Hosting outreach events with VA Subject Matter Experts providing breakout sessions (i.e. VA Efforts to End Homelessness, Pre-Need and Burial Eligibility, etc.)
 - Serving as a resource and referral point for your organization and providing information at your organization's local, regional, and national events
- Share informational webinars to use as tools to educate and inform faith-based and community organizations. Webinar topics includes the following:
 - VA current initiatives such as suicide prevention and homelessness
 - The Pact Act and its impact on Veterans
 - Assisting Veterans in rural areas
 - Grant funding under the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program

How can your organization partner with Center for Faith?

- Partner with VA's Center for Faith to host an event in your area and we will bring VA's resources and information to aid Veterans, their families, other Veteran's beneficiaries
- Partner with VA's Center for Faith to establish a Veteran Service Group where Veterans can connect with each other

How to Start a Veterans Support Group (VSG)

- Examples of a Veterans Support Group:
 - Small Cell Groups (example: Meeting every Tuesday)
 - Veterans Group for men/women (example: Meeting every Tuesday)
 - Fishing/Coffee (example: Meeting every Wednesday)
 - Supporting spouses of Veterans (examples: oil changes, mowing grass)



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To Learn more about starting a Veteran Support Group, please visit www.va.gov/CFBNP/docs/CFBNP-Veteran-Ministry-Pocket-Card.pdf.

