



## History

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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# Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiative (CFOI)

## The CFOI Mission

Our mission is to engage, educate and inform faith-based, community, and non-profit organizations about the 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

## The CFOI Vision

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



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## Partnerships

### Helping Organizations

The VA Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiative (CFOI) can help your organization by:

- Collaboratively coordinating training sessions for clergy, congregations, and community groups/members. Examples include:
  - Coordinating the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) S.A.V.E. suicide prevention training
  - Hosting outreach events that consist of E-Benefits, homelessness, survivor assistance, and much more
  - How to reach Veterans in specific demographics or with special needs
  - Serving as a resource and referral point for your organization and providing information at your organization's local, regional, and national events
- Hosting webinars to inform faith-based, nonprofit, and community group stakeholders. Webinar topics includes the following:
  - VA current initiatives such as suicide prevention and homelessness
  - The New Health Care Law 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 CFOI?

- Partner with CFOI to establish a Veterans ministry or group where Veterans can connect.
- Partner with CFOI to host an event in your area so we may bring VA's resources and information to the Veterans, their families, beneficiaries, and all stakeholders
- Let us know of gaps you see in services to Veterans in your organization and community

### How your organization can help Veterans

- Your faith-based, nonprofit, or community/neighborhood organization can help Veterans in the following ways:
  - Volunteer with the VA Voluntary Services Office
  - Enroll in VA's Suicide prevention and mental health training for clergy and community leaders
  - Establish a Veterans/Military Ministry within your faith-based organization or group
  - Provide Veterans with transportation to medical appointments
  - Help recently housed Veterans obtain furniture and housing supplies
  - Educate yourself, Veterans, and others about VA benefits and services and how a Veteran can apply for them
  - Learn the signs of a Veteran or a Veteran's family member in distress
  - Encourage Veterans to use the VA services he or she has earned
  - Visit a hospitalized Veteran
  - Provide drop-off childcare services for a Veteran family with young children