

Monroe

The Frenchtown Center for Active Adults is about to reap the benefits of a renewed push from local military centers with an agenda to help veterans. Since 2001, we have lost, on average, over 6000 veterans to suicide annually in this country. In addition, statics show that we've had 37,252 homeless veterans since 2012. This picture is only going to get worse in the coming years.

To reach more veterans, Frenchtown Center for Active Adults has accepted an offer from Amvets Post 1942 and the Bedford Veterans Center here in Monroe to house a VSO (Veterans Service Officer). The new center at Frenchtown brings the total to three centers in Monroe. The other two are; Merkle Funeral Home and The Bedford Veterans Center. The VSO will be available Mondays from Noon to Four p.m. in what has come to be known as the "Tax" room. On Mondays, it becomes the Veterans Room.

The VSO, Russell Kenyon, has stated that he hopes the response to this new posting will be great. For the time being, appointments are not necessary. We can help veterans with various services, from Health Care to Pensions and Education. We can help you find lost records and medals. We also have the means to solve Home Loan Guaranty concerns. We can further help with VA Life Insurance and Burial Benefits. Last but not least, we can help with Dependent and Survivors Benefits. If you cannot stop by, the VSO can be reached at 734-775-2781.

As you wander the center and see the door open, please stop by, if for no other reason than to say hello. But if, on the other hand, you know a veteran who needs some assistance, please send him our way. We can only help those who ask.