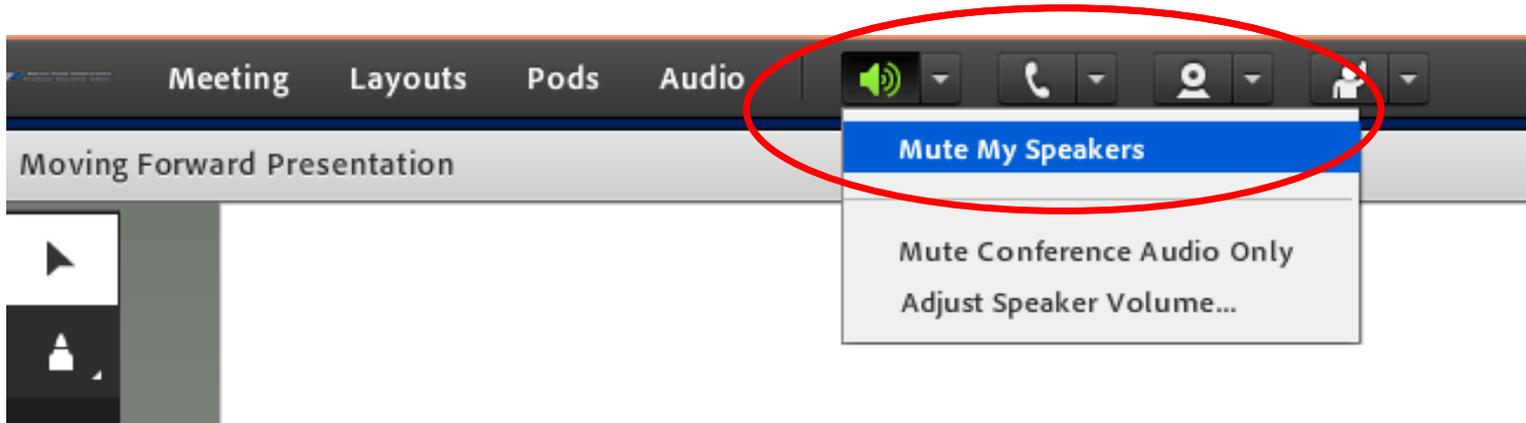


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Thank you for joining. We will begin shortly.



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VA DoD Veteran Link

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OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- Background
- Functionality of the app
- Training materials
- Field test



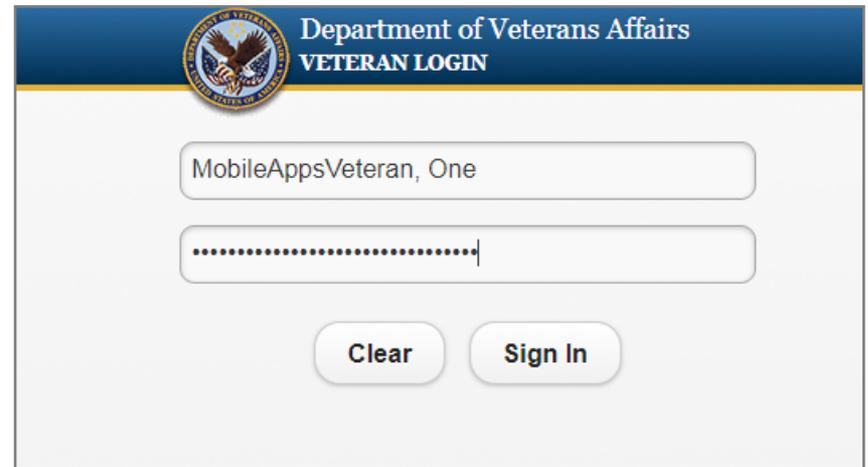
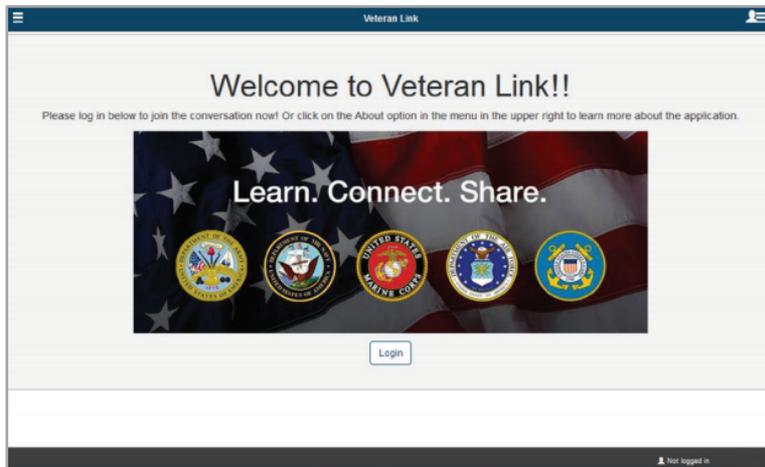
BACKGROUND

- VA DoD Veteran Link
 - A social networking app that enables you to find and communicate with other Veterans and service members who have common interests, life circumstances and health conditions
 - Find, create and participate in groups about topics that interest you
 - Engage in groups and add to the conversation to help build a community for you and your fellow Veterans





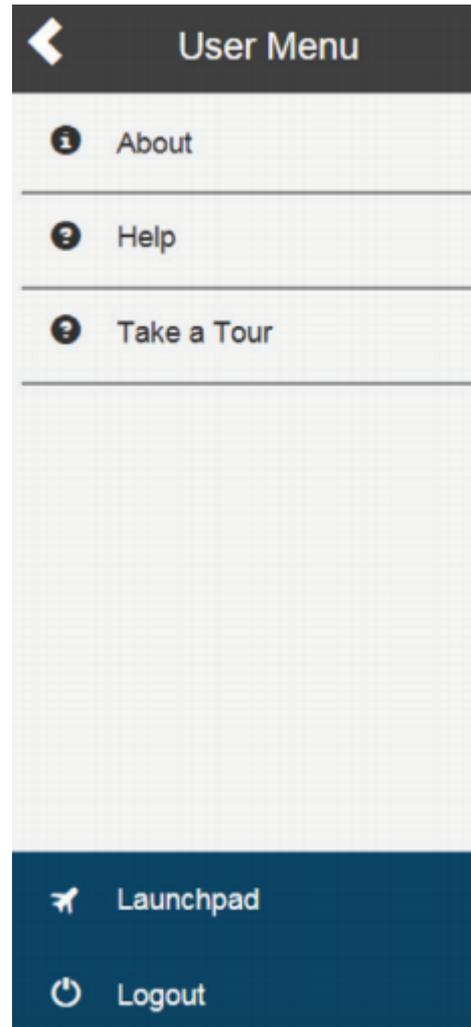
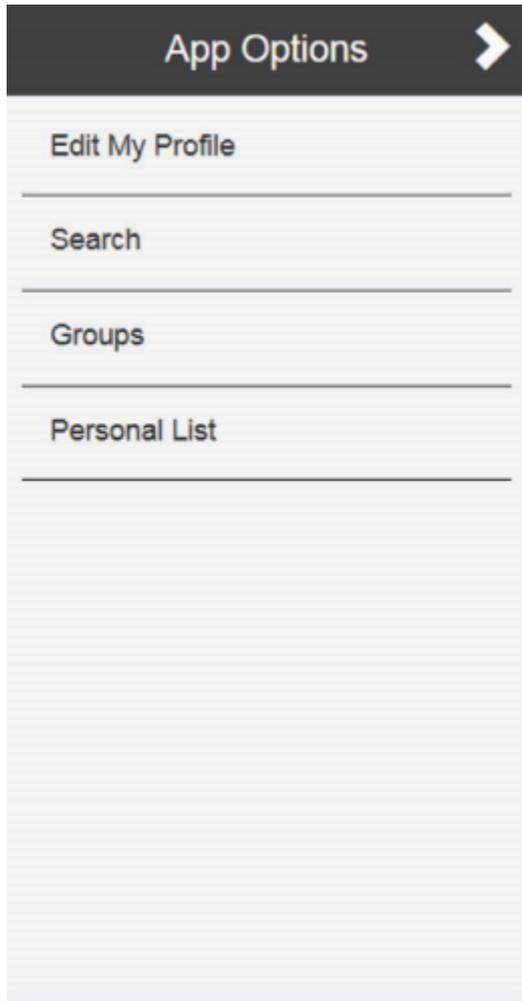
LOGIN



Enter DS Logon Level 2 (Premium) Account credentials.



MENUS



Navigate the app using its two slide-out menus:

- App Options
- User Menu



PROFILE

My Profile

MY PROFILE (You can edit any field on this screen, selecting another picture will erase the old picture)

Enter the following information for your profile. Select the "Share" checkbox for each item to make the information public and searchable. * required field

Please note that your screen name will **always** be shared.

* Screen Name ⓘ

Personal Information

		Share?
First Name	<input type="text" value="MobileAppsVeteran"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Last Name	<input type="text" value="One"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text" value="Enter Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)"/> ⓘ	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender	<input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/>

The first time you log in to the app, you will be prompted to set up your profile. You can update your profile at any time by tapping **Edit My Profile** in the App Options Menu.



PROFILE DETAILS

The more information you share , the easier it will be for other Veterans and service members to connect with you.

- Screen name*
- First name
- Last name
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Affiliation
- Status
- Military rank
- County
- City, state, zip
- Home and cell phone number
- Email
- Diagnoses
- Picture
- Comments

*Only detail you are required to share



SEARCH

Search

FIND VETERANS

Enter one or more search criteria. Data submitted for search field must be at least 3 characters and allows partial match in search result. When finished, click the Search button. Click Reset to start over.

Status	Veteran
Affiliation	Army
	Enter Search Criteria
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	Enter Search Criteria

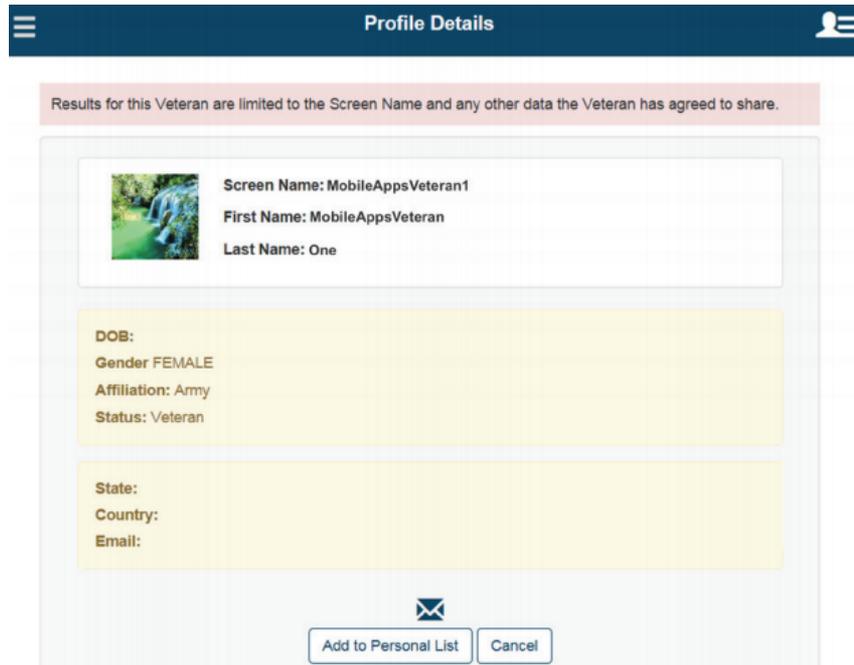
Search Reset

Find other Veterans or service members with common interests and life circumstances, by searching the information they have entered and shared in their profiles. To access:

- Tap **Search** from the App Options menu
- Tap your search criteria
- Tap **Search**



SEARCH



After you tap Search, you will see a list of users whose shared profile information matched your search criteria.

Tap the screen name of the individual about whom you would like to know more. You will go to that individual's detailed profile where you can see all information he/she has selected to share.

Tap **Add to Personal List** so you can easily find his/her profile again in the future.



PERSONAL LIST



Your Personal List is a list of your favorite contacts, which allows you to save the contacts of people with whom you most frequently converse, have the most in common or have established a close connection. To access:

- Tap **Personal List** from the App Options menu
- Tap on an individual's user name to see their profile
- Tap **Add to Personal List**



CONTACTING VETERANS/SERVICE MEMBERS

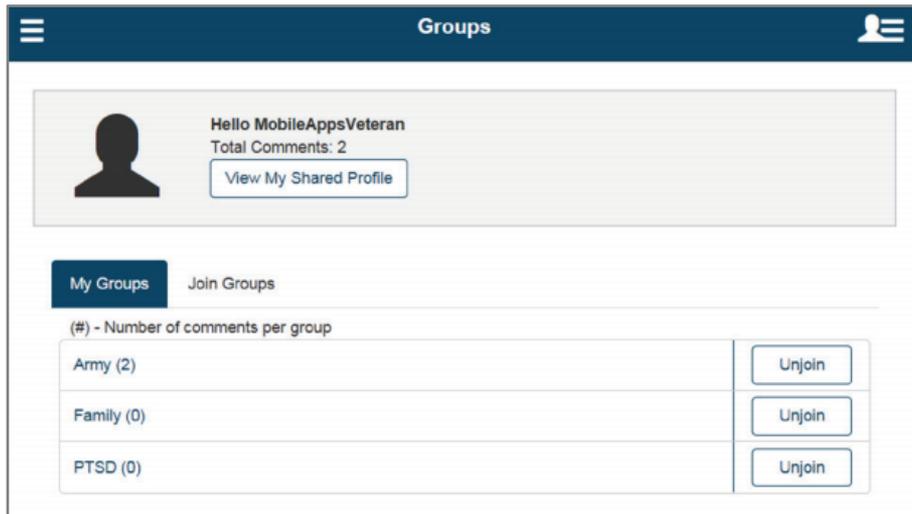
After you have found Veterans/service members with whom you would like to connect, and if they have chosen to share their email address, their profile will show an envelope icon. Tap on the icon.

Based on the settings for your mobile device, a new email draft will open in the email account associated with your device.





GROUPS



Find, create and participate in groups about topics that interest you. To access, tap **Groups** from the App Options menu.

The Groups screen has two tabs:

- My Groups
- Join Groups



COMMENTING IN A GROUP

A screenshot of a mobile application interface for commenting in a group. At the top, a grey bar contains the word "Comment". Below this is a text input field with a light blue border, containing the text "Hello!". Underneath the input field, the text "244 characters remaining" is displayed in a smaller font. At the bottom right of the interface, there are two buttons: "Post" and "Cancel".

From the My Groups tab, tap the name of the group where you would like to either read or submit comments. You will go to the group's conversation screen where you will see the comments members have contributed, as well as the date and time they were submitted.

To submit a comment, tap **Comment**. Type your message, and tap **Post**.



JOINING A GROUP

From the Join Group tab, you will see a list of groups that are available for you to join. If you would like to filter and narrow down this list, enter the name of the group you are looking for into the Search List text box. Tap **Join** next to the name of a group to become a part of it.

Groups currently available to join include the below.

- High Blood Pressure
- Diabetes
- Mental Health
- PTSD
- Pressure Ulcer/Injury
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- WWII Campaign
- Korean War Campaign
- Vietnam War Campaign
- Persian Gulf Campaign
- Afghanistan War Campaign
- Iraq War Campaign
- Returning to work after Campaign



CREATING A GROUP

Create Group

* required field

* **Group Name**
40 characters remaining

* **Purpose**
150 characters remaining

From the Join Group tab, tap **+Create New Group**. A pop-up Create Group box will appear. Enter a group name and a group purpose. Tap **Save**.

The group will be established, and you will automatically become a member.



TRAINING MATERIALS

VA App Store

VETERANS
VA DoD Veteran Link

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App Description

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) DoD Veteran Link mobile application (app) allows Veterans receiving VA health care and service members to find and communicate with other Veterans and service members who have common interests and life circumstances. App users can create a profile indicating the personal information they want to share, find information about health-related issues, search for other Veterans and service members based on information they have shared and join groups to discuss specific topics with others.

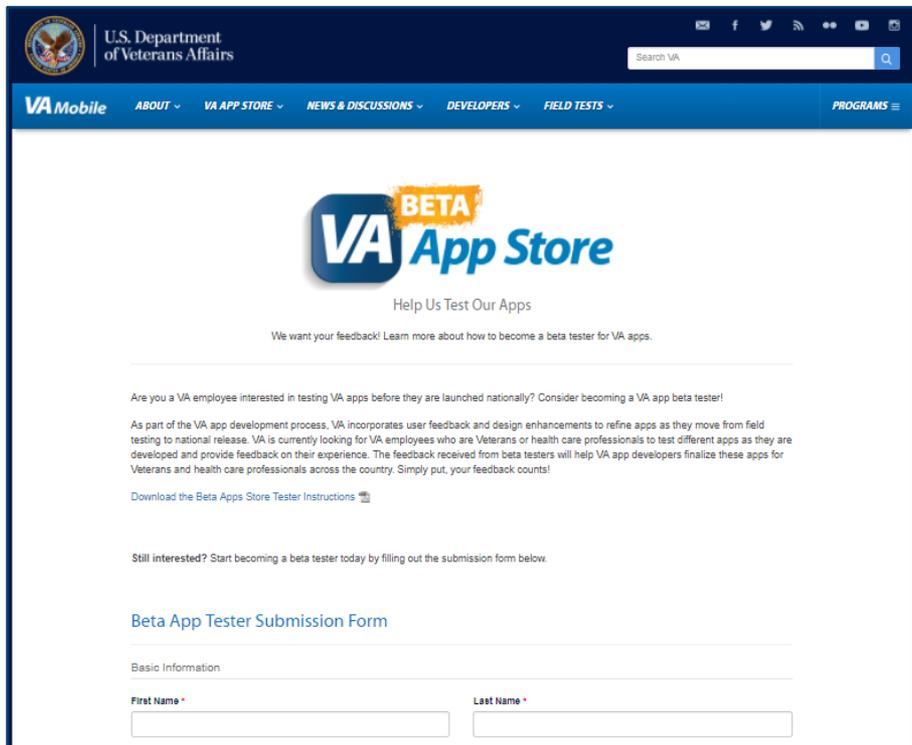
Features:

- Connect with other Veterans and service members
- Search for others with similar diagnoses
- Share as much or as little personal information as you like
- Join groups with others who have similar interests
- Create your own group for Veterans and service members to connect

To learn more about the app and to access its training materials, visit mobile.va.gov/app/beta/va-dod-veteran-link



BECOME A FIELD TESTER FOR THE APP



VA DoD Veteran Link will soon be field tested in the VA Beta App Store. To be a field tester, you will need a DS Logon Level 2 (Premium) Account. Sign up to be a Beta Tester by visiting the below link:

mobile.va.gov/appstore/beta-apps-tester



THANK YOU

What future topics would you like to discuss?

Let us know by providing feedback at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K6BW6DC>