



# STATE VETERAN BENEFITS

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# ALABAMA

## Long Term Care Benefits

- Alabama State Veterans Home Program

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions
- Bonus for Southeast Asian War Prisoners
- Exemption of Debts Incurred Pursuant to National Housing Act or Veterans' Benefits
- Military Retiree Income Tax Exemption
- Unemployment Compensation
- Military Combat Pay Income Tax Exemption

## Employment Benefits

- Job Status and Reemployment rights
- Preference in State Classified employment

## Veterans Business Benefits

- Business and Occupation License Exemptions for Disabled Veterans
- Business and Occupation License Exemptions for Veterans of WWII
- Forfeiture of Franchise

## Education Benefits

- G.I. Dependents' Scholarship Program

## Other State Benefits

- Armed Forces Voter Registration and Absentee Voting
- Commitment of Incompetent Veterans
- Executive, Attestation and Acknowledgment Certification
- Fiduciaries in War Service
- Fishing License
- Guardianship for Veterans and Minor Dependents
- Military Leave of Absence
- Notice of Armed Forces Death
- Official Report of Person Missing, etc.
- Peace Officers' Credit for Military Service
- Public Records
- Recording of Discharges
- Validation of Marriage of Divorced Persons
- Wills

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# ALASKA

## Housing Benefits

- Veterans Land Discount/Purchase Preference
- Property Tax Exemptions
- Veterans Housing and Residential Loans

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Preference Rights
- Veterans Employment Services
- Affirmative Action Plan

## Education Benefits

- Free Tuition for Spouse or Dependent of Armed Services Member
- High School Diplomas

## Other State Benefits

- Recording Veterans Report of Separation Form
- Disabled Veterans Parking Permits Veterans License Plates
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- State Camping Pass
- Alaska Marine Highway Pass
- Birthday Cards from the Governor

- Governor's Advocacy Award
- Military and Veterans Memorial Landmark Property
- Wartime Letters – the Legacy Project
- Military Credit Towards State Retirement

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# ARIZONA

## Housing Benefits

- Arizona State Veterans Home (Phoenix)
- Arizona State Veterans Home (Tucson)

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Tax and License Fee Exemptions
- Vehicle License Tax and Registration Fees
- Veterans Donation Fund
- Military Family Relief Fund

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Preferences
- Professional and Occupational Licenses

## Education Benefits

- Tuition waivers for veterans and dependents
- Troops to Teachers

## Other State Benefits

- State and National Cemeteries
- Burial and Headstones
- Absentee Voting in Elections
- Recording of Discharges
- Public Record Certification
- Credit for Military Service for State Retirement Benefits
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Arizona State Parks
- Special License Plates
- Transportation
- 19 State offices for Pension and Compensation assistance

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# ARKANSAS

## Housing Benefits

- Arkansas Veterans Home
- Fayetteville AR Veterans Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Homestead and Personal Property Tax Exemption
- Gross Receipt of Tax Exemption  
Income Tax Exemption

## Employment Benefits

- Job Status and Reemployment rights
- Preference in State Classified employment

## Education Benefits

- Free Tuition for Spouse, Children of POW

## Veterans Business Benefits

- Disabled Vets Priority on State Contracts

## Other State Benefits

- Armed Forces Voter Registration and Absentee Voting
- Military Leave of Absence
- Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
- Hunting and Fishing License
- License Plates

## Veterans Burial

- Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery – NLR
- Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery – Birdeye (Open fall 2011)

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# CALIFORNIA

## Housing Benefits

- Veterans Homes of California

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Property Tax Exemptions
- Calvet Farm and Home Loans
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees Waived

## Employment Benefits

- Employment and Unemployment Insurance Assistance
- Veterans Preference in California civil Service Examinations

## Veterans Business Benefits

- Business License, Tax and Fee Waiver
- Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Opportunities

## Education Benefits

- College Tuition Fee Waivers for Veterans' Dependents

## Other State Benefits

- Disabled Veterans License Plates
- Free License Plates
- Veterans Claims Representation
- Fishing and Hunting Licenses
- State Parks and Recreation Pass
- State of California Veterans Cemetery
- Veterans License Plates
- The California Women Veterans Roster
- The California Veterans Registry at the California Veterans Memorial

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# COLORADO

## Housing Benefits

- State Veterans' Home
- State Veterans Nursing Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Colorado State Tax Advantage
- Burial Allowance

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Assistance
- Employment Preference

## Education Benefits

- Tuition Assistance
- Tuition Assistance for children of POWs, MIAs or Disabled/Deceased ARNG
- Operation Recognition

## Other State Benefits

- Special Vehicle License Plates
- Medical Benefits
- Hunting and Fishing Privileges

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# CONNECTICUT

## Rocky Hill Services Provided

- 125 Bed Chronic Disease Hospital
- Substance Abuse Recovery Program
- 75 Bed Residential Program (Housing, Social Work, Vocational Counseling)

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Soldiers', Sailors' & Marines' Fund
- Temporary Assistance Fund
- Property Tax Exemptions

## Education Benefits

- Educational Benefit/Tuition Waivers
- High School Diplomas for Veterans of WWII

## Other State Benefits

- Memorial Services in Connecticut's Veterans' Cemetery (Honorable service in the Armed Forces of any country allied with the US is also acceptable). Reserving a space at the cemetery while you are still living is acceptable.
- Motor Vehicles Waiver
- Retirement

- Military Support Program -24/7 Free & confidential counseling for Military and their Families (pre, during and post deployment) 1-866-251-2913

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# DELAWARE

## Housing Benefits

- Delaware State Veterans Home (Milford)
- State Veterans Home Fund

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Pension Benefits for Paraplegic Veterans
- Modifications to Taxable Income

## Employment Benefits

- State Employment Veterans Preference

## Education Benefits

- Educational Benefits for Children of Deceased Veterans, etc.
- Education Benefits for Active members of the Delaware National Guard
- High School Diploma for WWII Veterans

## Other State Benefits

- Recording of Military Discharges
- Military Discharge Certification
- Veterans Claims Representation
- Mobile Veterans Service Officer Van (Sussex County)
- Free Death Certificates for Veterans
- Notary Public Services
- Certificate of Appreciation Signed by the Governor
- Veterans Preference – Admission to Governor Bacon Health Center
- Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- Indigent Veterans Burial
- Special License Plates

- Registration and Inspection of Motor Vehicles of Disabled Veterans
- Credited Military Service; Eligibility
- Auctioneer and Book Agent Exemption for Veterans
- Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses
- Commissioner Quarterly Newsletter (The Centurion)
- State Women Veteran's Coordinator
- Veteran Identification Card

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# FLORIDA

## Housing Benefits

- Florida State Veterans' Homes Program
- Veterans' Nursing Homes of Florida
- Homestead Exemption (Permanent and Totally Disabled)
- Homestead Exemption (10% to 100% BUT not Permanent IN NATURE)

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Preference in Employment and Retention

## Education Benefits

- High School Diploma – Korean War Veterans
- High School Diploma – WWII Veterans
- High School Diploma – Vietnam Veterans
- Tuition Deferment
- Reduced Tuition for National Guard
- Education for Children of Deceased or Disabled Florida Veterans
- Undergraduate-level tuition waived for recipients of Purple Heart or other combat related decorations superior in precedence to the Purple Heart at state universities and community colleges
- Dependent children of MIA or POW service members may be eligible for tuition benefits

## Other State Benefits

- Certification of Discharge or Separation
- Disabled Veteran Identification Card
- Hunting and Fishing License
- Motor Vehicle Military License Plates

## Other State Benefits Continued

- Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle License Plate
- Permits/Fees (parking, tolls., building improvements)
- Homeless Veterans Program
- Benefits Counseling
- Commission as a Notary Public
- Drivers License Fee Exemption for a total and permanent service connected disability
- Discount Passes of 25% for annual Florida State Park passes for all veterans and active duty personnel
- State Women Veterans' Coordinator

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# GEORGIA

## Housing Benefits

- War Veterans Homes

## Financial Assistance Benefits to Certain Disabled Veterans

- Exemption from Homestead Tax
- Exemption from Sales Tax on Vehicles
- Ad Valorem Tax on Vehicles
- Exemption from State Income Tax
- Certificate of Exemption
- Abatement of State Income Taxes

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Preference
- Employment Assistance

## Education Benefits

- Georgia Military Scholarship
- Tuition Assistance (Georgia Air National Guard)
- The National Guard Service Cancelable Loan Fund
- Georgia HERO Scholarship

## Other State Benefits

- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Veterans Drivers' Licenses
- Honorary Driver's License
- Vehicle License Tags
- State ID Cards
- Reduced Fees for Disabled Veterans
- Veterans License Plates
- Handicapped Parking
- Motor Fuel Service to Handicap
- Guardianship
- Vital Statistics
- Service Records
- Benefits Assistance

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# HAWAII

## Housing Benefits

- Special Housing for Disabled Veterans

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Tax Exemptions

## Employment Benefits

- Employment and Re-employment

## Other State Benefits

- Burials
- Vital Statistics
- License Plates

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# IDAHO

## Housing Benefits

- Veterans Homes (3)

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- **State Tax Exemption: When stationed outside the state of Idaho, active duty personnel are exempt from Idaho state income tax**
- **Emergency Relief Grant Program**
- **State Tax Exemption After Age 65 On civil Service/Military Retire Pay**

## Employment Benefits

- **Veterans Preference in Employment**
- **USERRA Assistance**

## Education Benefits

- **Idaho provides Guardsmen and Reservists who live outside the state of Idaho in-state tuition**
- **Operation Education At University of Idaho**
- **Scholarship For Children of MIA/POW Service member**
- **Priority In Training Programs**

## Other State Benefits

- Idaho Veterans Cemetery
- License Plates
- Idaho State Parks fee reduction
- Disabled American Veterans Combination Hunting and fishing License
- Exempt From Fees For Professional License
- State Women Veterans' Coordinator
- Benefits Assistance
- Idaho State Parks fee reduction
- Nineteen bed homeless veteran facility

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# ILLINOIS

## Housing Benefits

- Four Veterans Homes
- Prince Homeless Program (15-bed permanent supportive housing)
- Specially Adapted Housing grant
- Assessed property value reduction for disabled veterans
- Assessed property value reductions for recently deployed veterans

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Grant program for non-profit orgs (approx \$1mil in grants/year)
- World War II Bonus Payment
- Family Relief Fund grants for Guard and reserve deployments (\$500 for every 6 months; 0-3 and below)
- Family Relief Fund benefit for any wounded veteran from GWOT (\$5000)
- Needs-based grants for deployed Guard/Reserve (\$2000)
- Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Conflict Bonus (\$100)
- Vietnam Veterans Survivors Compensation
- POW Compensation
- \$300,000+ Survivor's Compensation for GWOT casualties

## Education Benefits

- Educational Grants for Children (10-18 yrs)
- Full Tuition waiver for children of 100% disabled or deceased vets
- 100% Tuition waiver for Illinois Veterans
- 100% Tuition waiver for Illinois National Guard
- Mandatory Veteran Resource Officer at every public college/university
- Mandatory Veteran website at every public college/university
- State Approving Agency support
- High School Diploma – Korean War/WWII/Vietnam Veterans
- In-state tuition for military children

## Employment Benefits

- State Government/Employment Preference
- 70 service officers statewide

## Other State Benefits

- 24-hour call center for PTS/TBI (Illinois Warrior Assistance Program)
- Online PTS/TBI screening tool with 24-hour chat function.
- Annual Training/Certification program (for CLE Credit) for civilian mental health and primary care professionals covering combat-related mental health resources
- Full coverage for civilian mental health counseling
- 27 special military license plates
- Cartage and Erection fees grants
- Graves Registration
- Waived Camping & Admission Fees
- Hunting and Fishing Privileges State Fair
- Necessary Documents to file claims
- State income tax exemption for military

Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

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# INDIANA

## Housing Benefits

- The Indiana Veterans Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Property Tax Abatements
- Indiana Military Family Relief Fund

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Assistance
- High School Diploma for WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam Veterans
- Remission of Fees (Free Tuition) for the Children of Disabled veterans
- Remission of Fees for recipient of the Purple Heart

## Other State Benefits

- County Veterans Service Officers
- Golden Hoosier Passport
- Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- Motor Vehicle License Plates
- Peddlers, Vendors or Hawkers License
- Resident Veteran Hunting and Fishing License
- Vital Documents for Veterans Benefits

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# IOWA

## Housing Benefits

- Iowa Veterans Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Injured Veterans Grant Program

## Education Benefits

- War Orphans Educational Aid
- Operation Recognition High School Diploma

## Other State Benefits

- Cold War Recognition Letter
- Korean War Service Medal
- Veterans Lifetime Hunting/Fishing License
- Presidential Memorial Certificate
- The State of Iowa Veterans Cemetery

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# KANSAS

## Housing Benefits

- Kansas Soldiers Home
- Kansas Veterans Home

## Financial Assistance benefits

- Homestead Property Tax Refund (for certain disabled Veterans and surviving spouse of active duty military Personnel who have died in the line of duty)
- Dependents' and Survivors Benefits
- Disability Benefits
- Burial Benefits
- Prescription Drug Coverage

## Employment Benefits

- Operation Recognition - High School Diploma for WWII and Korean War Veterans
- Free Tuition and Fees for Dependents of POW's or MIA's
- Tuition Assistance for National Guard Members
- Waiver of Tuition and Fees for Dependents and Spouses of Deceased Military Personnel
- Education Assistance for Children of Deceased Kansas Veterans
- Veterans' Preference for State employment

## Other State Benefits

- State Veterans Cemeteries (4 in the state)
- Veterans Service Representative (13 Field Offices)
- Two Enhanced Delivery Units (Mobile Vans)
- Vietnam Era Veterans' Medallion Program
- Veterans Claim Assistance Program (Provides annual service grants to eligible veteran services organizations)
- Motor Vehicles Military License Plates

## Other Benefits Continued

- Free License Plates (for POW's or entitled to compensation for 50% liability or entitled to compensation for the loss, or permanent use of one or both feet or one or both hands or permanent visual impairment of both eyes)
- Free copies of discharges or other official records
- Free Hunting and Fishing (annual hunting and fishing licenses may be issued without charge to honorably discharged Kansas veteran with a service-related disability of 30% or more)
- Free annual Parks Vehicle Permits (May be issued to Kansas Army or National Guard member, with a limit of one per family)

## Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs

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# KENTUCKY

## Housing Benefits

- State Veterans Long Term Care Facilities

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- New Veterans Loan Program

## Employment Benefits

- Tuition Waiver Program

## Other State Benefits

- Homeless Program
- Women Veterans Program
- Burial Honors
- State Veterans Cemeteries

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# LOUISIANA

## Housing Benefits

- Louisiana War Veterans Homes

## Employment Benefits

- Military Service Relief Act
- Veterans Civil Service Preference (Employment Preference)

## Education Benefits

- Dependents Educational Assistance
- National Guard Tuition
- Veterans Education and Training – State Approving Agency

## Other State Benefits

- LDVA Parish service office located in every parish
- LACetbiz – program where veteran-owned businesses can register to be placed into consideration for state contracts
- Free hunting/fishing licenses
- Free entrance to state parks
- Free license plates for purple heart recipients
- Free drivers licenses for veterans over 50% service connected
- Special prestigious license plates for certain veterans, retirees and supporters of veterans
- Recording of discharges

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# MAINE

## Housing Benefits

- Maine Veterans Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Veterans Small Business Loan Program
- Property Tax Exemption

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Dependents Education Benefits Program

## Other State Benefits

- Maine Veterans memorial Cemetery System
- Claims Representation
- Military Discharges
- Recreational Hunting & Fishing Licenses
- State Honorable Service Medals
- Wartime Honorable Service Certificates
- Veteran License Plates
- Benefits Available from the Division of Motor Vehicles
- State Park Passes

## Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services

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# MARYLAND

## Housing Benefits

- Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Property Tax Exemption
- Military Retired Pay Income Tax Exemption
- Vessel Excise Tax
- Death Benefit

## Employment Benefits

- Employers Health Insurance While on Temporary Active Duty
- Re-Employment
- Medical and Healthcare Personnel
- Job Placement Assistance
- Veterans Preference
- Credit Toward State Employees Retirement
- Unemployment Insurance

## Education Benefits

- Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship
- High School Diploma

## Other State Benefits

- Veterans Benefit Service Program
- State Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Program
- Maryland Veterans Memorials
- Obtaining copies of documents
- Absentee Voting
- Game Hunting & Fishing Licenses
- Admission to State Parks
- Auto Tags
- Veterans Establishing Businesses
- Veterans with Disabilities

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# MASSACHUSETTS

## Housing Benefits

- Public Assistance

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Tax Exemptions
- Annuities
- Bonuses

## Employment Benefits

- Education Financial Assistance
- Upward Bound Program
- Operation Recognition
- Special Commission to Study Higher Education Tuition & Fee Waivers for Veterans

## Massachusetts Recently-Returned Combat Veterans

- Welcome Home Bonus
- Civil Service and Veterans' Preference
- Employment Opportunities
- Education
- Housing
- Your Local Veteran's Agent
- Yoga for Combat Veterans with PTSD

## Other State Benefits

- Motor Vehicles Benefits
- National Guard and Reserve
- State Benefits for Dependents of a Veteran

## Department of Veterans' Services

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# MICHIGAN

## Housing Benefits

- Grand Rapids Home for Veterans
- D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans
- State Veterans Homes Board of Managers

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Tuition Grant Procedure Brief
- Emergency Grants
- Michigan National Guard Family Support Funds

## Other State Benefits

- Michigan Veterans Program 2005
- Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans
- Automobile License Plates

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# MINNESOTA

## Veterans Homes

- Fergus Falls
- Hastings
- Luverne
- Minneapolis
- Silver Bay

## MDVA Programs

- Bronze Star Markers
- Claims and Outreach
- CVSOP Operational Grants
- Dental/Optical Program
- Education Assistance
- G.I. Bill
- Higher Education Veterans Program
- LinkVet
- Minnesota G.I. Bill
- Military Funeral Honors
- Minnesota Service C.O.R.E.
- Recently Separated Veterans Program
- Special Needs Grants
- State Approving Agency
- State Veterans Cemetery
- SubsistenceProgram
- Surviving Spouse/Dependent Education Benefit
- Tribal Veterans Service Officer (TVSO)
- Veterans Employment Program
- Veterans Preference in Employment
- Veterans Service Organization Grants
- Women Veterans Program

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# MISSISSIPPI

## Housing Benefits

- Mississippi Veterans Home Purchase Board
- State Veterans Nursing Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Ad Valorem Tax
- Privilege Tax

## Employment Benefits

- Re-Employment
- Employment Preference
- State Retirement

## Education Benefits

- Educational Assistance
- Mississippi Employment Security Commission

## Other State Benefits

- Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board
- Administrative Division
- State Veterans Claims Division
- State VA Hospital Service Offices
- State Approving Agency Division
- Mississippi Department of Archives and History
- Mississippi State Personnel Board
- Mississippi Military Department (Army & Air National Guard)
- County Veterans Service Office
- County Veterans Service Officers
- Documents
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Vehicle License Plates
- State Veterans Cemetery, Newton, MS

Mississippi State Veteran Affairs

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# MISSOURI

## Housing Benefits

- Missouri Veterans Homes
- Property Tax Credits

## Financial Assistance & Benefits

- Missouri Military Family Relief Fund (MMFRF)
- Missouri Universal Service Fund
- Missouri Department of Social Services
- Missouri Association for Community Action

## Education Benefits

- Licensure and Certification Test Benefits; Troops to Teachers; A+ Schools Program; Operation Recognition
- Interstate Compact of Education Opportunity for Military Children
- Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act; Vietnam Veteran Survivor Grant Program; War Veterans' Survivor Grant Program; Injured and Dependent Scholarships; Higher Education Tuition Refunds when called to active duty; In-State Tuition Eligibility for Military Dependents; Bright Flight Scholarship Status when called to active duty

## Employment Benefits

- Local Veterans Employment Representatives & Disabled Veterans Outreach Program
- Hero At Home Program; Show Me Heroes Program
- Veterans Employment & Training Services; Unemployment Compensation for War on Terror Veterans
- Veterans Preference with State of Missouri Employment; Priority Qualified Veterans Employment; Missouri State Employee Retirement System

## Other State Benefits

- Tax Benefits; Voting; State Veterans Cemeteries and Veterans Service Program; Missouri Veterans Awards Program;
- Free Parking for Certain Veterans; Specialty License Plates; Free Hunting and Fishing License (60% or Service-Connected VA Disability or Former POW); Reduced Cost Hunting and Fishing Permit for service members that deployed in the last 12 months; Missouri Benefits and Resource Guide; Outreach

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# MONTANA

## Housing Benefits

- State Veterans Homes in Columbia Falls and Glendive
- Real property tax waivers for certain disabled veterans and unmarried spouses

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- County burial benefits for deceased veterans

## Employment Benefits

- Point Preference in Hiring Veterans

## Education Benefits

- University System tuition waivers, as available

## Other State Benefits

- Professional services by state veterans service officers
- Special license plates available for veterans, military personnel and deceased veteran spouses
- Vehicle registration and fee waivers for certain disabled veterans
- State veterans cemeteries
- For detailed and extensive list of state veteran/military benefits, access agency website

## Montana Veterans Affairs Division

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Helena, MT 59604-5715

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# NEBRASKA

## NE Dept of Veterans' Affairs Benefits

### Financial Assistance:

- Nebraska Veteran's Aid Fund

### Education Benefits:

- Waiver of Tuition
- Reservist Tuition Credit

### Miscellaneous Benefits:

- Veterans Homes Eligibility
- Nebraska Veterans' State Service Office
- Nebraska Cemetery at Alliance
- Discharge Search
- Grave Card Registration
- Operation Recognition

Benefits Offered Through Other Agencies

### Housing:

- Property Tax/Homestead Exemption

### Financial Assistance:

- County Veterans Aid Fund

### Education Benefits:

- Nebraska National Guard Tuition Assistance

### Employment Assistance:

- Employment & Reemployment Rights
- Nebraska Department of Labor Veterans Services
- Veterans Preference in State Employment

### Miscellaneous Benefits:

- Veterans Homes
- Specialty License Plates
- Military Exemption & Renewal of Drivers License
- Hunting & Fishing Permits
- Educator Certificate Extension
- Renewal of Credentials to Practice a Profession
- Certified Copies of Public Records
- Recording of Discharges

## Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs

301 Centennial Mall South, 6th Floor

P.O. Box 95083

Lincoln, NE 68509

(402) 471-2458

## Nebraska State Service Office

3900 Village Dr

PO Box 85816

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(402) 420-4021

## Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Alliance

2610 CR 57

P.O. Box 718

Alliance, NE 69301

(308) 763-2958

[www.veterans.nebraska.gov](http://www.veterans.nebraska.gov)

State Director: John Hilgert

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# NEVADA

## Housing Benefits

- Nevada Veterans Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Veterans Tax Exemption
- Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption

## Employment Benefits

- Civil Service Preference

## Other State Benefits

- Assistance with Claims
- Hunting and Fishing License
- Veterans Cemetery Plots
- Disabled Parking Privileges
- Special Veterans License Plates
- Recording Fees
- Women Veterans Coordinator
- Tuition Assistance (note: some restrictions apply)

Nevada Office of Veteran Services

5460 Reno Corporate Drive

Reno, NV 89511

Phone: (775) 688-1653

<http://www.veterans.nv.gov>

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# NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Housing Benefits

- Veteran's Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Bonuses
- Tax Exemption

## Education Benefits

- Free tuition at Vocational-Technical College
- Free Tuition for Children of Military Members

## Other State Benefits

- Burial
- Veterans Cemetery
- Claims
- License Fee Exemption
- Relief
- State Park Admission
- Veterans License Plate

New Hampshire Office of Veterans Services

275 Chestnut Street, Room 517

Manchester, NH 03101-2411

Phone: (604) 624-9230

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# NEW JERSEY

## Housing Benefits

- NJ Veterans Memorial Homes
- Stand Down Operations
- Veterans Haven
- NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Preference and Pension Status
- Veterans Preference for Hiring in New Jersey Civil Service
- Veterans Status for Civil Service and Pension
- Civil Service Benefits for Veterans Preference Employment or Promotion

## Education Benefits

- Operation Recognition: High School Diploma for Veterans
- State Approving Agency
- POW and MIA Tuition Benefits
- War Orphans Tuition Assistance
- Vietnam Veterans Tuition Credit Program
- New Jersey National Guard Educational Benefits

## Other State Benefits

- Replacement of Medals
- Fishing and Hunting Licenses
- No Fee automobile Registration
- State Parks Admission
- Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

New Jersey Department of Military & Veterans Affairs  
P.O. Box 340  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0340

<http://www.state.nj.us/military/>

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Zawacki

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# NEW MEXICO

## Housing Benefits

- Homeless and At Risk Veteran Services

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Veterans' Tax Exemption
- Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption

## Education Benefits

- Vietnam Veteran Scholarship
- World War II and Korean Veterans High School Diploma
- Veterans Education and Training Services

## Other State Benefits

- Children of Deceased Veterans
- Commitment of Incompetent Veterans
- Disabled Veterans Hunting and Fishing License
- Veterans' License Plates
- The Patriot Plate
- Veteran's Military Honors
- Veteran's Transportation Service
- Native American Outreach Services

## New Mexico Department of Veteran Services

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407 Galisteo, Room 142

Santa Fe., New Mexico 87501

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# NEW YORK

## Housing Benefits

- State Veterans Home
- Specially Adapted Homes
- Homes for Veterans Program (SONYMA)

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Property Tax Exemption
- Civil Service Credit Preference
- Burial and Headstone
- Auto Registration
- New York State Blind Annuity
- Gold Star Parent Annuity Program

## Employment Benefits

- Disabled Veterans Civil Service Preference
- Employment and Training
- Re-Employment

## Education Benefits

- Veterans Tuition Award
- Awards for Children of Veterans
- Military Service Recognition Scholarship
- Vocational Rehabilitation

## Other State Benefits

- Licenses and Permits
- Voter Registration
- Hunting and Fishing License Discounts

NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs  
#5 Empire State Plaza, Suite 2836  
Albany, NY 12223-1551

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# NORTH CAROLINA

## Housing Benefits

- North Carolina State Veterans Nursing Homes

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Income Tax Relief
- Property Tax Relief

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Preference

## Education Benefits

- Scholarships

## Other State Benefits

- Guardians
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Auto License Plates
- Drivers License
- Handicap Parking Privileges
- Absentee Registration and Voting
- Disabled Voters, Primary or General Elections
- Records
- Retirement Credit, Military Service, State and Participating Local Government Employees

North Carolina Division of Veteran Affairs

1315 Mail Service

Raleigh, NC 27699-1315

<http://www.doa.state.nc.us/vets/va.htm>

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# NORTH DAKOTA

## Veterans' Bonus

- Monetary Compensation for Mobilized Domestic and Foreign Service

## Housing Benefits

- Veterans Home/Homeless programs

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Hardship grants for qualifying Veterans and dependents for Hearing, Dental, Vision, Housing and special grants.
- \$5,000 low interest loan for Veterans

## Education Benefits

- Tuition Waiver for National Guard. Free tuition (State College/University) to dependents of MIA, KIA , POW and 100% disabled Veterans.
- Honorary high school diploma (WWI, Korea, Vietnam Veterans)
- Veterans Upward bound program

## Employment

- Veterans Preference for State and municipality employment
- Veterans employment/un-employment services

## Property Tax Exemptions

- 50% or more disabled Veterans receive their % of disability exempt from the first \$120,000 in residential property value. Un-remarried surviving spouse will receive 100% exemption on the first \$120,000 in residential property value.

## Other State Benefits

- License Plates: Military, Veteran and Gold Star Family
- Drivers license option: Show Veteran status.
- Free Transportation programs to VAMC
- Assistance with VA claims
- Vehicle excise tax exemption for 100% disabled and un-remarried surviving spouse; \$5 vehicle license plate for 100% disabled veteran
- Reduced or Free State Parks Administration
- Reduced fishing license for Disabled Veterans

- Voter registration and absentee voting for active military
- Recording and storing of Discharges at no fee
- State Veterans Cemetery
- Veterans court-developing in 2011

## North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

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P.O. Box 9003

Fargo, ND 58106-9003

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Toll Free: 1-866-634-8387

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# OHIO

## **Bonuses**

- Persian Gulf, Iraq & Afghanistan Bonus

## **Education**

- Ohio War Orphans Scholarship
- Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund
- Ohio GI Promise
- Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program
- High School Diploma (granted to eligible WWII, Korean Conflict and Vietnam Conflict Veterans)

## **Employment**

- Employment Assistance for Veterans with Barriers
- OhioMeansJobs.com

## **Financial Assistance**

- Financial Assistance through the individual County Veterans Service Offices
- Home Energy Assistance Program
- Restoring Stability – A Save the Dream Initiative
- Smart Money Choices educational series

## **Healthcare**

- OhioCares
- Transportation to and from VA medical appointments

## **Housing Benefits**

- Ohio Veterans Homes (located in Sandusky, Ohio and Georgetown, Ohio)
- Ohio Heroes Program

## **Legal Assistance**

- Patriot Program

## **License Plates**

## **Drivers Licenses option – show veteran status**

## **Military Injury Relief Fund**

## **Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame**

**Records office** (The Department has discharge records on file from the early to mid-1900's to current)

## **Recreation Benefits**

- Hunting, Fishing, Camping & Watercraft (100% disabled)

## **Small Businesses**

- Procurement Technical Assistance Centers
- 1st Stop Business Connection
- GrowNOW

## **Burial Benefits**

Indigent Veteran Burial assistance

## **Taxes**

- military retirement pay – state tax exempt (retirees surviving spouse benefits – state tax exempt)
- Homestead Exemption
- if Service Member lives in Ohio but is deployed out of state, his pay is state tax exempt for Ohio

Ohio Department of Veterans Services

77 South High Street, 17th Floor

Columbus, Ohio 43215

614-644-0898

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Ohio Veteran Bonus Team: 877 OHIOVET (644-6838) (option 2)

Contact your local County Veterans Service Office: 877 OHIOVET (644-6838) (option 1)

# OKLAHOMA

## Housing Benefits

- State Veterans Center – Nursing Care Facilities

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Tax Exemption

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Preference

## Other State Benefits

- Free Hunting and Fishing Permit
- Emergency/Disaster Financial Assistance Program
- Reduce Fee Auto Tags
- Claims and Benefits Division

Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs

2311 N. Central

Oklahoma city, OK 73105

405-521-3684

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Email: [mspear@odva.state.ok.us](mailto:mspear@odva.state.ok.us)

# OREGON

## Housing Benefits

- Oregon Veterans' Home Loans
- Oregon Veterans' Home
- Oregon Property Tax Exemption

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Oregon Conservatorship Program
- Oregon Veterans' Emergency Financial Assistance Program (OVEFAP)
- Claims & Counseling Services

## Employment Benefits

- Oregon Educational Aid
- High School Diploma
- Veterans Employment Preference
- Veterans Employment Counselors

## Other State Benefits

- Oregon Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Oregon State Park Use Permits
- Oregon Veterans License Plates
- Oregon Public Records

Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs

700 summer St., NE

Salem, Oregon 97301-1285

800-828-8801

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# PENNSYLVANIA

## Housing Benefits

- Six State Veterans' Homes with Personal, Skilled Nursing and Dementia Care

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Veterans Emergency Assistance
- Disabled Veterans' Real Estate Tax Exemption
- Blind Veterans' Pension
- Paralyzed Veterans' Pension
- Military Combat Pay Income Tax Exemption
- Military Family Relief Assistance Program

## Employment Benefits

- Civil Service Preference
- State Retirement Credit
- Free Veterans Employment Counselors
- Career Link
- State Employees Receive 15 Days of Military Leave Annually

## Education Benefits

- Educational Gratuity
- Operation Recognition for High School Diplomas
- State Educational Grants and Financial Aid for Veterans and PA National Guard Members
- PHEAA Student Loan Forgiveness
- Pay Tuition, Fees and Room/Board at State Schools for Surviving Children of Member Who Dies in the Line of Duty.
- Pay Tuition and Fees at State Schools for Surviving Spouse of Member Who Dies in the Line of Duty.
- Guidance Counseling for Service Members, Veterans and Dependents on GI Bill and Other State Financial Aid, Degree Planning, and Career Preparation (Interviewing, resume, etc.)
- Access to Libraries and Computer Labs.

## Other State Benefits

- Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans Bonus
- Free Veterans' Service Officer Support Applying for Benefits
- County Directors of Veterans Affairs Assistance Applying for Benefits
- Transition Assistance Advisors Available
- Military Family Life Consultants Available
- Free Recording of DD-214/215 Discharge Records
- Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program
- CDL Skills Test Waiver
- Professional Licenses Extension
- Specialized Veteran License Plates
- Disabled Veteran Parking Placard
- Free Certified Marriage/Divorce/Birth/Death Records
- Reduced Fee/Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Disabled American Veteran Transportation Network
- Annual Services of Remembrance at Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial
- Military and Veteran Burial Detail/Honor guard
- Veterans Grave Registration/Markers/Flags
- Burial Allowance
- Employment Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Representatives Available

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# RHODE ISLAND

## Housing Benefits

- Rhode Island Veteran's Home
- Rhode Island Veteran's Cemetery

## Other State Benefits

- Rhode Island Veterans Benefits Counseling

The Rhode Island Veterans Affairs Office

480 Metacom Avenue

Bristol, RI 02809

(401) 253-8000 ext. 695

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# SOUTH CAROLINA

## Housing Benefits

- Specially Adapted Housing
- State Veterans Nursing Homes

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Admissions Tax Exemptions
- Income Tax Exemption on Military Retirement Pay
- Property Taxes – Homestead Exemption
- Property Tax Exemption
- Tax Exemption for Compensation, Pension, Disability Retirement Pay and VA Payments
- Parking Fee Exemption
- Active Duty Pay Relevant to SC Department of Revenue and Taxation

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Preference
- Veterans Re-employment Rights

## Education Benefits

- Education Assistance (Free tuition for certain veteran's children)

## Other State Benefits

- Credit of State Retirement for Military Service
- Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- State Parks Totally Disabled Persons
- Special License Plates
- Presentation of the State Flag to Families of Deceased Members of the South Carolina National Guard
- Recording of Discharges
- Marriage, Birth, Death, and Divorce Verifications

South Carolina State Office of Veterans Affairs  
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 461  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201  
Phone: (803) 734-0200

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# SOUTH DAKOTA

## Housing Benefits

- State Veterans Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Property Tax Exemption for Veterans and their Widow or Widower
- Property Tax Refund for Certain Elderly and Disabled Persons
- South Dakota Veterans Bonuses

## Education Benefits

- Free Tuition for Veterans
- Free Tuition for Children of Veterans Who Die During Service
- Free Tuition for Dependents of POW's and MIA's
- Reduced Tuition for South Dakota National Guard Members

## Other State Benefits

- Free Certified Copies of Veterans Records
- Burial Allowance for Veterans, Wives, or Widows
- Headstone Setting Fee
- Special License Plates
- Hunting and Fishing Cards for Disabled Veterans
- Free Admission and Reduced Camping Fees for Veterans
- Special Provision for Handicapped Hunters

South Dakota Department of Military & Veteran Affairs

425 East Capitol Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Phone: (605) 773-3269

<http://www.state.sd.us/military/military.html>

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# TENNESSEE

## Housing Benefits

- State Veterans Homes
- Property Tax Relief for 100% Disabled Veterans/Surviving Spouses

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Preference
- Credit for Military Service in State Employment
- Re-Employment Rights of Public Employees

## Other State Benefits

- State Veterans Cemeteries
- Free License Plates for Qualifying Veterans
- Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses - \$10
- Parking Privileges
- Motor Vehicle Privilege Tax Exemption (Wheel Tax) – Some Counties
- Special/Memorial License Plates
- No-Fee Registration of Discharges

Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs

215 Rosa L. Parks Avenue

Nashville, TN 37243

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# TEXAS

## Housing Benefits

- Texas Veterans Land Board Programs
- Texas Veterans Homes

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Tax Exemption for Veterans
- The Hazelwood Act

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Preference

## Other State Benefits

- Texas State Cemetery Program
- No-Cost Medical Records
- Free Drivers License for Disabled Veterans
- Fishing and Hunting Licenses for Disabled Veterans
- Free Recording of Discharges
- Special License Plates

## Texas Veterans Commission

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Austin, TX 78711-2277

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# UTAH

- Housing Benefits
  - Disabled Veteran Property Tax Abatement
  - Valor House
  - Homeless Veterans Fellowship
  - Freedom Landing
  
  - Employment Benefits
  - Veterans Job Representatives
  - Veterans Job Preference
  - Veterans Hiring Priority
  - Veteran Reemployment Rights
  
  - Education Benefits
  - Veterans Upward Bound
  - Tuition Waiver for Purple Heart Recipients
  - Scott B. Lundell Tuition Waiver For Surviving Dependents
  - Honorary High School Diplomas
  
  - Other State Benefits
  - Utah State Department of Veterans Affairs
  - Utah State Veterans Cemetery & Memorial park
  - Utah State Veterans Nursing Homes
    - Salt Lake City, Ogden, Ivins, and Utah County
    - Military Discharge Records for Utah Veterans
- State Approving Agency for Veterans Education
  - Outreach Services
    - Veterans Benefit Information Fair, Veterans Employment and Business Workshops
  - Veteran Status on State Issued Drivers License or State ID Cards
  - Driver's License Privileges
  - Purple Heart Vehicle Registration Exemption
  - Veterans Vehicle License Plates Free Use of Armories
  - Bus/Trax Reduced Fare Cards
  - Fishing License Privileges
  - Special Fun Tags – State Parks
  - Golden Access Passport – National Parks
  - VA Regional Office – Salt Lake City
  - VA Hospital – Salt Lake City
  - Community-Based Outpatient Clinics
  - Vet Centers
  - Mobile Vet Centers

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# VERMONT

## Housing Benefits

- Vermont Veteran's Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Financial Assistance Programs
- Vermont War Bonus

## Employment Benefits

- Vermont Employment and Training Assistance

## Education Benefits

- High School Diplomas for WWII and Korean War Era Veterans

## Other State Benefits

- Veteran Advocacy
- Discharge Records
- Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- Vermont Veterans License Plates
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses; Green Mountain Pass
- Vermont Medals

Vermont Office of Veteran Affairs  
118 State St.  
Montpelier, Vermont 05620

Phone: (802) 828-3379  
<http://www.va.state.vt.us/>

Veterans Services Coordinator: Clayton Clark  
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# VIRGINIA

## Housing Benefits

- Two veterans care centers
- Grants for adaptive housing

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Real estate tax exemption for vehicles in certain localities
- State procurement – assistance for service-disabled veteran businesses

## Employment Benefits

- Preference in State classified employment
- Veterans employment services
- Virginia Workforce Connection – online jobs board for employers and job seekers
- Wounded Warriors Internship Program hosted by the Virginia Department of Transportation

## Education Benefits

- Residency requirement waived for in-state tuition
- Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (free tuition, stipend for certain spouses and dependents)
- Honorary Diplomas for veterans of World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War

## Other State Benefits

- Three state veterans cemeteries
- Virginia War Memorial
- Virginia Wounded Warrior Program – facilitates behavioral and rehabilitative services for veterans and others

- 20 state offices for pension and compensation assistance
- Free copies of vital records when applying for veterans benefits
- Free admission to state parks in 2011
- Wide variety of special license plates
- Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses for 100% disabled veterans. Reduced price annual hunting licenses for 70% or greater
- Annual vehicle registration fee waived for certain disabled veterans

Virginia Department of Veterans Services

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# WASHINGTON

## Housing Benefits

- Homeless Veterans Program
- Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project
- Transitional Housing Project for Homeless Veterans
- State Veterans Homes

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Veterans Estate Management Program (Fiduciary)
- Property Tax Relief for Eligible Veterans and Widows/Widowers
- Defender's Fund
- Individual Competitive Grant
- County Veterans Assistance Funds

## Employment Benefits

- Employment Preference
- Re-employment and Layoff Rights
- Military Retirement Credit
- Local Veterans Employment Representatives

## Education Benefits

- Reduced Tuition

## Other State Benefits

- Recording Discharges
- Special Veterans License Plates
- Reduced Fishing and Hunting Licenses
- Reduced Public Transportation
- Statewide Post Traumatic Stress disorder (PTSD) Program
- Outreach to Underserved Veterans
- Special health Care Services
- Veterans Service Organizations
- Veterans Conservation Corps
- State Veterans Cemetery

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1102 Quince St. SE – 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
P.O. Box 41155  
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1-800-562-2308 (within WA State only)  
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# WEST VIRGINIA

## Housing Benefits

- Homestead Exemption for Certain Eligible Veterans
- State Veterans Home

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Veterans Bonus

## Employment Benefits

- Veterans Preference

## Education Benefits

- State War Orphans Education
- Veterans Re-Education Act Fund

## Other State Benefits

- Agent Orange Program
- Free License – Automobile
- Free Hunting and Fishing Privileges

West Virginia Division of Veteran Affairs

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Charleston, West Virginia 25301

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# WISCONSIN

## Housing Benefits

- Primary Mortgage Loans
- Home Improvement Loans
- Veterans Assistance Program (for homeless veterans)

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Personal Loans
- Assistance to Needy Veterans Grants (subsistence aid and health care)
- Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses

## Education Benefits

- Wisconsin GI Bill
- Veterans Education (VetEd) Reimbursement Grant

## Employment Benefits

- Retraining Grants
- Troops to Teachers (TTT)

## Health Care

- Wisconsin Veterans Homes (skilled nursing and assisted living facilities)
- Transportation to Medical Appointments

## Other State Benefits

- Federal Claims Assistance
- Women Veterans Outreach and Annual Conference
- Military Service Medals and Records
- Military Discharge Review
- Assistance to Incarcerated Veterans
- Outreach to Dislocated Veterans
- Wisconsin Veterans Cemeteries
- Military Funeral Honors Program
- Wisconsin Veterans Museum
- Vehicle Licensing
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Access to State Parks and Trails

## Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

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## Housing Benefits

- Veterans' Home of Wyoming

## Financial Assistance Benefits

- Wyoming Veterans Property Tax Exemption
- Wyoming Military Assistance Trust Fund

## Employment Benefits

- Wyoming Department of Workforce Services
- Veterans Preference
- Unemployment Insurance
- Wyoming Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

## Education Benefits

- Educational Benefits for War Orphans
- 10 Free Semesters for Overseas Combat Veterans
- Wyoming National Guard 100% State Educational Assistance Plan
- Operation Recognition (High School Diploma)

## Other State Benefits

- Veterans Advocacy Program
- State and Some County Veteran Service Officers
- Gold Star Family License Plate
- Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery
- Payment for Burial Details (Honor Guard)

## Other State Benefits Cont.

- Burial of Indigent Veterans
- Free (Confidential) Recording of Honorable Discharges
- Special Veterans License Plates
- Veterans License Plate Service Emblems
- Free Veterans Game and Fishing Licenses
- Free Fishing Licenses for Disabled Veterans
- Free State Parks Pass for Disabled Veterans
- Veteran Commission E-Newsletter
- Wyoming Veterans' Memorial Museum
- Wyoming National Guard Museum

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