What does my home State have to offer me?
**ALABAMA**

**Housing 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 WW II
- Forfeiture of Franchise

**Education Benefits**
- G. I. Dependents' Scholarship Program

**Other State Benefits**
- Armed Forces Voter Registration and Absentee Voting
- Commitment of Incompetent Veteran
- Executive, Attestation and Acknowledgment Certification
- Fiduciaries in War Service
- Discounted 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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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

Financial Assistance Benefits
- Tax and License Fee Exemptions
- Vehicle License Tax and Registration Fees
- Veterans’ Donation Fund

Employment Benefits
- Employment Preferences
- Professional and Occupational Licenses
- Local Veterans Employment Representative
- Disabled Veterans Outreach Program

Education Benefits
- Tuition and Fees-Deferred Payment
- Veterans Supportive Campuses
- Automatic In State Residency

Other State Benefits
- 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

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ARKANSAS

Housing Benefits
• Arkansas Veterans Home
• Domiciliary- Intermediate and Skilled Care

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Homestead and Personal Property Tax Exemption
• Gross Receipt of Tax Exemption
• Income Tax Exemption

Education Benefits
• Free Tuition for Spouse, Children of POW

Other State Benefits
• Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
• Hunting and Fishing License
• License Plates- Military Specialty Plates
• Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery

Claims and Appeals Division
• Claims assistance
• Representation with VA appeals
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 Veteran 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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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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Housing Benefits
- Connecticut Veterans’ Home
- Property Tax Exemptions

Financial Assistance Benefits
- The Soldiers’, Sailors’ and Marines’ Fund
- OEF OIF Bonus for CT NG

Employment Benefits
- Employment Assistance

Education Benefits
- Educational Benefit/Tuition Waivers
- High School Diplomas and Veterans of WWII

Other State Benefits
- Burial in Connecticut’s Veterans’ Cemetery
- Motor Vehicles Waiver
- Retirement
- Advocacy for Veterans Benefits 1-866-9CT-VETS

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**Housing Benefits**
- State Veterans Home

**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**
- Copies of Statement of Service
- State Park Admission Discount
- Free Death Certificates for Veterans
- No Charge for Notary Services for Veterans
- Veterans Preference - Admission to Governor Bacon Health Center
- Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- Indigent Veteran 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

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Housing Benefits & Nursing Homes
- Florida State Veterans’ Homes Program
- Veterans’ Nursing Homes of Florida
- Homestead Exemptions vary by county
- Property Tax Exemptions (10% to 100% BUT not Permanent in nature) $5000
- Veterans Age 65 or older with combat disability

Employment Benefits
- Veterans’ Preference in Employment and Retention
- Employ Florida Vets Program
- Job Placement and Training
- LVER/DVOP

Education Benefits
- High School Diploma - Korean War Veterans
- High School Diploma - WWII Veterans
- Tuition Deferment
- Reduced Tuition for National Guard
- Education for Children or Spouses Of Deceased Or Disabled Florida Veterans
- Recipients of the Purple Heart and other combat decorations superior in precedence receive waiver of undergraduate-level tuition.
- Dependent children of service members Missing in Action or Prisoners of War may also be eligible for tuition benefits.

Other State Benefits
- Certification of Discharge or Separation
- 100% Disabled Veteran State Identification Card
- Community Based Out patient Clinics
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees exempted
- Motor Vehicle Military License Plates fees exempted
- Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle License Plate
- Permits/Fees (parking, tolls, building improvements)
- Benefits Counseling
- Commission as a Notary Public fees exempt
- Veteran Employment Services
- Outreach Assistance /Workforce Florida
- Job placement and training

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• War Veterans Homes

Financial Assistance Benefits
• 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
• Injury and Death Benefits

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
• Vehicle License Tags
• ID Cards
• Veterans License Plates
• Handicapped Parking
• Guardianship
• Benefits Assistance
• Cemeteries

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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
• Claims Assistance
• Maintain Discharge Documents

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Housing Benefits
• Veterans Homes

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Tax Exemption
• Emergency Grant for Wartime Veterans

Education Benefits
• Operation Education-University of Idaho
• Scholarship for Child (Step & Grand) of MIA/POW/PH
• In-State Tuition for Guardsmen/Reservists who live outside the State of Idaho, but whom serve with an Idaho unit.
• Scholarship for dependents of 100% TPD Vets (OIF/OEF)

Other State Benefits
• Idaho State Veterans Cemetery
• Specialty License Plates
• $5 Hunting & Fishing License at 40% VA Rating
• Free campsite pass and park pass at 100% Rating
• Military Furlough Combination Hunting/Fishing @ $17.50 (Idaho residents on Active Duty; mush provide LES)

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Housing Benefits and Programs
- 4 Veteran Skilled Nursing Facilities
- The Prince Home for the Homeless & Disabled
- Welcome Home Heroes Homebuyer Financing Package
- Specially Adapted Housing Grants
- Tax Exemptions for Returning & Disabled Veterans
- Tax Exemption for Specially Adapted Housing

Financial Assistance Benefits
- World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf War and Global War on Terrorism Bonus Payments
- Vietnam and Global War on Terrorism Survivors Comp.
- Global War on Terrorism Survivors Compensation
- POW Compensation
- Military Family Relief Fund

Employment Benefits and Programs for Veterans
- Employment Search Assistance
- Unemployment Insurance Benefits
- State Government/Employment Preference
- Credit toward State Licenses
- Education Waiver for State Police & Conservation Police
- Specialized Training Programs & Entrepreneurial Seminars
- Veterans Business Program (preference for state contracts)
- Illinois Reemployment Rights

Education Benefits and Programs
- Illinois Veterans' Grant
- Illinois National Guard Grant
- Educational Opportunities for Children (10-18 Yrs)
- Children of Veterans Scholarship
- MIA/POW Scholarship
- Troops to Teachers

Other State Benefits and Programs
- Illinois Joining Forces
- Veterans Care (Health Care)
- Warrior Assistance Program (Health Care)
- Women Veterans Program
- Cartage and Erection Fees
- Graves Registration
- Indigent Veterans Burial Benefit
- 6 Veteran Treatment Courts
- Hunting and Fishing Privileges
- Camping and Admission Fee Exemptions
- CTA Military Pass

Employment Resources for Businesses
- Veteran’s Tax Credit
- Illinois Hire Heroes Consortium

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**Housing Benefits**
- The Indiana Veterans Home (IVH)
- The Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home (ISSCH)

**Financial Assistance Benefits**
- Property Tax Abatements
- Military Family Relief Fund
- Veterans' Affairs Trust Fund

**Employment Benefits**
- Employment Assistance
- High School Diploma Program for WWI, WWII, Korean War & Vietnam War Veterans
- Remission of Fees (Free Tuition) for the Child(ren) of a Disabled Veteran & graduates of the ISSCH
- Remission of Fees (Free Tuition) for recipients of the Purple Heart

**Other State Benefits**
- County Veterans Service Officers
- Golden Hoosier Passport (State Parks)
- 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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Housing Benefits
• Iowa Veterans Home
• Military Service Member Home Ownership Assistance Program
• Property Tax Exemption

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Veterans Trust Fund
• Injured Veterans Grant

Education Benefits
• Operation Recognition High School Diploma
• National Guard Tuition Benefits
• Assistance with Veteran Military Education
• War Orphan Education Act

Other State Benefits
• Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License (DV 10%)
Housing Benefits
- Kansas Soldiers’ Home (Long Term Care & Dom)
- Kansas Veterans’ Home (Long Term Care & Dom)

Financial Assistance Benefits
- Assistance to veterans and families thru KSNG Workforce Support Center and TAA
- Military Retirement Not Taxed by Kansas State

Employment Benefits
- VA Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment
- State DVOPS & LVERs
- Veterans preference for civil service

Education Benefits
- Needs-based scholarships for OIF/OEF/ONE vets
- Robust educational and OJT programs throughout state thru State Approving Agency
- Free tuition to POWs and to dependents of KIA/MIAs
- KS National Guard scholarships
- Operation Recognition: High School diplomas for veterans
- In-state tuition rates for active military and their families

Wildlife & Parks
- Free hunting/fishing licenses, and Free State Parks admission for KSNG & Disabled Veterans

Health Benefits
- Persian Gulf War Board and survey
- Vets’ Mental Health Task Force under Dept of Social & Rehabilitative Services

Other State Benefits
- Three state veterans’ cemeteries; one in construction
- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty)
- Advice on VA and state benefits from qualified Veteran Service Representatives
- Seven veterans license plates (MOPH, 100% Disabled, & POW free)
- Military retirement exempt from state income tax

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Housing Benefits
• State Veterans Long Term Care Facilities

Financial Assistance Benefits
• New Veterans Loan Program
• Homeless Veterans Trust Fund

Education Benefits
• Complete Highschool w/o Tuition
• HS Diplomas for WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War Vets
• Tuition Waiver Program for Veterans and qualifying children, spouses, and un-remarried widows & widowers

Employment Benefits
• Veterans Assistance Program
• Helmets to Hardhats
• VetSuccess Program
• State Employment Preference Points
• Credit for Military Service (Civil Service)

Other State Benefits
• Homeless Veterans Program
• Hunting, Trapping, or Fishing License (50% SCD)
• Special Military-related License Plates
• No-Fee Certified Copies of Records (DD-214)
• Military Retiree Pension Tax Free (Up to $41,110 AGI)
• Women Veterans Program
• Burial Honors
• State Veterans Cemeteries
• Benefit Counseling

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**Employment Benefits**

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

**Financial Assistance**

- Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund

**Education Benefits**

- Dependents Educational Assistance
- National Guard Tuition
- Veterans Education and Training - State Approving Agency
- Troops to Teachers

**Other State Benefits**

- Free Hunting/Fishing Licenses
- Free Entrance to State Parks
- Free "Purple Heart" License Plates
- Motor Vehicle - Disabled Veterans - Special License Plates, Exemptions
- Special Prestigious License Plates for Certain Veterans and Retirees
- Recording of Discharges

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Employment Benefits
• Veterans Dependents Education Benefits Program

Other State Benefits
• Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery
• Recreational Licenses
• Veteran License Plates
• Gold Star Family License Plate
• Military Discharge Records
• Nursing and Rehabilitation Services
• Claims Representation
• Benefits Available from the Division of Motor Vehicles
• Hunting and Fishing License
• State Park Passes

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• Veterans Home
• Exemptions on Property Tax
• Mortgage Assistance
• Homeless Assistance

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Military Retired Pay Income Tax Exemption
• Interest-Free Veteran Owned Small Business Loans
• Maryland Veteran Trust Fund

Employment Benefits
• Employment Assistance
• Veterans Preference for State Jobs
• Veteran Full Employment Act

Education Benefits
• Scholarships (for Veterans and Dependents)

Other State Benefits
• Veterans Benefit Service Program
• State Veterans Cemetery/Burial Benefits
• Transportation to VA Appointments
• Free Hunting & Fishing Licenses
• Free Admission to State Parks
• Military-Related License Plates
• Free Disabled License Plates for 100% Disabled Veterans
• Veteran-Owned Business Assistance
• Behavioral Health Services
• Veteran Designation on Driver’s Licenses

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- Property Tax Exemption

**Financial Assistance Benefits**
- Tax Exemptions
- Annuities
- Bonuses
- Home for the Brave (Home Loan)

**Employment Benefits**
- Upward Bound Program
- Operation Recognition
- Civil Service and Veterans’ Preference

**Massachusetts Recently-Returned Combat Veterans**
- Welcome Home Bonus
- Employment Opportunities
- Education
- Housing
- Your Local Veteran’s Agent
- Yoga for Combat Veterans with PTSD
- TBI Rehab Providers
- PTSC & MST Counseling
- Transitional Counseling & Suicide Prevention

**Education Benefits**
- Education Assistance Program
- Special Commission to Study Higher Education Tuition & Fee Waivers for Veterans
- Scholarships for Family Members of Veterans
- Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund
- Smith MSW Scholarship
- Tuition and Fee Waivers
- Veteran Representatives on Campus

**Other State Benefits**
- Motor Vehicles Benefits
- National Guard and Reserve
- State Benefits for Dependents of a Veteran
- Mission Direct Vet (Jail diversion)
- Burial Benefits

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Housing Benefits
• Grand Rapids Home for Veterans
• D. J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans
• State Veterans Homes Board of Managers

Employment Benefits
• Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
• Unemployment Compensation
• Re-Employment Rights for Veterans
• Veteran Preference for State Jobs
• Michigan Rehabilitation Service
• Service-Disabled Veterans Business Owners
• Apprenticeship Program for Discharged Veterans

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Emergency Grants
• Home Heating Credit
• Homestead Property Tax Credit
• Disabled Veteran Homestead Exemption
• Principle Residence Exemption
• Michigan National Guard Family Support Funds
• Veteran Trust Fund Emergency Grant Program
• Family Relief Fund
• Soldiers Relief Commission
• Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Education Benefits
• Tuition Grant Procedure Brief
• Children of Veterans’ Tuition Grant Program
• Education Benefit for Children of Disabled or Deceased Veteran

Other State Benefits
• Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans
• Automobile License Plates
• WWII/Korean Vet HS Diploma Application
• DD-214 Request Form
• Dependent & Survivor Benefits

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Housing Benefits
• Homeless Veteran Prevention and Assistance
• Minnesota Veterans’ Homes

Employment Benefits
• MN Veterans Preference Act
• Employment Assistance
• Compensation for State Active Duty

Education Benefits
• Higher Education Veterans Programs
• State Tuition Reimbursement
• War Orphan Education Program
• Minnesota GI Bill
• Educational Grants
• OJT & Apprenticeship Programs
• Surviving Spouse Education Benefit
• On Campus Resource Centers
• Veterans Education Assistance ($750 Grant)

Other State Benefits
• Services Program
• Minnesota Veterans Homes
• State Soldiers' Assistance Fund
• Claims and Outreach Assistance
• Guardianship Division
• Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery
• Discharge Certificates
• Bronze Star Grave markers
• State Veterans Cemetery
• County Veteran Service Officer

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Housing Benefits
- Mississippi Veterans Home Purchase Board
- State Veterans Nursing Homes

Financial Assistance Benefits
- Ad Valorem Tax
- Privilege Tax

Employment Benefits
- Re-Employment
- Employment Preference
- State Retirement
- Professional License Reciprocity

Education Benefits
- Educational Assistance
- Mississippi Employment Security Commission

Other State Benefits
- Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board
- Veterans Designation
- 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 and Officer
- State Veterans Memorial Cemetary
- Documents
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Vehicle License Plates

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MISSOURI

Housing Benefits
• Missouri Veterans Homes
• Property Tax Credits
• Missouri Substitute Address for Homeless Veterans

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Tax Exemption for AO Settle Payments
• Vietnam Veterans Survivor Grant Program
• War Veteran’s Survivor Grant Program
• Show Me Heroes Program
• Unemployment Compensation for War on Terror Vets
• Unemployment Compensation for Military Spouses
• Missouri Military Family Relief Fund
• Missouri Universal Service Fund

Education Benefits
• Operation Recognition
• Missouri Returning Heroes’ Education Act
• Higher Education Tuition Refunds when call to AD
• In-State Tuition Eligibility for Military Dependents

Employment Benefits
• Veterans’ Preference
• Priority for Qualified Veterans Employment
• Veterans Employment & Training Services
• Courtesy Professional Licenses for Non-Resident Military Spouses
• Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve
• Missouri State Employees Retirement System benefits for Veterans

Other State Benefits
• State Veterans Cemeteries and Homes
• World War II, Korean War and Vietnam Service Medal and Medallions
• Free Automobile License Plates
• Free/Reduced Hunting and Fishing License
• State Contract & Business Preference for SCD Veterans
• Burial & Cemetery Benefits
• Veterans Identification on DL or ID Card
• Motorcycle/Commercial Driving Exam Exemptions
• Specialty Plates

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Housing Benefits
• Montana Veterans Homes
• Reduced or no real property taxes for qualified disabled veteran

Employment Benefits
• Employment Assistance

Education Benefits
• College Tuition Waivers

Other State Benefits
• Free M.V.A.D. Service Officer Assistance
• Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses for qualified disabled veterans
• Burial in State Veterans Cemeteries
• Up to $500 Death Payment by the county of residence
• Up to $100 Grave Marker by the county of residence
• Free license plate and vehicle registration waiver for qualified disabled veterans

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Housing Benefits
• Property Tax/Homestead Exemption

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Nebraska Veterans’ Aid Fund

Education Benefits
• Waiver of Tuition – Surviving Spouse & Dependents
• National Guard Tuition Assistance – 75%
• Reserve Tuition Credit – 50% - (Community Colleges, State Colleges, and University of NE system)

Nebraska State Veterans Cemetery

Assistance
• Nebraska Veteran Service Office
• County Veterans’ Service Office

Other State 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

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Housing Benefits
• Nevada Veterans Home

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Veterans Tax Exemptions
• Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption

Employment Benefits
• Civil Service Preference

Other State Benefits
• Assistance with Claims
• Hunting and Fishing License
• Guardianship Program
• Veteran Cemetery Plots
• Disabled Parking Privileges
• Special Veterans License Plates
• Documents
• Recording Fees

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Housing Benefits
• Veteran’s Home

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Wartime Service Bonuses
• Tax Exemption and/or Credit

Employment Benefits
• Employment Preference
• Training
• Seniority Time for certain Service Commitments

Education Benefits
• Free Tuition for Children of Military Members (KIA/MIA)

Other State Benefits
• Town Burial for Indigent Veterans
• Veterans Cemetery
• Claims Assistance for Veterans and Their Families
• Driver, Peddler’s and Fishing License Fee Exemption for Permanently and Totally Disabled Veterans
• Day Use State Park Admission for Disabled Veterans
• Veterans, National Guard,and Active Duty License Plates

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NEW JERSEY

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

Financial Assistance Benefits
- Blindness and Catastrophic Disability Pensions
- New Jersey Property Tax Deduction
- New Jersey Property Tax Exemption

OEF/OIF Initiative
- OEF/OIF Veteran Business Re-Start Grant
- OEF/OIF Veteran Emergency Financial Aid Grant
- OEF/OIF Subsistence Grant-VA Claim Pending
- Outreach Campaign
- PTSD/TBI Benchmark Study for Deploying Troops
- Veteran Services Transportation Subsidy

Education Benefits
- Operation Recognition: High School Diplomas 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

Employment Benefits
- Veterans Civil Service Preference And Pension Status
- Helmets to Hard Hats

Health Benefits
- PTSD 24/7 Toll Free Helpline (1-866-VETS NJ 4 U)
- PTSD Counseling for Veterans and Family
- PTSD/TBI Screenings
- Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- Veteran Home Healthcare Feasibility Study

Other State Benefits
- BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- Military Honors
- Veterans Service Officer State Wide Network
- NJ Service Medals / Replacement of Medals
- Free Fishing and Hunting Licenses
- No Fee Automobile Registration
- Free State Parks Admission
- Pro Bono Legal Assistance

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NEW MEXICO

Housing Benefits
• Homeless and At Risk Veteran Services
• State Veterans Home

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Veterans Property Tax Exemption
• Disabled Veteran 100% Property Tax Exemption

Education Benefits
• Vietnam Veteran College Scholarship
• Children of Deceased Veterans Scholarship
• World War II and Korean Veterans High School Diploma
• Veterans Education and Training Services

Other State Benefits
• Special Disabled Veterans Hunting and Fishing Licenses
• Free Museum & Monument Pass for Disabled Veterans
• Veterans’ License Plates
• The Patriot Plate
• Military Burial Program
• Veterans Transportation Service
• Native American Outreach Services
• Employer Tax Credit For Hiring Recent Veterans
• Help For Veteran Small Business Owners
• State Hiring Preference for Veterans
• New Mexico Veterans Court
• Free Counseling & Therapy for Recently-Returned Veterans

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- Specially Adapted Homes

**Financial Assistance Benefits**
- Property Tax Exemption
- Civil Service Credit Preference
- Burial and Headstone
- Auto Registration
- New York State Blind Annuity

**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

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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

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Veteran’s Bonus
• Monetary Compensation for Mobilized Domestic and Foreign Service

Housing Benefits
• Veterans Home
• Property Tax Exemption

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Hardship Grant
• Veterans Aid Loan Program

Education Benefits
• NG Tuition Waiver
• Free Tuition to Dependents

Property Tax Exemptions
• Certain disabled veterans

Other State Benefits
• License Plates
• Transportation
• State Parks Admission
• Veteran Indicator on North Dakota DL
• Veteran Transportation System
• Veterans Cemetery

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• Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP)
• Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
• Save the Dream Ohio – Mortgage Assistance
• Smart Money Choices
• Short-term Financial Assistance
• Ohio Heroes Program – Home Loan

Education Benefits
• Ohio War Orphans Scholarship
• Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund
• Military Interstate Children’s Compact
• H.S. Diploma’s for Korean War, WWII, or Vietnam Veterans
• Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program
• KIA Spouse Tuition Waiver
• Ohio GI Promise In-State Tuition Program

Housing Benefits
• Ohio Veterans Homes – long term disabled veterans

Benefits for 100% Disabled Veterans
• Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses
• Free License Plates
• Free Boating Licenses
• Property Tax Rollback
• Free Camping in State Parks

Other State Benefits and Programs
• Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame
• Benefits Counseling Services
• Medals/Awards and Decorations
• Military Records
• Military/Veteran License Plates
• Free Purple Heart License Plates
• Transportation to Medical Appointments
• Updating Your Discharge
• Veterans Rapid Response Employment Program
• Patriot Program – Legal Assistance
• OHIO CARES Mental Health Services
• 88 County Veteran Service Offices

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Housing Benefits
• Veterans Center (Long-Term Care)

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Financial Aid Grants (WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf)
• Tax Exemption (Property, Income, Sales, Retirement)

Employment Benefits
• State Veterans Employment Preference

Education Benefits
• National Guard Tuition Waiver Program

Other State Benefits
• Free Hunting and Fishing Permit for legal residents 60% or more Disability
• Reduced Fee Auto Tags
• Admission to State Owned Parks
• License Plates
• Oklahoma Cross of Valor
• Veterans Service Representatives cover all seventy-seven counties
• Claims and Benefits Division with representation in VA appeals

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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)

Employment Benefits
• Oregon Veterans’ Employment Preference
• Oregon Veterans’ Re-Employment Rights

Education Benefits
• Oregon Educational Aid
• High School Diploma
• Veterans’ Dependent Tuition Waiver

Other State Benefits
• Oregon Hunting and Fishing Licenses
• Oregon State Park Use Permits
• Oregon Veterans License Plates
• Oregon Public Records
• Claims and Counseling

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PENNSYLVANIA

Housing Benefits
• State Veterans Homes

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans’ Benefit Act
• Veterans Emergency Assistance
• Real Estate Tax Exemption for certain veterans
• Blind Veterans Pension
• Paralyzed Veterans Pension
• Military Combat Pay Income Tax Exemption
• Military Family Relief Program

Miscellaneous
• Hunting/Fishing/Fur Trapper license for disabled veterans
• Antlerless Deer License
• County burial allowances
• Free County grave markers
• Veterans License Plates/Placards
• Birth and Death Records

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Housing Benefits
• Rhode Island Veteran’s Home
• Rhode Island Veteran’s Cemetery
• Homeless Assistance Resources

Financial Benefits
• The Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

Other State Benefits
• Rhode Island Veterans Benefits Counseling
• Rhode Island Burial Benefits
• Operation Standdown

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Housing Benefits
- Specially Adapted Housing
- State Veterans Nursing Homes

Financial Assistance Benefits
- South Carolina Military Family Relief Fund
- 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

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

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SOUTH DAKOTA

Housing Benefits
• Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home

Financial Assistance Benefits
• War veterans’ emergency loan program
• Property tax exemption for 100% service disabled veterans
• Property tax exemption for certain paraplegic or amputee veterans
• Property and Sales tax refunds for certain aged or disabled veterans
• South Dakota Veterans Bonuses
• Sales Tax Refund for Certain Elderly & Disabled Vets

Education Benefits
• Free tuition for certain veterans at state supported schools
• Free tuition for children of veterans who died while in service
• Free Tuition for Dependents of POW's and MIA's
• Reduced Tuition for South Dakota National Guard Members
• Honorary High School diplomas for WW11, Korea and Vietnam veterans
• On the Job Training and Apprenticeship

Employment Benefits
• Re-employment rights of public employees
• Local Veterans employment representatives
• Veterans preference

Other State Benefits
• Free Certified Copies of Veterans Records
• Burial Allowance
• Headstone Setting Fee
• Special License Plates
• Veteran Designation on DL or ID Card
• Hunting and Fishing Cards for Disabled Veterans
• Free Admission and Reduced Camping Fees for Veterans
• Special Provisions for Handicapped Hunters

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Housing Benefits
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- Property Tax Relief (100%)

Education Benefits
- Helping Heroes Grant for Veterans
- Diplomas for World War or Korean War Veterans
- Dependents of Certain Veterans, Tuition Fees
- Combat Veterans Early Registration

Employment Benefits
- Veterans Preference
- Credit for Military Service in State Employment
- Re-Employment Rights of Public Employees
- Military Spouse Licenses and Certifications
- Unemployment Benefits

Other State Benefits
- State Veterans Cemeteries
- Free License Plates (100%)
- Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses (30%)
- Motor Vehicle Privilege Tax Exemption (100%)
- Special/Memorial License Plates
- Purple Heart Free License Plate
- No-Fee Registration of Discharges
- Tennessee Fallen Hero Medal
- Veterans ID
- Discounted Rates at State Parks
- Free Day at State Parks for Veterans

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Housing Benefits
• Texas Veterans Land Board Programs
• Texas Veterans Homes

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Tax Exemption for Veterans
• The Hazlewood Act
• Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans’ Assistance

Employment Benefits
• Veterans Preference
• Veteran Employment Representative

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

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Housing Benefits
• Property Tax Abatement
• Valor House
• Utah State Veterans Nursing Homes
• Homeless Veterans Fellowship

Employment Benefits
• Veterans Job Representatives
• Veterans Job Preference
• Veterans Hiring Priority

Education Benefits
• Veterans Upward Bound
• Tuition Waiver for Purple Heart Recipients
• Tuition waiver for dependents of service members killed in the line of duty after 9/11/2001
• Honorary High School Diplomas

Other State Benefits
• Veterans License Plates
• Utah State Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Park
• Military Discharge Records
• Free Use of Armories
• Fishing License Privileges
• Special Fun Tags for State Parks
• “America the Beautiful” Pass for National Parks
• Bus / Trax Reduced Fare Cards
• Vehicle Registration fee waiver for Purple Heart Recipients
• Outreach Services

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**VERMONT**

**Assistance with VA Benefit Applications, Including Disability Compensation**
- Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs, Montpelier
- American Legion, VFW, DAV, White River Junction

**Transitional Housing for Homeless Veterans**
- The Dodge House, Rutland and Veterans Place, Northfield

**Financial Assistance Benefits**
- Vermont Veteran Assistance Fund
- Casualty Assistance Fund for families of soldiers killed or wounded in the War on Terror

**Employment Assistance**
- Vermont Department of Labor Career Resource Centers have dedicated staff to help veterans find employment

**Other State Benefits and/or Services**
- DD Form 214s to verify military service
- Recognition programs, including medals & vet license plates
- Free Hunting/Fishing Licenses for 100% disabled veterans

**Long Term Care**
- Vermont Veteran’s Home, Bennington

**Mortuary Benefits**
- Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Randolph Center

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Housing Benefits
• Virginia Veterans Care Center

Employment Benefits
• Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)
• Department of Human Resource Management – Veteran Outreach Services

Education Benefits
• Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program
• Honorary Diplomas for World War II Veterans

Other State Benefits
• Wounded Warrior Program
• Cemeteries provide burial and perpetual care services to veterans and eligible dependents
• License Plates
• Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses
Virgin Islands

**Housing Benefits**
- Homestead Tax Exemption of $20,000 of the valuation of real property
- Veteran Home/Land Loan ($110,000 @ 4%)

**Financial Benefits**
- Homestead Tax Exemption (Up to $650.00)

**Employment Benefits**
- 10-Points Employment Preference for Veterans
- 15-Points Employment Preference for Disabled Veterans

**Education Benefits**
- Free Tuition

**Other Benefits**
- Free Burial Plot
- Burial Expense Reimbursement ($3,500)
- Free Emergency Ambulance Service
- Free License Plates
- 100% Reimbursement for VA Appointment Travel off Island
- Taxi Medallion

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Housing Benefits and Programs
• Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing Program
• State Veterans Homes

Financial Assistance Benefits and Programs
• Veterans Estate Management Program (Fiduciary)
• Veterans Innovation Program (OEF/OIF)
• County Veterans Assistance Funds

Employment Benefits and Programs
• Employment Preference
• Re-Employment and Layoff Rights
• Military Retirement Credit
• Local Veterans Employment Representatives
• Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program

Education Benefits and Programs
• Reduced Tuition
• Veterans Friendly Campus Program
• Veterans Conservation Corps

Health Benefits and Programs
• Statewide Readjustment/Trauma Services
• Military Kids Program
• Special Health Care Services

Other State Benefits and Programs
• Recording Discharges
• Special Veterans License Plates
• Reduced Fishing and Hunting Licenses (DV 30%)
• Reduced Public Transportation (DV 40%)
• Property Tax Relief for Eligible Veterans and Widows/Widowers
• Outreach to Underserved Veterans
• Contracted Veterans Service Organization Services

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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

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Housing Benefits
- WDVA Home Loan
- WDVA Home Improvement Loan
- Homeless Veterans Assistance
- Veterans Homes
- Veterans Cemeteries

Financial Assistance Benefits
- Wisconsin Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit
- Veterans Tax Exemptions
- Property Tax Credit

Employment Benefits
- Apprentices
- Employment Assistance
- Employment Representatives
- Hiring Preference
- Job Retaining Grants
- Professional/Occupational Licensure Programs

Education Benefits
- Academic Credit for Military Experience
- Federal GI Bill Benefits
- H.S. Diplomas
- Tuition Residency
- Wisconsin GI Bill Tuition Remission
- VetEd Reimbursement Grant

Other State Benefits
- Resident Annual Disabled (Reduced Rate) Fishing License
- Disabled Veteran Reduced-Fee Fishing License
- Special Hunting Permits for Disabled Residents
- Military Free Fishing & Small Game Hunting License
- Incarcerated Veterans Program
- License Plates
- Military Service Medals & Records Assistance
- Military Funeral Honors Program
- Review of Military Discharge Assistance
- Free Access to State Parks & Trails
- Transportation to VA Medical Appointments

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Housing Benefits
• Veterans’ Home of Wyoming
• Sheridan Community Shelter
• Volunteers of America Northern Rockies – Freedom Hall
• Homeless Veterans House & Recovery House

Financial Assistance Benefits
• Wyoming Veterans Tax Exemption
• Family Support Grant
• Property Tax Exemption
• Emergency Assistance (AL & VFW)
• Financial Consultants

Employment Benefits
• Wyoming Department of Workforce Services
• Veterans Preference
• Unemployment Insurance
• One-Stop Employment Centers
• Wyoming Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
• State & Federal Job Protections for Military & Veterans
• Natl. Guard Transition Assistance Advisor
• Wyoming Seven Seals Job Coordinator
• Natl. Guard Employment Opportunities

Education Benefits
• Free Tuition for War Veterans & Surviving Dependents
• Wyoming Natl. Guard 100% State Educational Assistance Plan
• Operation Recognition (High School Diploma)

Other State Benefits
• Free Fishing License
• Free Bird, Small Game License
• Free Hunting & Fishing License While on Leave
• Free Lifetime State Park Pass
• Free National Parks and Federal Recreational Land Pass
• Transition Assistance
• Recognition of Veterans
• Veterans Advocates
• Military Records
• License Plates
• Long-Term Health Care
• Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery
• Family Assistance Centers
• Psychological Health
• Incarcerated Veterans Programs
• State Sponsored Life Insurance

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