Assistance for Homeless Veterans VA has many benefits and services to assist homeless veterans. Disability benefits, education, health care, rehabilitation services, residential care, and compensation work therapy are among the service VA offer to eligible veterans.

DCo Veteran Service Officers work with our local VA contract providers in assisting veterans from becoming homeless and enabling homeless veterans with securing transitional, independent, safe and stable living.

Low Income Veterans may also apply for Veterans Affairs Subsidy Housing (VASH) Vouchers (Section 8)

Incarcerated Veteran Benefits VA can pay certain benefits to veterans who are incarcerated in a Federal, state or local penal institution. However, the amount that can be paid depends on the type of benefit and reason for incarceration.

Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (RH) is life insurance for veterans with service-related disabilities. The basic program, which is called "RH Insurance", insures eligible veterans up to 10,000. A supplemental policy, called "Supplemental RH Insurance," gives certain disabled veterans extra coverage of up to $20,000.

Employment Veteran Services works with Veterans Employment Program Division of NC Works Career Center located at: 1105 South Briggs Avenue Durham NC 27703 (919) 560-6880

State Benefits:
NC State Veterans Scholarships
Disabled Veterans License Tags
Life Time Hunting and Fishing License
Taxes and other benefits may be available
NC State VETERAN designation on NC-issued driver license

Local Benefits: Contact your County Veteran Services Office for questions about other benefits.

Veteran Services Officer will help you with:
- Appeals
- Hearings
- Tort Claims
- Vehicle Adaption Claims
- Medical Expense Report
- Upgrade Military Records
- Waivers for Overpayments
- Housing Rental Assistance
- Title 38 U.S.C. 1151 Claims
- Clothing Allowances Claims
- Housing Modification Claims
- Notice of Disagreements (NODs)
- Hunting and Fishing License Application
- NC State Veterans License Tag Application
- Combat Related Special Compensation and Concurrent Retired Disability Pay (CRSC and CRDP)

Federal, State and Local Benefits for Veterans and Dependents

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Department of Veterans Affairs

You have sacrificed to keep our country—and everything it represents—safe. We honor and serve you by fulfilling President Lincoln’s promise “to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan.”

We strive to provide you with the world-class benefits and services you have earned, and will adhere to the highest standards of compassion, commitment, excellence, professionalism, integrity, accountability, and stewardship.

Thank you for your service. Now let us serve you!


Provides comprehensive, compassionate and professional access to Federal, State and Local Benefits. Assist veterans and dependents in obtaining, retaining, or reinstating compensation, pension, medical, education, training, loan, insurance, burial and other applicable benefits and services.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU

Compensation and Pension Benefits

Disability Compensation Benefits is a benefit paid to a veteran because of injuries or diseases that happen while on active duty, or were made worse by active military service. It is also paid to certain veterans disabled from VA health care. The benefits are tax-free.

Disability Pension Benefits is disability paid to wartime veterans with limited income and who are no longer able to work for age 65 years or older and in receipt of Social Security.

Disability Compensation for Sexual Trauma is for veterans (women and men) who suffered personal assault and/or sexual trauma while serving on active military duty. They might still struggle with fear, anxiety, embarrassment, or profound anger as a result of these experiences. Rape, physical assault, domestic battering and stalking.

PTSD secondary to sexual Trauma.

Former Prisoners of War (POWs) POWs who were interned or detained for at least 30 days are generally entitled to a presumption of service-connection for certain diseases if manifested to a degree of 10 percent or more after discharge or release from active military, naval or air service.

Health Care Benefits Veteran Eligibility For the purposes of VA health benefits and services, a person who served in the active military service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable is a Veteran.

Home Loan Guaranty Benefits VA offers a variety of home loan guaranty programs for Active Duty Service-members, Veterans, and National Guard and Reserve members. VA Loan help you purchase a home at a competitive interest rate often without requiring a down payment or private mortgage insurance. Most VA Home Loans are handled entirely by private lenders and VA rarely gets involved in the loan approval process. VA "stands behind" the loan by guaranteeing a portion of it. If something goes wrong and you can't make the payments anymore, the lending institution can come to VA to cover any losses they might incur. The VA loan guaranty is the "insurance" that we provide the lender.

Education Benefits
Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits - Chapter 31
Post 911 GI Bill
Post-Vietnam Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) - Chapter 32
Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty - Chapter 30
Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserves -Ch. 106

Survivors & Dependents Educational Assistance - Chapter 35 is an education benefit for eligible spouses and children of certain veterans. Eligible persons can receive up to 45 months of Benefits.

North Carolina State Scholarship for Children of War Veterans (Chapter 165)
Please contact North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs at 919 844.624.8387 or Durham County Veteran Service Office at (919) 560-8387.

Benefits for Reservists and National Guard Members selected Reserve and National Guard members who served on regular active duty are eligible for the same VA benefits as other veterans. The members must meet the same length of service required for any benefit.

Survivor's Pension Benefits formerly known as widow’s pension is a benefit paid to eligible dependents of deceased wartime veterans.

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is a monthly benefit paid to eligible survivors of a military service member who died on active duty or veterans whose death resulted from a service injury or disease or veterans whose death resulted from a non-service related injury or disease and who was or entitled to receive, VA compensation for service connected disability that was rated as totally disabling for at least 10 years immediately before death. Or since the veteran’s release from active duty and for at least 5 years immediately preceding death or for at least one year before death if the veteran was a former prisoner of war who died after September 30, 1999.

Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is an income-based monthly benefit for the parents, or parent, of a military service member or veteran who died from

- a disease or injury incurred or aggravated while on active duty or
- active duty for training, or
- incurred, or
- aggravated in line of duty while on inactive duty for training, or
- a service-connected disability or
- an injury

Burial and Plot-Interment Allowances is a partial reimbursement of an eligible veteran’s burial and funeral cost when the cause of death is service related, the reimbursement is generally described as two payments:

(1) a burial and funeral expense allowance, and
(2) a plot interment allowance

Burial Flag a United States Flag is provided at no cost to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased veteran who served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a veteran’s military service to his or her country.