

FEDERAL BENEFITS

FOR VETERANS

FACT SHEET



OTHER FEDERAL AND STATE BENEFITS

Benefits for Special Groups

Benefits for special groups are listed in *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents* pamphlet or on the web at www.va.gov/pubaff/fedben/00fedben.pdf

Homeless Veterans' Services

- Outreach to veterans living on streets and in shelters.
- Clinical assessment and referral to medical treatment for physical and psychiatric disorders, including substance abuse.
- Long-term sheltered transitional assistance, case management, and rehabilitation.
- Employment assistance and linkage with available income supports.
- Supported permanent housing.

Homeless Veterans Programs

- VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program.
- VA Assistance to Stand Downs.
- Homeless Chronically Mentally Ill (HCMI) veterans program.
- Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans (DCHV).
- Compensated Work Therapy/Transitional Residence (CWT/TR) Program.
- Department of Housing and Urban Development/VA Supported Housing (HUD-VASH).
- Drop-In Centers.
- Social Security Administration and VA Outreach Program.
- Comprehensive homeless centers.
- VBA-VHA Special Outreach and Benefits Assistance.
- VBA's Acquired Property Sales for Homeless Providers.
- VA Excess Property for Homeless Veterans Initiative.
- Program Monitoring and Evaluation.
- Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education, and Networking Groups (CHALENG).

For more information on homeless services and programs, contact your nearest VA facility.

Overseas Benefits

Beneficiaries who live in foreign countries should contact the nearest American Embassy or Consulate for information and claims assistance. In Canada, veterans should contact an office of the Veterans Affairs Canada.

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Records of Medals (Missing or Replacement)

Contact information is available in the *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents* pamphlet or visit our website at www.va.gov

State Veterans Homes

Contact your state Veterans Commission and/or your county Veterans Service Officer.

Civil Service Preference

Point preference is given for federal job applications. States will vary in what veterans job preference is offered to job applicants.

State Benefits (these benefits are not available in every state)

- Free tuition for family members for state colleges and universities.
- Free camping privileges.
- Free hunting/fishing licenses.
- Free disabled veteran automobile license plates.
- Free boat trailer registration fees and taxes.
- Free handicapped parking card.
- Free watercraft registration.

For information on benefits available in your state, visit the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs website at www.nasdva.com and click on the state you live in.

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