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This document is NOT an exhaustive list of all available benefits. You are encouraged to seek information regarding any program that might assist you. This document is not intended to be legal advice. You are HIGHLY advised to get an attorney of your choosing if you need legal advice or assistance understanding your rights.

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RESOURCES

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs
Indiana Veterans Center
777 N. Meridian St., Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Local Phone: 317-232-3910
Toll-Free (In State): 1-800-400-4520

U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs Regional Office
575 N. Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Toll-Free: 1-800-827-1000
www.benefits.va.gov/indianapolis

INDIANA VETERANS BENEFITS PORTAL

www.in.gov/dva/3844.htm

The mission of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs is to assist Hoosier Veterans, service personnel, and their dependents and/or survivors in obtaining every benefit and advantage due them under the laws of the State of Indiana and the United States. The IDVA works with a network of certified County Veteran Service Officers who are there to assist with information and the preparation of paperwork at no cost. Visit the Benefits Portal website above to answer a few questions and find out what benefits you are entitled to receive.

IDVA'S VETERAN RESOURCE HUB

www.in.gov/dva/2989.htm

There are so many times we can get stuck looking for resources and it is overwhelming to sift through all the information produced from an internet search. This website acts as a filter so that veterans can find the resources they are looking for, either with a direct link or PDFs that offer additional information. Many of these places IDVA has worked with before to assist with services outside of the agency. Information provided in the resource hub covers the following topics: Discounts; Education; Employment; Family, Youth & Elders; Financial Assistance; Financial Guidance; Home Ownership, Modifications & Repairs; Homelessness & Transitional Housing; Legal; Medical; Military; Peer 2 Peer Support; and Volunteering. If you prefer, you can also search through the Veterans Service Index by type of service or geographic location at www.in.gov/dva/veteranservicesandresources.htm.

VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

https://benefits.va.gov/ROINDIANAPOLIS/veterans-services-orgs.asp

The service organizations listed below are accredited to represent veterans and their dependents in the filing of claims. All offices are located at 575 N. Pennsylvania, Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

American Legion ..... Room 325 / 317-916-3605
American Veterans..... Room 314 / 317-916-3612
Disabled American Veterans..... Room 324 / 317-916-3615
Military Order of the Purple Heart ..... Room 312 / 317-916-3625
Paralyzed Veterans of America ..... Room 313 / 317-916-3626
Veterans of Foreign Wars..... Room 319 / 317-916-3629
Vietnam Veterans of America.....Room 305T

INDIANA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

All 92 counties in the State employ a County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO). The County Veterans Service Offices have all the forms and other information you may need to obtain service from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the State of Indiana. The Service Officers will assist you in finding the information and resources you need to solve your service-related problems. For the most up-to-date list, visit www.in.gov/dva/2370.htm. This list is current as of May 2020:

Adams	(260) 724-5371
Allen	(260) 449-7861
Bartholomew	(812) 379-1540
Benton	(765) 884-1831
Blackford	(765) 348-3151
Boone	(765) 483-4480
Brown	(812) 988-5600
Carroll	(765) 564-2502
Cass	(574) 753-7860
Clark	(812) 285-6345
Clay	(812) 448-9015
Clinton	(765) 659-6389
Crawford	(812) 338-3141
Daviess	(812) 254-8678
Dearborn	(812) 537-8819
Decatur	(812) 663-3161
DeKalb	(260) 925-0131
Delaware	(765) 747-7810
Dubois	(812) 481-7090
Elkhart	(574) 523-2342
Fayette	(765) 825-8412
Floyd	(812) 948-5495
Fountain	(765) 793-6267
Franklin	(765) 647-5721
Fulton	(574) 223-2217
Gibson	(812) 385-4522
Grant	(765) 651-2423
Greene	(812) 384-2031
Hamilton	(317) 776-9610
Hancock	(317) 462-8767
Harrison	(812) 738-4249
Hendricks	(317) 745-9239
Henry	(765) 529-4305
Howard	(765) 456-2511
Huntington	(260) 358-4863
Jackson	(812) 358-6115
Jasper	(219) 866-9424
Jay	(260) 726-6914
Jefferson	(812) 265-3600
Jennings	(812) 953-0068
Johnson	(317) 346-4563
Knox	(812) 885-2539
Kosciusko	(574) 372-2436
LaGrange	(260) 499-6387
Lake	(219) 755-3285
LaPorte	(219) 326-6808 ext. 2216
Lawrence	(812) 275-6411
Madison	(765) 641-9651
Marion	(317) 327-8387
Marion (Wayne Township)	(317) 241-4191
Marshall	(574) 935-8546
Martin	(812) 247-2210
Miami	(765) 472-3901 ext. 1271 & 1860
Monroe	(812) 349-2568
Montgomery	(765) 361-4133
Morgan	(765) 349-5505
Newton	(888) 663-9866 ext. 2514
Noble	(260) 636-1298
Ohio	(812) 438-1011
Orange	(812) 723-3600 ext. 116
Owen	(812) 829-5027
Parke	(765) 569-4036
Perry	(812) 547-2506
Pike	(812) 354-6245
Porter	(219) 465-3587
Posey	(812) 838-8372
Pulaski	(574) 946-3571
Putnam	(765) 653-5417
Randolph	(765) 584-1463
Ripley	(812) 689-7165
Rush	(765) 561-6497
St. Joseph	(574) 235-9978
Scott	(812) 752-8477
Shelby	(317) 392-2140
Spencer	(812) 649-6031
Starke	(574) 772-9132
Steuben	(260) 668-1000 ext. 1060
Sullivan	(812) 268-5437
Switzerland	(812) 427-4302
Tippecanoe	(765) 742-1796
Tipton	(765) 675-2221
Union	(937) 609-5784
Vanderburgh	(812) 435-5239
Vermillion	(765) 492-5346
Vigo	(812) 462-3261
Wabash	(260) 563-0661 ext. 1260
Warren	(765) 714-7371
Warrick	(812) 897-6177
Washington	(812) 883-2063
Wayne	(765) 973-9207
Wells	(260) 824-6403
White	(574) 583-5937
Whitley	(260) 248-3189

DISTRICT SERVICE OFFICERS ASSIGNED BY REGION

The role of District Service Officers is to assist the 92 CVSOs located throughout the state. They also provide mentorship to their CVSOs, attend veteran outreach events to encourage veterans to see if they are eligible for benefits, and provide resources specific to their area. District Service Officers are IDVA employees who live and work in their assigned districts and support anywhere from 14-17 individual counties. They are accredited and have experience in filing claims through the Federal VA. For the most current list, scroll to the bottom of the CVSO list located at www.in.gov/dva/2370.htm.

COUNTY	SERVICE OFFICER & ADDRESS	OFFICE HOURS & PHONE #
		5/7/2020
NORTHWEST DSO	**TOM WHITE** thwhite@dva.in.gov	Phone: 463-202-1622
Benton, Carroll, Cass, Fulton, Howard, Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Miami, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Starke, Tippecanoe Warren, White		
NORTHEAST DSO	**CAMERON LOCHNER** clochner@dva.in.gov	Phone: 317-618-5543
Adams, Allen, Blackford, DeKalb, Elkhart, Grant, Huntington, Jay, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, Whitley		
CENTRAL WEST DSO	**BRYAN SCHMIDT** bschmidt@dva.in.gov	Phone: 317-431-4183
Boone, Clay, Clinton, Fountain, Hendricks, Montgomery, Morgan, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Vermillion, Vigo		
CENTRAL EAST DSO	**MARK SMITH** marksmith5@dva.in.gov	Phone: 317-447-0194
Delaware, Fayette, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Randolph, Rush, Shelby, Tipton, Union, Wayne		
SOUTHWEST DSO	**KEVIN HINTON** khinton2@dva.in.gov	Phone: 317-726-7853
Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Greene, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Sullivan, Vanderburgh, Warrick		
SOUTHEAST DSO	**Ron Higgins** rhiggins1@dva.in.gov	Phone: 812-929-3297
Bartholomew, Brown, Clark, Dearborn, Decatur, Floyd, Franklin, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Scott, Switzerland, Washington		

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CEMETERIES

www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/listcem.asp

Crown Hill National Cemetery
700 West 38th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46208
765-674-0284

Marion National Cemetery
1700 East 38th Street
Marion, IN 46952
765-674-0284

New Albany National Cemetery
1943 Ekin Avenue
New Albany, IN 47150
502-893-3852

Crown Hill Cemetery Confederate Plot
700 West 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208
765-674-0284

Woodlawn Monument Site
North 3rd Street
and 4th Avenue
Terre Haute, IN 47802
815-423-9958

VA HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN INDIANA

www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp

Bloomington -
Monroe County VA Clinic
1332 Arch Haven Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47403
812-349-4406

Bloomington VA Clinic
2100 South Liberty Drive, Suite B
Bloomington, IN 47403
812-336-5723

Camp Atterbury -
Wakeman VA Clinic
3791 10th Street, Bldg 1010
Edinburgh, IN 46124
812-348-0300

Crane VA Clinic
300 Highway 361, Building 2516
Crane, IN 47522-5001

Crown Point -
Adam Benjamin, Jr. OPC
9301 Madison Street
Crown Point, IN 46307
219-662-5000

Domilciliary
Building 42
9045 East 59th
Indianapolis, IN 46216
317-988-0850 / 317-988-0850

Evansville Health Care Center
6211 E. Waterford Blvd.
Evansville, IN 47715
812-465-6202

Evansville Vet Center
1100 N. Burkhardt Rd
Evansville, IN 47715
812-473-5993

Fort Wayne VA Medical Center
2121 Lake Ave.,
Fort Wayne, IN 46805
260-426-5431 / 800-360-8387

Fort Wayne Vet Center
3810 Coldwater Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46805
260-460-1456

Gary Area Vet Center
107 E. 93rd Ave
Crown Point, IN 46307
219-736-5633

Goshen VA Clinic
2606 Peddlers Village Rd., Suite 210
Goshen, IN 46526
574-534-6108 / 877-292-0968

Indianapolis -
Cold Spring Road VA Clinic
2669 Cold Spring Road
Indianapolis, IN 46222
317-988-1866

Indianapolis -
Richard L. Roudebush VAMC
1481 W. 10th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202
317-554-0000 / 317-554-0000

Indianapolis VA Clinic
777 N Meridian St, Ste 200
Indianapolis, IN 46204-1420

Indianapolis West VA Clinic
3850 Shore Dr. Suite 203
Indianapolis, IN 46254
317-988-1772 / 317-988-1772

Indianapolis Vet Center
8330 Naab Road, Suite 103
Indianapolis, IN 46260
317-988-1600

Indianapolis YMCA VA Clinic
5315 Lafayette Road
Indianapolis, IN 46254
317-974-4000

Lawrenceburg (Dearborn)
Community-Based Outpatient Clinic
1600 Flossie Dr.
Greendale, IN 47025
812-539-2313

Marion VA Medical Center
1700 East 38th Street
Marion, IN 46953-4589
765-674-3321 / 800-360-8387

Martinsville VA Clinic
2200 John R. Wooden Drive
Martinsville, IN 46151
317-988-0120 / 317-554-0000 ex. 80120

Muncie VA Clinic
2600 W White River Blvd
Muncie, IN 47303
765-254-5602

New Albany VA Clinic
4347 Security Parkway,
New Albany, IN 47150
502-287-4100 / 502-287-4100

Peru VA Clinic
750 N Broadway, Peru, IN 46970
765-472-8907

Richmond Community-Based
Outpatient Clinic
1010 N. J Street
Richmond, IN 47374
765-973-6915

Vigo County VA Clinic
142 West Honey Creek Parkway
Terre Haute, IN 47802-4114

Scott County VA Clinic
1467 Scott Valley Drive
Scottsburg, IN 47170
877-690-1938 / 877-690-1938

Shelbyville VA Clinic
30 West Rampart St.
Shelbyville, IN 46716
317-398-2812 / 317-398-2812

South Bend Vet Center
4727 Miami Street
South Bend, IN 46614
574-231-8480

St. Joseph County VA Clinic
1540 Trinity Place
Mishawaka, IN 46545-5006
574-272-9000

Terre Haute Mental Health
Outpatient Clinic
4612 S. Springhill Jct.
Terre Haute, IN 47802
812-232-8325

Terre Haute VA Clinic
380 West Honey Creek Drive
Terre Haute, IN 47802
812-478-1825

Vincennes Outpatient Clinic
1813 Willow Street Suite 6A
Vincennes, IN 47591
812-882-0894

West Lafayette VA Clinic
3851 North River Rd
Lafayette, IN 47906

The Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame Medallion

Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame

The Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame (IMVHOF), a 501(c)3 organization, was founded in 2013. The IMVHOF's stated objective is "to publically emphasize the honor brought to our state and nation by the sacrifice of Indiana military veterans and their families."

On April 25, 2013, the Indiana General Assembly recognized the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame organization. Indiana has the nation's only freestanding building dedicated to its Hall of Fame and follows only a handful of other states who have established similar organizations.

The year 2014 marked the first induction of Hoosier Veterans into the Hall of Fame. Each inductee received the Hall of Fame medallion and certificate. Up to 15 Indiana military veterans may be inducted into the Hall of Fame each year.

On April 5, 2018, the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame held the official grand opening of its memorial building located at 5360 Herbert Lord Road on the former Fort Benjamin Harrison in Lawrence, Indiana. Self-guided tours are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information about the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame, visit imvhof.com or call (317) 916-6164.

Veterans Views Radio Show
Veterans Views News
6849 Columbia Avenue
Hammond, IN 46324
(219) 844-0866
dss313@gmail.com
www.veteransviews.org

Radio Show:
www.wjob1230.com
Fridays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (EST)

BENEFITS OFFERED BY THE STATE OF INDIANA

MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF FUND

www.in.gov/dva/2329.htm | 317-232-3914

The MFRF standard emergency grant may be used by the families for needs such as food, housing, utilities, medical services, transportation and other essential family support expenses that have become difficult to afford. A grant of up to $2,500 may be awarded.

Eligibility criteria:

- Indiana Resident, and
- Time in Service (12 months of qualifying service), and
- Discharge Type (Honorable or Under Honorable Conditions), and
- Serving or served during a War Time or National Conflict.

Applicants must fill out an application packet and provide all required proof and documentation.

MILITARY FAMILY LEAVE

An employee who (1) has been employed by an employer for at least 12 months; (2) has worked at least 1,500 hours during the 12-month period immediately preceding the day the leave begins; and (3) is the spouse, parent, grandparent, child, or sibling of a person who is ordered to active duty; is entitled to an unpaid leave of absence of up to 10 days per calendar year.

The employee may take a leave of absence during one (1) or more of the following periods:

(1) During the thirty (30) days before active duty orders are in effect.
(2) During a period in which the person ordered to active duty is on leave while active duty orders are in effect.
(3) During the thirty (30) days after the active duty orders are terminated.

An eligible employee may elect, or an employer may require the employee, to substitute any earned paid vacation leave, personal leave, or other paid leave, except for paid medical or sick leave, available to the employee for leave provided for any part of the 10-day period of such leave.

Source: IC 22-2-13-11

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES FOR VETERANS

www.in.gov/dva/2385.htm | 1-800-400-4520

To view military license plate designs, visit
www.in.gov/bmv/registration-plates/license-plates-overview/license-plate-designs.

Hoosier Veteran Plates
Any resident of the State who was honorably separated from the active Armed Forces can purchase a Hoosier Veteran license plate. Simply take your DD-214 or your Discharge Certificate to your local BMV office and request the special plate. There is a $15 charge for the Hoosier Veteran plate.

Disabled Veteran Plates

Individuals eligible for disabled Hoosier veteran license plate

Sec. 1. (a) A person may apply for, receive, and display a disabled Hoosier veteran license plate on the person's vehicle for private and personal use if the person, as the result of having served in the armed forces of the United States, has:

(1) lost sight in both eyes or suffered permanent impairment of vision in both eyes to the extent of being eligible for service-connected compensation for the loss;

(2) suffered the loss of one (1) or both feet or the permanent loss of use of one (1) or both feet;

(3) suffered the loss of one (1) or both hands or the permanent loss of use of one (1) or both hands;

(4) a United States Department of Veterans Affairs disability rating for a physical condition that precludes the person from walking without pain or difficulty; or

(5) been rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as being at least fifty percent (50%) disabled and is receiving service related compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. At least sixty percent (60%) of the disability rating under this subdivision must be attributable to a mobility disability.

(b) An application for a disabled Hoosier veteran license plate must be accompanied by a certificate from the: (1) United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or (2) appropriate branch of the armed forces of the United States; confirming the eligibility of the person submitting the application for the disabled Hoosier veteran license plate.

Source: As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.87-2010, SEC.12; P.L.51-2013, SEC.1.
www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title9/ar18/ch18.html#IC9-18-18-1

*** Note:** Veterans can obtain a plate or a placard for each registered vehicle they own.

Ex-Prisoner of War Plates

The POW license plate is available to all ex-prisoners of war or to the surviving spouse of a deceased POW. Applications for these plates are available from the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs. The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs must verify the eligibility of the applicant. Ref: IC 9-18-17-1.

Purple Heart Plates

Any Hoosier Veteran who has received the Purple Heart Medal is authorized to have these special license plates. Applications may be obtained at the BMV or from the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs. The veteran must present official documentation of the award, and the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs must verify the veteran's eligibility. Ref: IC 9-18-19-1, IC 9-18-19-2, IC 9-18-19-3.

Support Our Troops Plates

Effective January 1, 2007, this special plate with a yellow ribbon is now available for purchase by all Hoosiers, whether or not they are a veteran. Most of the proceeds from this plate will go into the Military Family Relief Fund.

Gold Star Plate

The Gold Star Family license plate is available to the spouses, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, siblings, or children of anyone who died while serving on duty in the military – active, Reserve or National Guard. There is no additional cost for the Gold Star Family license plate. Regular vehicle registration fees and taxes still apply. To be eligible for the plate, family members must provide an official DD Form 1300 from the Department of Defense. In many cases the Department of Defense issues only one copy of the DD Form 1300, normally to the person who is listed as the next-of-kin. In those cases, the next-of-kin will need to be contacted by other family members and a copy of the form obtained from him/her. This plate will be available at license branches and other customer service locations. You will be able to display this plate on passenger cars, trucks up to 11,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles. For more information go to: www.in.gov/bmv/2620.htm.

Prisoner of War - Missing In Action Plate (current POWs/MIAs)
The Prisoner Of War - Missing In Action license plate sponsored by Indiana Rolling Thunder honors all Hoosier veterans who are currently missing in action or listed as prisoners of war. Funds from the sales of this plate will go to the Veterans Assistance Trust Fund established in 2007 to assist veterans and their families in times of financial hardship. The cost of the plate includes vehicle registration fees and taxes, a group fee of $25, and an administrative fee of $15. This plate is available online through myBMV, at license branches, and at other customer service locations. You can display this plate on passenger cars, trucks up to 11,000 pounds, motorcycles, and recreational vehicles. For more information, go to: www.in.gov/bmv/2620.htm.

All plates may be purchased through the mail or at your local license branch. All plates except the Hoosier Veteran, Gold Star and the Prisoner of War - Missing In Action plates must be applied for through the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs. The Hoosier Veteran plate does not require the completion of an application form. Applications for the Purple Heart plate must include documentation of the award. Applications for a Disabled Veteran plate must have the VA claim number. Most applications will be approved within two (2) days after receipt. Applications may be completed in person at the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, 302 W. Washington Street, Room E120, Indianapolis, from 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Applications for Disabled Veteran plates can be verified only during office hours at the VA Regional Office (closes at 4:00 P.M.). It is recommended to call first to be sure an approving authority will be available. Toll free in Indiana: 1-800-400-4520.

EASY LICENSE PLATE RENEWAL

www.in.gov/bmv/resources/military-families

Indiana military personnel living out of the state may either obtain registration in their new state of residence or renew their vehicle registrations through the Indiana BMV.

If you live out of state, but would like to renew your registration in Indiana, you may have the BMV send your registration renewal notice and your renewed material to your home address or to the address of a friend or family member who can send the materials to your current location. You will need to have a valid mail-forwarding order with your local post office so your material will reach your current address or ensure the BMV has your friend or family member's address on record.

If you are a member of the military from another state who is stationed in Indiana, you may renew your vehicle registrations in Indiana. Visit a BMV branch with the following documents:

- Copy of your Leave and Earnings Statement
- Military Affidavit - State Form 46402 signed by your commanding officer
- Valid, current military identification card

Please note that active members of the military will not be charged an administrative penalty if they do not renew their registration by their renewal deadline.

DRIVER'S LICENSE INDICATORS FOR MILITARY STATUS

www.in.gov/bmv/resources/military-families

If you are on active duty in the United States Armed Forces, you may choose to have an "active duty military" indicator placed on your credential. To obtain the indicator, you must provide your current military Common Access Card (CAC) during your new issuance or renewal application.

If you are a veteran, you may choose to have a "veteran" indicator placed on your driver's license. To obtain the indicator, you must present proof of discharge or separation, other than a dishonorable discharge, from the United States Armed Forces.

If you are a surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, you may choose to have a "veteran spouse" indicator on your driver's license. To obtain the indicator, you must present proof of the veteran's discharge or separation, a marriage certificate, and a death certificate of the deceased veteran.

If an indicator is added during a new issuance or a renewal transaction, there is no charge. If the indicator is added to an unexpired credential outside of a renewal transaction, there will be a fee to amend your credentials.

GOLDEN HOOSIER PASSPORT

www.in.gov/dva/2389.htm

A Hoosier Golden Passport provides unlimited admission to all Indiana State owned parks, recreation areas, reservoirs, and forests on an annual basis. It is NOT valid for historic sites, museums, memorials and other Department of Natural Resource (DNR) facilities. The pass is good for one calendar year.

Persons eligible for a Disabled Hoosier Veteran license plate under IC 9-18.5-5 may purchase the annual Hoosier Golden Passport at DNR facilities around the state at a 50 percent reduced cost. If you have Disabled Hoosier Veteran plates on your vehicle, simply drive to the gate and the attendant will sell you the annual Hoosier Golden Passport. If you do not have the plate on the vehicle but have state form 32584 signed by IDVA that determines your eligibility, you can show this form.

Former Prisoners of War will receive their Hoosier Golden Passport in the mail after their plates are issued. If you do not receive yours in a reasonable time, or have other plates on your vehicle but are entitled to POW plates, contact the Department of Natural Resources at 1-800-622-4931.

RESIDENT DISABLED VETERAN HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE

www.in.gov/dva/2382.htm

Any Indiana resident who is service-connected disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs may purchase a license to hunt and fish in the State of Indiana for a reduced fee. In order to receive this benefit the veteran must complete the form and instructions on the application for the Reduced Fee Hunting and Fishing License for Disabled Veterans online or go to the following locations:

- Contact your County Veteran Service Officer. A list of CVSOs can be found on page 5 or at www.in.gov/dva/2370.htm.
- Department of Natural Resource Customer Service Center: 402 West Washington Street, Room W160A, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Open 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday).
- Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs: 302 West Washington Street, Suite E120, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Open 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

IC 14-8-2-228.3

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR WWI, WWII, KOREA, AND VIETNAM WAR VETERANS

www.in.gov/dva/2388.htm

Veterans who served between:

- April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918 (World War I)
- December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946 (World War II)
- June 27, 1950, and Jan 31, 1955 (Korea)
- Aug 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975 (Vietnam)

may apply to the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs for issuance of a high school diploma.

Veterans must have:

- attended public or nonpublic high school in Indiana prior to military service, and
- been a student in good standing, and
- not graduated or received a diploma because of leaving high school for military service, and
- been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

Veterans, or their surviving spouses or eligible family members, may submit the application to the Department of Veteran Affairs. The application can be found at www.in.gov/dva/2388.htm.

EDUCATION BENEFITS: THE STATE APPROVING AGENCY

www.in.gov/dva/2378.htm | 1-800-400-4520

The Indiana State Approving Agency helps veterans use their GI Bill & Post 9/11 education benefits to pay for programs such as on-the-job training, apprenticeships, flight schools, licensure and testing, college, and non-college degree programs.

EDUCATION BENEFITS: THE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

https://learnmoreindiana.org/veterans | 1-888-528-4719

Veterans, active military members and members of military families can find resources to help them start or complete a college degree from the Commission for Higher Education. This includes information on military credit for college courses, financial aid, veteran spouse scholarships and more.

RESIDENT TUITION RATES FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL

Active duty military personnel stationed in Indiana and their spouses and dependents are eligible for resident tuition rates at any state-supported college or university. Indiana National Guard members are eligible for resident tuition rates at any state-supported college or university.

Source: IC 21-14-9, IC 21-14-9-3

RESIDENT TUITION RATES FOR VETERANS

A qualified veteran or their spouse or dependent who enrolls in a state educational institution not later than twelve (12) months after the date of the qualified veteran's discharge or separation from the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard is eligible to pay the resident tuition rates at any state-supported college or university.

Source: IC 21-14-12.2-3

RESIDENT TUITION RATES FOR PERSONS WHO SERVE OR SERVED ON USS *INDIANA* (SSN-789)

Members or Veterans of the United States armed forces who serve or served at least 180 days on USS *Indiana* (SSN-789) are eligible for the resident tuition rate at state-supported colleges and universities. Veterans must have received an honorable discharge and must enroll no later than 12 months after the date of discharge or separation from the armed forces of the United States.

Source: IC 21-14-13-4

TUITION AND FEE EXEMPTION

www.in.gov/dva/2378.htm

Tuition and Fee Exemption is an Indiana state aid program administered through the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. These state aid programs provide eligible students tuition exemption for up to 124 hours at certain state-supported schools. Approved students will have 8 academic years to use the 124 hours after they use the exemption for the first time. Students must also complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, each year they intend to use the exemption.

The student, whether they be a Purple Heart recipient or the child of one, the child of a veteran, or a former student of the Morton Memorial High School, must apply for this benefit on Scholar Track (scholartrack.che.in.gov). If the student does not have a Scholar Track Account, one can be requested from the login page. Once the account is active the student can apply by clicking on the Apply for State Aid link and selecting the appropriate category.

1. Tuition and Fee Exemption for the Child(ren) of a Disabled Veteran or POW/MIA or Purple Heart Recipients

   Documents needed for eligibility determination:

   a. Proof of relationship to the veteran (step-children are not eligible for this benefit)
   b. Documentation showing veteran's wartime service OR award of Service, Campaign or Expeditionary Medal if all service was during peacetime and equally hazardous duty was performed. If the student is applying as the child of a Purple Heart recipient or child of a POW, and the veteran is not service-connected disabled, proof of award of the Purple Heart Medal or POW status is required.
   c. United States Department of Veterans' Affairs service-connected disability rating award letter.
   d. If the veteran's DD214 does not show and Indiana Home of Record at time of entry or is not uploaded with the application in Scholar Track, please include evidence the veteran parent has resided in Indiana for at least 5 years. We can consider an Indiana Driver's record for this purpose and these can be obatined for free from the BMV. We can also consider property records that show transfer history, rental agreements, W2s with Indiana addresses.

2. Tuition and Fee Exemption for Indiana Purple Heart Recipients
   Documents needed for eligibility determination:
   a. Proof of award of the Purple Heart Medal if not already annotated on the DD214 or DD215
   b. DD214 showing an Indiana Home of Record address at the time of entry

3. Tuition and Fee Exemption for Former Students of Morton Memorial High School/Soldier's and Sailor's Home
   Documents needed for eligibility determination:
   No documents need be uploaded when applying for this program. IDVA will verify the student's attendance at the Morton Memorial High School from the cumulative list IDVA has on file.

HOOSIER WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM

www.in.gov/dva/2344.htm

The Hoosier Women Veteran Coordinator maintains a database of women veterans, sends welcome packets to new or recently discharged women veterans, holds conferences around the state and conducts outreach and coordination year-round.

Women veterans are encouraged to submit their information to the Hoosier Women Veterans Registry by filling out the form at www.in.gov/dva/2344.htm or calling 317-232-3910. The purpose of the registry is to serve as an informational bridge to connect women veterans to the numerous resources and benefits that are available. The registry is strictly confidential and used only as a link of information among the Hoosier women veteran population.

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Vet Centers with Military Sexual Trauma Counseling Available

Evansville
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Fort Wayne
Worthman Office Mall
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Indianapolis
8330 Naab Road, #103
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6505 Broadway Ave.
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Contact info found at www.in.gov/dva/2374.htm.

INDIANA VETERANS' HOME

www.in.gov/ivh | 765-463-1502 | 3851 N. River Rd., West Lafayette

Located in West Lafayette, Indiana, the Indiana Veterans' Home (IVH) offers long-term skilled nursing care, short-term rehabilitation, independent living, and memory care services to honorably discharged Indiana veterans and their spouses. IVH also serves Gold Star parents.

Applicants must be an Indiana resident for at least one (1) year immediately preceding application for admission. Residency waivers may apply for service members who enlisted from, or discharged to, the state of Indiana.

All applicants must pass a criminal background check conducted by the Indiana Veterans' Home to be eligible for admission. There is no wartime service requirement in order to be eligible to apply for admission to the Indiana Veterans' Home.

INDIANA STATE SOLDIERS' HOME CEMETERY

www.in.gov/ivh/cemetery.htm | 765-463-1502 | 3851 N. River Road, West Lafayette

The historic Indiana State Soldiers' Home Cemetery has been part of the Indiana Veterans' Home (IVH) campus since it first began accepting residents in 1896. The cemetery presently has 2,950 grave sites dating all the way back to the late 1800s and has several monuments donated to the grounds that are dedicated in memory of those who served our country. Placement in the IVH cemetery is reserved solely for the veterans and their spouses who reside in IVH at the time of their passing.

The cemetery is open to the general public Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

INDIANA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY

www.in.gov/dva/2328.htm | 812-273-9220 | 1415 N. Gate Road, Madison

The Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery is dedicated to Veterans and their families as a lasting memorial, and final resting place, in appreciation and gratitude for their service and sacrifice to our nation. Opening and closing of the burial plot, outer burial container, monument and use of the Chapel is provided FREE OF CHARGE to eligible Veterans and their Spouses/Dependents.

Many states have established state veterans cemeteries. Eligibility is similar to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national cemeteries, but may include residency requirements. Even though they may have been established or improved with federal government funds through VA's Veterans Cemetery Grants Program, state veterans cemeteries are run solely by the states.
[www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/state.asp?STATE=IN]

<u>REQUIREMENTS FOR BURIAL</u>

- Any Veteran, who qualifies under the rules established by the U.S. Department of VA and was separated under other than dishonorable conditions is eligible for burial at the Cemetery.
- The eligible spouse of an approved veteran my be buried at the Cemetery.
- The child of a Veteran (Unmarried, under 21 or the lifelong dependent of the Veteran) may be buried at the Cemetery.
- Any Reservist or National Guard member who was eligible for retirement pay at the time of death may be buried at the Cemetery.

Application for burial and additional details can be found at the website listed above.

GOVERNOR'S MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE

http://ai.org/dva/3624.htm

A special certificate, signed by the governor, is available to surviving family members upon the death of an honorably discharged veteran to commemorate their service. This includes National Guard or Reservists who satisfactorily completed at least one period of enlistment. The application is available to download at the website listed above, or it can be provided by Indiana funeral homes and CVSOs.

Please send all Governor's Memorial Certificate requests (must include the veteran's DD214) to:
Indiana Veterans' Memorial Cemetery
1415 North Gate Road
Madison, IN 47250
OR Fax to the cemetery at: 812-273-9221

PEDDLERS, VENDORS OR HAWKERS LICENSE

www.in.gov/dva/2384.htm

IC 25-25-2-1 Veterans; right to license without fee
Sec. 1. (a) This section applies to:
(1) any veteran described in IC 10-17-5-2 or IC 10-17-5-1; or (2) any other veteran to whom this chapter applies because of the provisions of any other statute; who holds an honorable discharge from such service issued by the proper authorities. Such a person shall be entitled to a license to vend, hawk, and peddle goods, wares, fruits, and merchandise in any county, city, or town in Indiana without the payment of any fee for the license. Upon the presentation of the person's certificate and papers of discharge, properly executed, to the auditor of any county and proving the person's identity as the person named in the person's certificate of honorable discharge, the auditor shall issue to the former soldier or sailor a free license to vend, hawk, and peddle goods, wares, fruits, and merchandise in the county and in all cities and towns in the county. A fee may not be charged to the holder of the license by the auditor, by the authorities of any city or town in the county, or by any other officer. The license shall be full and complete authority to vend, hawk, and peddle without the payment of any sum of money.

(b) A person who acquires a license under this section is subject to all county, city, or town regulations and ordinances concerning vendors, hawkers, or peddlers, except for those provisions requiring payment of money for obtaining a license.

Source: Formerly: Acts 1895, c.121, s.1; Acts 1899, c.42, s.1. As amended by Acts 1979, P.L.247, SEC.1; Acts 1980, P.L.38, SEC.16; P.L.16-1983, SEC.17; P.L.2-2003, SEC.66.

JURY DUTY

An individual who serves on active duty or reserve duty while on military orders in the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard is exempt from service on any jury in any court of Indiana.

Source: IC 10-16-16-1

INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS

Current members of the active branches of service, National Guard and Reserves, or an individual's surviving spouse, are eligible to receive an exemption of $5,000 on their state income tax return. Veterans who are military retirees and their surviving spouses are eligible for the same exemption.

The amount of the deduction is the lesser of (A) the benefits included in the adjusted gross income of the individual or the individual's surviving spouse; or (B) six thousand two hundred fifty dollars ($6,250) plus the following:

(i) For taxable years beginning in 2019, twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the benefits in excess of six thousand two hundred fifty dollars ($6,250).
(ii) For taxable years beginning in 2020, fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the benefits in excess of six thousand two hundred fifty dollars ($6,250).
(iii) For taxable years beginning in 2021, seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount of the benefits in excess of six thousand two hundred fifty dollars ($6,250).
(iv) For taxable years beginning after 2021, one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the benefits in excess of six thousand two hundred fifty dollars ($6,250).

Source: IC 6-3-2-4

DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTIONS

www.in.gov/dva/2383.htm

For a deduction of $24,960 from the assessed value of the property the veteran must meet all of the following requirements:

- Served in the military during any of its wars:
  WWII: December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946
  KOREA: June 27, 1950- January 31, 1955
  VIETNAM: August 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975
  GULF WAR: August 2, 1990- to a future date to be set by law or Presidential Proclamation
- Received an HONORABLE discharge.
- Received a Service Connected Disability Rating of at least 10% (evidenced by an award of compensation by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs).

For a deduction of $14,000 from the assessed value of the property (value of the property must not exceed $200,000) the veteran must meet all of the following requirements:

- Served in the military for at least 90 days
- Received an HONORABLE discharge
- Have either a TOTAL service connected disability OR be at least sixty two (62) years old AND have a service connected disability rating of at least 10% (evidenced by an award of compensation by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs).

Indiana Code 6-1.1-12. Sections that reference the Disabled Veteran Property Tax Deductions are 13, 14, and 14.5.

For a deduction of property tax for property conveyed to the veteran at no cost to the veteran by an organization that is exempt from income taxation under the federal Internal Revenue Code, the veteran must meet all of the following requirements:

- Served in the military for at least 90 days.
- Received an HONORABLE discharge.
- Receive a service connected disability rating of at least 50%.

Deductions under this section are determined as follows:

- If the veteran is Totally disabled (100%) the deduction is equal to 100% of the assessed value
- If the veteran is 90% Service Connected disabled then the deduction is equal to 90% of the assessed value
- If the veteran is 80% Service Connected disabled then the deduction is equal to 80% of the assessed value
- If the veteran is 70% Service Connected disabled then the deduction is equal to 70% of the assessed value
- If the veteran is 60% Service Connected disabled then the deduction is equal to 60% of the assessed value
- If the veteran is 50% Service Connected disabled then the deduction is equal to 50% of the assessed value

If this deduction is used the veteran cannot claim deductions under section 13 or 14 of IC 6-1.1-12.

A veteran who owns a vehicle and is entitled to a deduction under IC 6-1.1-12 sections 13, 14 or 16 and has any remaining deduction from the assessed valuation to which the person is entitled, applicable to property taxes payable in the year in which the excise tax is imposed after allowance of the deduction on property owned by the person, shall reduce the annual excise tax in the amount of two dollars ($2) on each one hundred ($100) of taxable value or major portion thereof. IC 6-6-5-5 vrsn. a, b

If a veteran qualifies for any of the disabled property tax deductions but does not own property which a tax deduction can be applied under IC 6-1.1-12 sections 13 & 14 then the amount of credit that can be applied is equal to the lesser of the following: (1) The amount of excise tax liability for the individual's vehicle under section 5 of IC 6-6-5; (2) Seventy dollars ($70).

The maximum number of motor vehicles is two (2). The credit allowed by this section must be claimed on a form prescribed by the bureau. An individual claiming the credit must attach to the form an affidavit from the county auditor stating that the claimant does not own property to which a property tax deduction may be applied under IC 6-1.1-12 sections 13, 14, or 16.

Source: IC 6-6-5, section 5.2

Property Tax Deduction for Veterans and Spouses of KIA

www.in.gov/dva/3961.htm

$14,000 deduction for veterans who served during peace time or the surviving spouse of a service member killed in action or who died during active duty. Veteran must be totally disabled or must be 62 years old with a 10% service-connected disability rating. There is an assessed value limit of $200,000.

Property Tax Combination for Certain Disabled Wartime Veterans

www.in.gov/dva/3961.htm

A veteran who served during a period of war and is at least 62 years old with a 10% service-connected disability rating OR has a permanent and total service-connected disability rating at any age AND whose home's assessed value is $200,000 or less, can receive both property tax deductions for a total of $38,960.

Veterans Services from the Department of Workforce Development

www.in.gov/dwd/2424.htm

All Veterans are encouraged to make contact with their local WorkOne Career Center for assistance. Veterans go to the front of the line at WorkOne Centers and each office has an onsite Veterans Representative to assist with employment needs.

Services that are provided to qualified Veterans include:

- Face-to-face review of IndianaCareerConnect.com
- Direct referral to jobs (both established jobs and job development)
- Assistance looking for a job, developing a resume and preparing for an interview
- Referral to other federal, state and local agencies
- Information on Veteran's rights and employment benefits
- Assistance transitioning into civilian employment
- Training incentives and grants
- Guidance finding vocational training
- Post-employment counseling
- Occupational skills assessment

WorkOne Career Center Veterans Representative Staff Directory

www.in.gov/dwd/2424.htm | List updated 7/28/20

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Military Service and Military Spouse Professional Licensing

www.in.gov/pla/3431.htm | (317) 232-2960

Indiana requires licensure for many professions, including medical professionals, accountants, plumbers, engineers, and more. Military experience can count toward the requirements to obtain a license in Indiana. In addition, military spouses are also afforded an alternative route to licensure in Indiana that can expedite the process.

Indiana J9 Family Programs Family Assistance Centers

We serve ALL branches of Service through all of their lives.

Providing 8 Essential Areas of Service

- **Finances**
- **Legal**
- **ID Cards/DEERS**
- **Tricare**
- **Crisis Intervention**
- **Information and Referral**
- **EFMP**
- **EFAC**

National Guard Family Assistance

We also provide periodic Wellness calls to families during a deployment.

Briefings: The Family Assistance Team conducts Deployment and Reunion briefings to help prepare families for the emotion-al anxieties related to separation and reintegration upon return. Other informational briefings can be arranged as needed

Helpful Web Sites

Military One Source:

http://www.militaryonesource.mil/

American Red Cross:

www.redcross.org

DEERS:

www.dmdc.osd.mil

DFAS:

www.dfas.mil

JSS:

www.jointservicessupport.org

Tricare/dental:

www.tricaredentalprogram.com

"Unit Readiness requires self-sufficient families and the Family Assistance Center helps the unit's Families stand on their own."

24 Hour Hotline
Indiana Family Program Office

Toll Free: 800-237-2850 Ext 73192

www.veterans.ooo/files/131963419.pdf

Family Assistance Centers: FACs are established to provide support and assistance to service members and their families of all branches. The primary mission of a FAC is to support families before, during and after a deployment, in order for service members to focus on their mission and give them peace that they and their families have a place to go to learn about and receive all of the resources and benefits they have earned. FACs are available to our Service Members, Veterans, Retirees and their families all through their life.

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Service Members

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Support:

- Information and Referral
- Local and National Emergencies
- Coordination with Rear Detachment
- Problem Solving
- Community Collaboration

ID Cards and DEERS: Information and assistance for eligible family members to obtain identification (ID) cards and enroll in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

TRICARE Health and Dental: Assistance in coordinating TRICARE enrollment, claims, and issues with the nearest Health Benefits Ad-visor, as well as providing information on TRICARE and

Financial Management:
Financial assistance is available to assist with resolving financial issues. Several Grants are available to eligible activated Reservists, as well as other resources.

Crisis Intervention:
Capable of identifying family crisis situations, and provide immediate assistance to stabilize the situation, and refer to appropriate sources for follow-up help. Crises may be personal, social, financial, emotional or medical in nature.

Information and Referral:
Referring family members to various military and civilian agencies, groups, private organizations, and/or clergy to solve or assist with resolving problems. The FAC Specialist is the focal point of contact for help and pro-vides direct assistance and/or directs the family member to where help can be found.

Legal Assistance:
The provision of legal information and coordination with the State Legal Assistance Officer for assistance with wills, powers of attorney, Servicemen's Civil Relief Act, and other legal matters pertaining to deployment.

Emergency Family Assistance Centers:
EFACs are established in times of Natural or man made disasters to operate 24/7 in order to check on our family members and Service Members. We will call and make sure each member is safe and all resources needed are given and work with your family till all issues from the disaster are taken care of to the best of our ability.

Exceptional Family Member Program:
EFMP is a program to help our families who have any member with learning or medical conditions that need specific treatment facilities or care near by to have easier access to those needs. We assist families to find and work with those specific resources.

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BENEFITS OFFERED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp

Veterans of the United States armed forces may be eligible for a broad range of benefits and services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). These benefits are codified in Title 38 of the United States Code. Included here is a brief overview of certain commonly sought information concerning veterans benefits and services. For the most accurate information, veterans and family members should visit the websites provided within this publication as regulations, payments, and eligibility requirements are subject to change. For additional information, please visit www.va.gov. For a complete copy of "Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors," call 1-800-827-1000 or download a pdf version from va.gov/opa/publications.

eBenefits

eBenefits is a joint VA/Department of Defense (DoD) Web portal that provides resources and self-service capabilities to service members, veterans, and their families to apply, research, access, and manage their VA and military benefits and personal information through a secure Internet connection.

Through eBenefits Veterans can: apply for benefits, view their disability compensation claim status, access official military personnel documents (e.g., DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), transfer entitlement of Post-9/11 GI Bill to eligible dependents (service members only), obtain a VA-guaranteed home loan Certificate of Eligibility, and register for and update direct deposit information for certain benefits. New features are added regularly.

Accessing eBenefits: The portal is located at www.ebenefits.va.gov. Service members or veterans must register for an eBenefits account at one of two levels: Basic or Premium. A Premium account allows the user to access personal data in VA and DoD systems, as well as apply for benefits online, check the status of claims, update address records, and more. The Basic account allows access to information entered into eBenefits by the service member or Veteran only. Basic accounts cannot access VA or DoD systems.

Reporting Fraud

Help VA's Secretary ensure integrity by reporting suspected fraud, waste or abuse in VA programs or operations. Report fraud to:

VA Inspector General Hotline, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20420
E-mail: vaoighotline@va.gov / VAOIG hotline: 1-800-488-8244 / Fax: (202) 495-5861

Health Care

More information on VA health care is available from the following resources:
www.va.gov/health
www.va.gov/healthbenefits
VA Health Benefits toll-free 1-877- 222-VETS (8387), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST.

Basic Eligibility: A person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable may qualify for VA health care benefits including qualifying Reserve and National Guard members.

Minimum Duty Requirements: Veterans who enlisted after September 7, 1980, or who entered active duty after October 16, 1981, must have served 24-continuous months or the full period for which they were called to active duty in order to be eligible. This minimum duty requirement may not apply to veterans discharged for hardship, early out or a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

Veterans can complete applications for enrollment in VA health care by using one of the options below:

- To apply by phone, call 1-877-222-VETS (8387) Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. EST. VA staff members will collect the needed information and process the enrollment application for an enrollment determination.
- When applying online at va.gov, Veterans fill out the application and electronically submit it to VA for processing. VA will search for your supporting documentation through its electronic information systems and will contact you if it is unable to verify your military service.
- The application form can also be downloaded from www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction. Mail the completed form to: Health Eligibility Center ATTN: Enrollment Eligibility Division 2957 Clairmont Road Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30329-1647
- Apply in person at any VA health care facility or VA regional office. Once enrolled, Veterans can receive health care at VA health care facilities anywhere in the country.

Veterans Crisis Line

The Veterans Crisis Line is a toll-free, confidential resource that connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring VA responders. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online at veteranscrisisline.net, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, 365-days a year even if they are not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care. The professionals at the Veterans Crisis Line are specially trained and experienced in helping veterans of all ages and circumstances — from Veterans coping with mental health issues that were never addressed to veterans struggling with relationships or the transition back to civilian life. European access: Veterans and members of the military community in Europe may dial 0800-1273-8255 or DSN 118. For more information about VA's suicide prevention program, visit: www.veteranscrisisline.net.

Education Benefits

Post–9/11 GI Bill: The Post-9/11 GI Bill is an education benefit program for service members and Veterans who served on active duty after Sept.10, 2001. Benefits are payable for training pursued on or after Aug. 1, 2009. No payments can be made under this program for training pursued before that date. For more information on education and training, please visit: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/ or call 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551).

Post–9/11 GI Bill Eligibility: To be eligible, the service member or veteran must serve at least 90 aggregate days on active duty after Sept. 10, 2001, and remain on active duty or be honorably discharged. Active duty includes active service performed by National Guard members under title 32 U.S.C. for the purposes of organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training the National Guard; or under section 502(f) for the purpose of responding to a national emergency. Veterans may also be eligible if they were honorably discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability after serving 30 continuous days after Sept. 10, 2001. Additionally, under the Colmery Act of 2017, also known as the "Forever GI Bill," all Purple Heart award recipients are eligible for Post 9/11 GI Bill entitlement providing the award was made during service occurring on or after Sept. 11, 2001, and the recipient continues on duty or receives an honorable discharge.

Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship Eligibility: The Fry Scholarship provides Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits to the children and surviving spouses of service members who died in the line of duty after Sept. 10, 2001. Eligible beneficiaries attending school may receive up to 36 months of benefits at the 100-percent level. The Fry Scholarship includes full tuition and fees paid directly to the school for all public school in-state students. For those attending private or foreign schools, tuition and fees are capped at a statutory maximum amount per academic year. A monthly housing allowance and a books and supplies stipend are also paid to the student. Surviving children who are eligible may begin an approved program of education before the age of 18. A child's marital status has no effect on eligibility. Eligible children are entitled to 36 months of benefits at the 100-percent level. If the qualifying parent's death occurred before Jan. 1, 2013, the child's eligibility ends on his or her 33rd birthday. If the qualifying parent's death occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2013, the child's eligibility never expires. Surviving spouses who are eligible have no timeline on when they can use the benefit; however, a spouse will lose eligibility for this benefit upon remarriage.

Housing and Employment Benefits

Housing Grants for Disabled Veterans: Service members and veterans with certain service-connected disabilities may be entitled to a housing grant from VA to help build a new specially adapted house, to adapt a home they already own, or buy a house and modify it to meet their disability-related requirements. Eligible veterans or service members may now receive up to three uses of the grant, with the total dollar amount of the grants not to exceed the maximum allowable. Housing grant amounts may be adjusted Oct. 1 every year based on a cost-of-construction index. These adjustments will increase the grants amounts or leave them unchanged; grant amounts will not decrease. Previous grant recipients who had received assistance of less than the current maximum allowable may be eligible for an additional grant usage. To obtain general information about the Specially Adapted Housing program, visit: www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp or call the program's local office at 1-877-827-3702.

Employment Services: In partnership with the Department of Labor, VA provides support to veterans and transitioning service members at all stages of their job search, including career advice, resume building, and access to employers who want to hire veterans and military spouses. More information and access to services are available at www.va.gov/careers-employment.

Preventing Veteran Homelessness: Veterans who believe they may be facing homelessness as a result of losing their homes can call 1-877-4AIDVET (877-424-3838) or visit: www.va.gov/homeless/ to receive assistance in preventing homelessness.

Burial and Memorial Benefits

VA operates 136 national cemeteries, of which 78 are currently open for both new casket and cremation interments, and 17 may accept new interments of cremated remains only. Burial options are limited to those available at a specific cemetery and may include in-ground casket, or interment of cremated remains in a columbarium, in ground, or in a scattering area. For more information, visit the National Cemetery Administration at www.cem.va.gov.

Burial Flags: VA will furnish a U.S. burial flag to recognize deceased Veterans who received an other than dishonorable discharge. This includes certain persons who served in the organized military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines while in service of the U.S. armed forces and who died on or after April 25, 1951. Also, eligible for a burial flag are veterans who were entitled to retired pay for service in the Reserves or National Guard; or would have been entitled if over age 60; and members or

former members of the Selected Reserve who served their initial obligation; or were discharged for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty; or died while a member of the Selected Reserve. The next of kin may apply for the burial flag at any VA Regional Office or U.S. Post Office by completing VA Form 21-2008; Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes. In most cases, a funeral director will assist the family in obtaining the flag. For additional information, visit www.cem.va.gov/cem/burial_ benefits/burial_flags.asp.

Memorial Markers: VA provides memorial headstones and markers for placement in a national cemetery, a veterans cemetery owned by a state or in the case of a Veteran, in a state, tribal, local or private cemetery with "IN MEMORY OF" as the first line of inscription for those whose remains are unavailable for burial. Remains that are unavailable for burial are those that have not been recovered or identified, were buried at sea, donated to science or cremated and scattered completely.

Only eligible Veterans are authorized to receive memorial headstones or markers for use in private cemeteries; memorial headstones and markers are not authorized for placement in tribal cemeteries (including veterans). For memorial headstone or marker requests, applicants must be a member of the decedent's family (spouse, individual in a legal union with the decedent, child, parent, or sibling, whether biological, adopted, or step-relation, and any lineal or collateral descendant of the decedent).

To submit a claim for a headstone or marker, or for a memorial marker for placement in a private cemetery, use VA Form 40-1330, Claim for Standard Government Headstone or Marker (available at www.va.gov/vaforms/) and provide a copy of the veteran's military discharge documents or proof of military service. Claims sent without supporting documents will be delayed until eligibility can be determined.

Mail the completed form and supporting documents to Memorial Products Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, 5109 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-3903. The form and supporting documents may also be faxed toll free to 1-800-455-7143.