



STATE OF VERMONT, OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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STATE OF VERMONT BENEFITS FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

To receive the Vermont “Thank You” booklet, listing the federal, state, and private benefits and services available in Vermont, just give us a call at the number above and we’ll mail one to you!

Office of Veterans Affairs Programs

Assistance at the Office of Veterans Affairs:

Our office is an excellent place to learn about the benefits earned by veterans and their families. In addition, our service officers can help veterans and family members apply for federal benefits, such as disability.

Military Records at the Office of Veterans Affairs:

We maintain copies of military discharges for most veterans who entered the service from Vermont. We store records in accordance with the Privacy Act to protect veterans and will make certified copies free of charge.

Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery:

The cemetery, located in Randolph Center, Vermont, provides veterans with a resting-place that honors their service at a cost lower than a commercial cemetery. Spouses may be buried with the veteran.

Vermont Veterans Medal and Vermont Distinguished Service Medal:

Veterans who entered the military when they were a resident of Vermont and received an honorable discharge may be eligible for a state medal honoring their service.

High School Diplomas for World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Era Veterans:

Veterans of these eras who do not have a high school diploma may be eligible to receive one from a Vermont public high school.

Emergency Financial Assistance:

Veterans in serious financial hardship may receive a one-time payment for life critical needs.

Armed Services Scholarship:

The spouse and children of military members who die in service may attend Vermont State Colleges tuition free or receive a deduction to attend Vermont private colleges.

Casualty Assistance:

Families of military members killed or wounded while serving in the War on Terror may receive financial assistance for travel and/or burial expenses.

Veteran Benefits Administered by Other State Agencies

Vermont Veterans Home: Veterans, their spouses, and Gold Star parents are eligible to live in the Vermont Veterans Home. For more information, contact the Vermont Veterans Home at (802) 442-6353.

Veterans License Plate: Veterans may receive a Veterans License Plate when they register their vehicle. Applications can be picked up at any Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office or the State Veterans Affairs Office. The DMV will collect \$10 for the plate; \$5 of the fee goes towards state veteran programs.

Employment and Training: Each State Department of Labor Office has professionals who assist veterans in finding work or training. For more information, contact your local DOL branch office.

State Hiring Access: Veterans may apply for state positions available only to current state employees. Contact the state Department of Personnel Employment Services Office at (800) 640-1657.

Hunting/Fishing Licenses; Green Mountain Passes: 100% service-connected disabled veterans have earned a free hunting/fishing license and Green Mountain Pass (for free use of state parks). You will need to obtain a verification letter from the White River Jct. VA (1-800-827-1000) before submitting your license application. Call (802) 241-3700 for the hunting/fishing license; contact your local town clerk for the Green Mountain Pass.

Motor Vehicle Fees Exemption: Veterans who receive a federal grant to purchase a vehicle to accommodate their service-connected disability may be exempt from some fees. Contact the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Property Tax Reduction: Disabled veterans and their surviving spouses may be eligible for a property tax reduction. Applications must be filed before May 1st of each year. Contact your local tax assessor.

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