

Colorado State Veteran's Benefits & Discounts



2016

The state of Colorado provides several veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

- Housing Benefits
- Financial Assistance Benefits
- Employment Benefits
- Education Benefits
- Other State Veteran Benefits

Veteran Housing Programs

State Veterans Homes

Under the direction of the Colorado Department of Human Services, the mission of the Veterans Community Living Centers is to honor and serve our nation's veterans, their spouses and Gold Star Parents by creating opportunities for meaningful activity, continued growth and feelings of self-worth in resident-centered long-term care and supportive living environments. The department's vision is that residents experience compassion, dignity and companionship in communities filled with life, love and laughter.

Colorado's State Veterans Homes serve honorably discharged veterans, veterans' spouses/widows and "Gold-Star" parents, any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces. Residents enjoy the camaraderie of sharing activities and daily life with other veterans, friends and family. Each location

provides: 24 hour nursing care, Meals, Physician services & restorative therapy, Transportation, Diversified activities, and an all-inclusive rate. Additionally, the following services are offered:

- **Long-term care:** These services include skilled nursing care; speech, physical and occupational therapy; social activities; and assistance with bathing, dressing and other daily activities.
- **Short-term rehabilitation:** Individuals seeking to return home following a qualifying hospital stay can work to regain skills and improve physical strength, endurance and aerobic capacity through Medicare-certified rehabilitation services.
- **Domiciliary cottages (similar to assisted living):** The Colorado State Veterans Center at Homelake (Monte Vista) offers assisted living-like services in 48 recently renovated cottages.
- **Memory care services:** Specialized care for individuals with dementia is offered in all State and Veterans Nursing Homes. Secure units are available at the State Veterans Home at Fitzsimons, Florence, Rifle and Walsenburg.
- **Short-term “respite” care:** Respite care can provide a helpful option when homecare providers are unavailable. These short-term stays are offered at the State Veterans Homes at Florence, Homelake, Rifle and Walsenburg.
- **End-of-life/hospice services:** Comfort-oriented care is offered at all State and Veterans Nursing Homes.

Colorado has 5 state veterans' homes located in Aurora, Florence, Homelake, Rifle, and Walsenburg as indicated on http://vets.dmva.state.co.us/?page_id=475 and pictured below. For detailed information on each refer to <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/cdhs-vclc>



Colorado State Veterans Home at Fitzsimons



Bruce McCandless Colorado State Veterans Home in Florence



Colorado State Veterans Center at Homelake



Colorado State Veterans Home at Rifle



Colorado State Veterans Home at Walsenburg

Those desiring admission can do so by downloading and completing the application form at <http://vets.dmva.state.co.us:8000/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/VETERANS-NURSING-HOMES-APPLICATION.pdf> ; Contact Information and capacity for each facility is:

- **Fitzimmons** – Tel: 720-857-6400/6500F, 1919 Quentin Street, Aurora, CO 80045 (180 beds)
- **Florence** – Tel: 800-283-2668, 903 Moore Drive, Florence, CO 81226 (120 beds)
- **Homelake** – Tel: 1-888-838-2687 or 719-852-5118.3881F, Mail: PO BOX 97, Homelake, CO 81135, 3749 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144 (40 operating beds in the domiciliary unit and 60 beds in nursing care service)
- **Rifle** – Tel: 1-800-828-4580 or 970-625-0842/3706F, 851 East Fifth Street, Rifle, CO 81650 (100 beds)
- **Walsenburg** – Tel: 1-800-645-8387 or 719-738-5000/5138F, 235400 US HWY 160, Walsenburg, CO 81089 (120 beds)

For contact information and benefits assistance visit the Colorado Department of Veterans Affairs website http://vets.dmva.state.co.us:8000/?page_id=73

Financial Assistance Benefits

Colorado State Tax Advantage

- There is a Property Tax Exemption for the first \$200,000 of a home's value for 100% service-connected disabled veterans.
- Active Duty Pay: Effective January 1, 2016 active duty military pay is tax-free for Colorado residents.
- Retired Military Pay: Military retirees ages 55 - 64 can exclude up to \$20,000 in any one taxable year from their retirement pay, those 65 and over can exclude up to \$24,000.
- Motor Vehicle Tax: No fee shall be charged to certain disabled Veterans or Ex-POWs who have established their right to benefits under public laws. Applies to subsequent vehicles, but only one at a time.

Burial Allowance: County allowance of up to \$50 for burial and up to \$50 for setting markers for pauper Veterans.

Veteran Employment Benefits

Employment Assistance.

State Active Duty employees receive 15 days of paid military leave per year. Eligibility extends to Colorado National Guard.

Employment Preference

Disabled Veterans shall have 10 points added to their grades and non-disabled Veterans shall be credited with an additional 5 points for "state employment" For city and county governments that have a "Merit System" in place.

Veteran Education Benefits

Tuition Assistance

Any member of the Colorado National Guard is eligible for state tuition assistance, up to 100% tuition paid at any CO state-funded school depending on funding available. State funding can be used in conjunction with Federal Tuition Assistance. Deadline for Spring Semester is Dec. 1. Deadline for Fall Semester is July 1. Summer deadline is May 1 (if funding is available).

Eligibility: Colorado National Guard member must serve 2 years for each year granted.

Tuition Assistance for Children of POWs, MIAs, or Disabled/Deceased ARNG

Free tuition in certain State-support schools for children of prisoners of war or persons missing in actions who were Colorado residents when they entered the Armed Forces, or for children of Colorado National Guardsmen who died or were permanently disabled while on State active duty limited to dependents who do not qualify for Federal Education benefits.

Operation Recognition

Operation Recognition is a program to award High School diplomas to deserving and qualified WWII, Korea and Vietnam Era Veterans. Operation Recognition, is authorized by Colorado State Law and is offered by the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Association of School Boards.

Other State Veteran Benefits

Special Vehicle License Plates

The State provides plates at no cost to the Veteran for recipients of the Medal of Honor, recipients of the Purple Heart, to certain disabled wartime Veterans, special disabled (50%+)Veterans license plates, and special license plates for former POWs. Plates for honorably discharged Veterans may be purchased for nominal fee. There will be issued a "Valor Plate" for those veterans who have received the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force DSC, and Survivors of Pearl Harbor and/or their surviving spouse. The following military plates are obtainable:


4th Infantry Division	Navy Cross
Air Force Cross	NORAD
Bronze Star	Pearl Harbor Survivor
Bronze Star of Valor	Prisoner of War
Civil Air Patrol	Purple Heart
Disabled Veteran	Silver Star
Disabled Veteran Handicapped	UDT/SEALS
Distinguished Service Cross	U.S. Air Force
Fallen Air Force	U.S. Army
Fallen Army	U.S. Army Special Forces
Fallen Coast Guard	U.S. Coast Guard
Fallen Marines	U.S. Marine Corps
Fallen Navy	U.S. Navy
Honorably Discharged Veteran	Veteran of Afghanistan War
Korean War Veteran	Veteran of Iraq War
Medal of Honor	Veteran of Operaton Desert Storm/ Desert Shield
National Guard	Veteran of World War II
	Vietnam Veteran










4th Infantry Division

About: Creation of this plate was per House Bill 08-1175.

Available For: Passenger cars or trucks that do not exceed sixteen thousand pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any

	<p>vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles and motor homes.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: The 4th Infantry Division license plate may be issued to any person that desires to show support for the U.S. Army 4th Infantry Division.</p> <p>Requirements: None</p> <p>Fees: One-time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited</p> <p>Plate Options: None</p> <p>Motorcycle Plates: Motorcycle plate options</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213</p>
 <p>A Colorado license plate with a blue background. At the top, the word 'COLORADO' is written in white. Below it, a white mountain range graphic is visible. The license plate number '000 XXX' is displayed in large black characters. In the center, there is a gold Air Force Cross medal. Below the number, the words 'AIR FORCE CROSS' are written in white.</p>	<p>Air Force Cross</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes and motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who can demonstrate being awarded the Air Force Cross Medal</p> <p>Requirements : Qualifying person must submit a copy of DD214 form (issued by the U.S. Government) or military orders that demonstrate being awarded the Air Force Cross medal, along with the DR 2181 form .</p> <p>To Obtain a Set: The first exempt set is issued by the State Registration Section:</p> <p><u>In Person</u></p> <p>Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, 1881 Pierce Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214-3503</p> <p><u>By Mail</u></p> <p>Department of Revenue, Registration Section, Denver, CO 80261-0016</p> <p>Second and additional sets may be obtained at respective resident County Motor Vehicle Offices.</p> <p>Fees: One set of plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213(1)(b)(II)(E). A second or additional set requires a one time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and</p>

	<p>fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Exempt - One set only. Second and additional - Unlimited.</p> <p>Medal of Valor Plates Application </p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p>
	<p>Bronze Star</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who can demonstrate being awarded the Bronze Star medal.</p> <p>Requirements: Qualifying person must submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government) or military orders that demonstrate being awarded the Bronze Star medal, along with the DR 2690 form.</p> <p>Fees: One time fee of \$50.00 for issuance and replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Bronze Star & Distinguished Flying Cross License Plate Application </p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p>
	<p>Bronze Star of Valor</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who can demonstrate being awarded the Bronze Star of Valor medal.</p> <p>Requirements: Qualifying person must submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government) or military orders that demonstrate being awarded the Bronze Star of Valor medal, along with the DR 2690 form .</p> <p>Fees: One time fee of \$50.00 for issuance and replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p>

	<p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p> <p>Bronze Star & Distinguished Flying Cross License Plate Application </p>
	<p>Civil Air Patrol</p> <p>About: Creation of this plate was per House Bill 13-060</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes and motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: A natural person who supports the Civil Air Patrol may use the Civil Air Patrol license plate</p> <p>Requirements: None</p> <p>Fees: One-time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Plate Options: None</p> <p>Motorcycle Plates: Motorcycle plate options.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-2-213(27).</p>
	<p>Disabled Veteran</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who can demonstrate being 50% or more Permanent Service-Connected Disabled.</p> <p>Requirements: Qualifying person must submit a copy of letter from the Veteran Administration or letter from their branch of service stating that the qualifying person is 50% or more Permanent Service-Connected Disabled. Honorable discharge from a branch of the Armed Services of the United States (Proof may be on the DD 214 or other discharge documents issued by the Armed Services of the United States)</p> <p>To Obtain a Set: The first exempt set is issued by the State Registration Section:</p> <p><u>In Person</u></p> <p>Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, 1881 Pierce Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214-3503</p>

By Mail

Department of Revenue, Title and Registration Sections, P.O. Box 173350,
Denver, CO 80217-3350

Second and additional sets may be obtained at respective resident County Motor Vehicle Offices.

Fees: One set of plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213(1)(b)(II)(B). A second or additional set requires a one time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.

Number of Plates Allowed: Exempt - One set only. Second and additional - Unlimited.

Please note: This plate does not permit the owner to park his/her vehicle or a vehicle in which they are a passenger in designated disability parking spaces. For assistance in ensuring correct documentation is being submitted and to speed up the issuance process, please print and use the [Disabled Veteran License Plate Checklist](#).

[Disabled Veteran License Plate Application](#)

Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.



Disabled Veteran Handicapped

Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.

Who Qualifies: Any person who can demonstrate being 50% or more Permanent Service-Connected Disabled AND physical impairment verified in writing by a Colorado licensed physician, an advanced practice nurse, or a Commissioned Medical Officer.



Requirements: A copy of letter from the Veteran Administration or letter from their branch of service stating that the qualifying person is 50% or more Permanent Service-Connected Disabled.

A copy of their verified written physical impairment letter.

A completed Application for Persons with Disabilities Parking Privileges form.

To Obtain a Set: The exempt set is issued by the State Registration Section:

In Person

	<p>Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, 1881 Pierce Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214-3503</p> <p><u>By Mail</u></p> <p>Title and Registration Sections PO Box 173350 Denver, CO 80217-3350</p> <p>Fees: One set of plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213(1)(b)(II)(B).</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: One set only.</p> <p>Please note: For assistance in ensuring correct documentation is being submitted and to speed up the issuance process, please print and use the Disabled Veteran License Plate Checklist.</p> <p>Persons with Disabilities Parking Privileges Application </p> <p>Disabled Veteran Hanicap Application</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-104(5), 42-3-213, 42-3-204 and 42-3-304(3)(A).</p>
	<p>Distinguished Flying Cross</p> <p>Plate is effective January 1, 2013</p> <p>Available for: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, and motorcycles</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who can demonstrate being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross</p> <p>Requirements: When applying for the license plate, the applicant shall submit to the department military order awarding or any other evidence the department may accept</p> <p>Fees: One time fee of \$50.00 for issuance and replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees</p> <p>Number of Plates: Unlimited</p> <p>Plate Options: None</p> <p>Motorcycle Plate Options: Motorcycle license plate</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213(25)</p>



Distinguished Service Cross

Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.

Who Qualifies: Any person who can demonstrate being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross medal.

Requirements: Qualifying person must submit a copy of form DD214 (Issued by the U.S. Government) or military orders that demonstrate being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross medal, along with the DR 2181 form.

To Obtain a Set: The first exempt set is issued by the State Registration Section:

In Person

Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, 1881 Pierce Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214-3503

By Mail

Department of Revenue, Title and Registration Sections , P.O. Box 173350, Denver, CO 80217-3350

Second and additional sets may be obtained at respective resident County Motor Vehicle Offices.

Fees: One set of plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213(1)(b)(II)(E). A second or additional set requires a one time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.

Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited. Only the first set is exempt from fees.

Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.



Medal of Valor Plates Application 











Fallen Air Force

Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.

Who Qualifies: See Requirements. Applicant must submit DR 2432 to the State Registration Section (address on form).

	<p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current or past spouse, child, sibling, grandparent or parent of the service member must provide acceptable proof such as: birth/death certificates, census records, historical archives, military records, etc. • The service member died in the line of duty while serving in the armed forces while deployed to a combat zone. Acceptable proof: service member's DD214, service record, officially issued documents or death certificates, etc. <p>Fees: One set if plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213(1)(b)(II)(G) and 42-3-312. A second, or additional set requires a one time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p> <p>Fallen Service License & World War II License Plate Member Application </p>
 <p>The image shows a Colorado license plate with a purple background. At the top, it says 'COLORADO' with three stars on each side. Below that is a graphic of a mountain range. In the center is the Colorado state seal. On either side of the seal are the numbers '000' and 'XXX'. At the bottom, it says 'FALLEN SOLDIER'.</p>	<p>Fallen Army</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: See Requirements. Applicant must submit DR 2432 to the State Registration Section (address on form).</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current or past spouse, child, sibling, grandparent or parent of the service member must provide acceptable proof such as: birth/death certificates, census records, historical archives, military records, etc. • The service member died in the line of duty while serving in the armed forces while deployed to a combat zone. Acceptable proof: service member's DD214, service record, officially issued documents or death certificates, etc. <p>Fees: One set of plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213(1)(b)(II)(G) and CRS 42-3-312. A second, or additional set requires a one time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p>

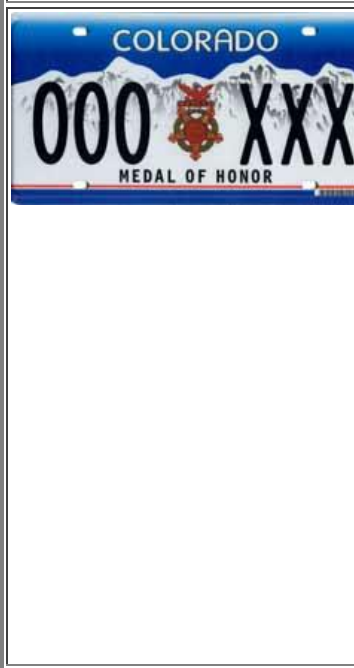
	Fallen Service License & World War II License Plate Member Application 
	<p>Fallen Coast Guard</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: See Requirements. Applicant must submit DR 2432 to the State Registration Section (address on form).</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current or past spouse, child, sibling, grandparent or parent of the service member must provide acceptable proof such as: birth/death certificates, census records, historical archives, military records, etc. • The service member died in the line of duty while serving in the armed forces while deployed to a combat zone. Acceptable proof: service member's DD214, service record, officially issued documents or death certificates, etc. <p>Fees: One set of plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213(1)(b)(II)(G) and CRS 42-3-312. A second or additional set requires a one time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Fallen Service License & World War II License Plate Member Application </p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p>
	<p>Fallen Marine</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Applicant must submit DR 2432 to the State Registration Section (address on form).</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current or past spouse, child, sibling, grandparent or parent of the service member must provide acceptable proof such as: birth/death certificates, census records, historical archives, military records, etc. • The service member died in the line of duty while serving in the armed forces while deployed to a combat zone. Acceptable proof: service members DD214, service record,

	<p>officially issued documents or death certificates, etc.</p> <p>Fees: One set of plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213(1)(b)(II)(G) and 42-3-312. A second, or additional set requires a one time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p> <p>Fallen Service License & World War II License Plate Member Application </p>
	<p>Fallen Navy</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: See Requirements. Applicant must submit DR 2432 to the State Registration Section (address on form).</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current or past spouse, child, sibling, grandparent or parent of the service member must provide acceptable proof such as: birth/death certificates, census records, historical archives, military records, etc. • The service member died in the line of duty while serving in the armed forces while deployed to a combat zone. Acceptable proof: service members DD214, service record, officially issued documents or death certificates, etc. <p>Fees: One set of plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213(1)(b)(II)(G) and 42-3-312. A second or additional set requires a one time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Fallen Service License & World War II License Plate Member Application </p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p>
	<p>Honorably Discharged Veteran</p> <p>Available for: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who can demonstrate being honorably</p>



	<p>discharged or retired from any branch of the U.S. Armed Services.</p> <p>Requirements: Qualifying person must submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government) or their honorable discharge documents.</p> <p>Fees: One time fee of \$50.00 for issuance and replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p>
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<p>Korean War Veteran</p> <p>Available for: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who can demonstrate being a member of the U.S. Armed Forces between 06/27/1950 and 01/31/1955.</p> <p>Requirements: Qualifying person must submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government) or other military separation papers that indicate the dates of time served in the U.S. Armed Forces.</p> <p>Fees: One time fee of \$50.00 for issuance and replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p>
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<p>Medal of Honor</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who can demonstrate being awarded the Medal of Honor.</p> <p>Requirements: Qualifying person must submit a copy of form DD214 (Issued by the U.S. Government) or military orders that demonstrate being awarded the Medal Honor.</p> <p>To Obtain a Set: The first exempt set is issued by the State Registration Section:</p> <p><u>In Person</u></p> <p>Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, 1881 Pierce Street,</p>
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	<p>Lakewood, Colorado 80214-3503</p> <p><u>By Mail</u></p> <p>Department of Revenue, Registration Section, Denver, Colorado 80261-0016</p> <p>Second and additional sets may be obtained at respective resident County Motor Vehicle Offices.</p> <p>Fees: One set of plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213(1)(b)(II)(C). A second or additional set requires a one time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited. Only the first set is exempt from fees.</p> <p><u>Information:</u> Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p>
 <p>A Colorado National Guard license plate. The top part is blue with 'COLORADO' in white. Below that, '000' and 'XXX' are in large black letters, with a small figure of a soldier in the middle. At the bottom, it says 'NATIONAL GUARD'.</p>	<p>National Guard</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles and motor homes.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who is active or retired member of the Colorado National Guard. Applicants must submit the DR 2226 form.</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <p>Initial issue: Submit DR 2226 to certify Colorado National Guard status.</p> <p>Renewal: Each renewal will require an annual Colorado National Guard status certification.</p> <p>Retired: Once retired status is certified, no annual renewal certification will be required.</p> <p>Fees: One time fee of \$50.00 for issuance and replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p><u>National Guard License Plates Application</u> </p> <p><u>Information:</u> Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-218.</p>



Navy Cross

Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.

Who Qualifies: Any person awarded the Navy Cross medal.

Requirements: Submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government) or military orders that demonstrate being awarded the Navy Cross medal, along with the DR 2181 form.

To Obtain a Set: The first exempt set is issued by the State Registration Section:

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Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.

[Medal of Valor Plates Application](#) 

Information: [Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.](#)







NORAD

About: The Norad license plate is a limited issued commemorative plate that will only be issued from July 1, 2008 through January 1, 2010. Plates issued within this period may continue to use those plates after January 1, 2010 until they become damaged, destroyed, lost, stolen or unreadable.

Available for: The Norad license plate may be issued to trucks that do not exceed sixteen thousand pounds empty weight, passenger cars, motorcycles, or a noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreational vehicle.

Who Qualifies: The Norad license plate may be issued to any person that

	<p>desires to register their vehicle with the Norad plate.</p> <p>Requirements: None</p> <p>Fees: A one-time fee of \$50.00 will be collected for the issuance or replacement of the Norad license plates.</p> <p>Plate Options: None</p> <p><u>Motorcycle Plates: Motorcycle plate options.</u></p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed:Unlimited.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statue 42-3-213</p>
 <p>The image shows a Colorado license plate with a blue top section containing the word 'COLORADO'. Below this, the numbers '000' and 'XXX' are displayed in large black font, separated by a small American flag. At the bottom of the plate, the text 'PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR' is written in white on a dark background.</p>	<p>Pearl Harbor Survivor</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can demonstrate being a member of the U.S. Armed Services on 12/07/1941, stationed at Pearl Harbor during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (Hawaii time) • Has received an honorable discharge • Holds a current membership in a national organization of Pearl Harbor Survivors <p>Requirements: Qualifying person must submit the DR 2130 form .</p> <p>To Obtain a Set: The first exempt set is issued by the State Registration Section:</p> <p><u>In Person</u></p> <p>Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, 1881 Pierce Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214-3503</p> <p><u>By Mail</u></p> <p>Department of Revenue, Registration Section, Denver, Colorado 80261-0016</p> <p>Second and additional sets may be obtained at respective resident County Motor Vehicle Offices.</p> <p>Fees: One set of plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213(1)(b)(II)(F). A second or additional set requires a one time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and</p>

	<p>fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Pearl Harbor License Plate Application </p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p>
	<p>Prisoner of War</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who was on active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces during a period of armed conflict while incarcerated by an enemy of the United States.</p> <p>Requirements: Qualifying person must submit DR 2502 form.</p> <p>To Obtain a Set: The first exempt set is issued by the State Registration Section</p> <p><u>In Person</u></p> <p>Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, 1881 Pierce Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214-3503</p> <p><u>By Mail</u></p> <p>Department of Revenue, Registration Section, Denver, Colorado 80261-0016</p> <p>Second and additional sets may be obtained at respective resident County Motor Vehicle Offices.</p> <p>Fees: One set of plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213(1)(b)(II)(A). A second or additional set requires a one time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited. Only the first set is exempt from fees.</p> <p>Former Prisoner of War License Plates Application </p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213</p>



Purple Heart

Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.

Who Qualifies: Any person awarded the Purple Heart medal.

Requirements: Qualifying person must submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government) or military orders that demonstrate being awarded the Purple Heart medal, along with the DR 2223 form .

To Obtain a Set: The first exempt set is issued by the State Registration Section:

In Person

Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, 1881 Pierce Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214-3503

By Mail

Department of Revenue, Title and Registration Section, PO Box 173350, Denver, Colorado 80217-3350

Second and additional sets may be obtained at respective resident County Motor Vehicle Offices.

Fees: One set of plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213(1)(b)(II)(D). A second or additional set requires a one time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.

Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited. Only the first set is exempt from fees.

[Purple Heart License Plates Application](#) 

Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.








Silver Star


Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.

Who Qualifies: Any person awarded the Silver Star medal.

Requirements: Submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government) or military orders that demonstrate being awarded the Silver

	<p>Star medal, along with the DR 2181 form .</p> <p>To Obtain a Set: The first exempt set is issued by the State Registration Section</p> <p><u>In Person</u></p> <p>Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, 1881 Pierce Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214-3503</p> <p><u>By Mail</u></p> <p>Department of Revenue, Registration Section, Denver, Colorado 80261-0016</p> <p>Fees: One set of plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213(1)(b)(II)(E). A second or additional set requires a one time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited. Only the first set is exempt from fees.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p> <p>Medal of Valor Plates Application </p>
	<p>UDT/SEALS</p> <p>About: Creation of this plate was per House Bill 13-120</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A-International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes and motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: A natural person who has received an honorable discharge, is retired, or is an active or reserve member of the United States navy seals may use a United States Navy Seals license plate.</p> <p>Requirements: To qualify for the license plate, an applicant must submit a DD214 form issued by the United States government and a certification from the UDT/SEAL association, Inc., the Rocky Mountain chapter of the UDT/SEAL association, Inc., or a successor organization, that the applicant has an honorable discharge from, is retired from, or is currently an active or reserve member of the Navy SEALs.</p> <p>Fees: One-time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Plate Options: None</p>

	<p>Motorcycle Plates: Motorcycle plate options.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-2-213(26).</p>
 <p>A Colorado license plate with a blue background. At the top, it says 'COLORADO' in white. Below that, '000' is on the left and 'XXX' is on the right, separated by a central emblem of an eagle with wings spread. Below the emblem, it says 'U.S. AIR FORCE'.</p>	<p>U.S. Air Force</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who has received an honorable discharge or is retired, or is an active or reserve member of the U.S. Air Force.</p> <p>Requirements: Submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government), or submit other evidence proving the person is a veteran or reserve member or active member of any component of the U.S. Air Force.</p> <p>Fees: One time fee of \$50.00 for issuance and replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p>
 <p>A Colorado license plate with a red background. At the top, it says 'COLORADO' in white. Below that, '000' is on the left and 'XXX' is on the right, separated by a central emblem of the U.S. Army. Below the emblem, it says 'U.S. ARMY'.</p>	<p>U.S. Army</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who is an active or reserve member, or is retired or has received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army.</p> <p>Requirements: Submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government), or applicant submits other evidence of being a veteran, reserve member or active member of any component of the U.S. Army.</p> <p>Fees: One time fee of \$50.00 for issuance and replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p>
 <p>A Colorado license plate with a blue background. At the top, it says 'COLORADO' in white. Below that, '000' is on the left and 'XXX' is on the right, separated by a central emblem of a soldier's helmet. Below the emblem, it says 'U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES'.</p>	<p>U.S. Army Special Forces</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who has received an honorable discharge or is retired, or is an active or reserve member of the U.S. Army awarded prefix</p>



	<p>"3" or suffix "S" or a designation of "5G", 18/180 MOS, Special Forces Tab, OSS or UNPIK-8240.</p> <p>Requirements: Submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government), or Orders demonstrate being awarded prefix "3" or suffix "S" or a designation of "5G", 18/180 MOS, Special Forces Tab, OSS or UNPIK-8240. Qualifying person must submit form DR 2382.</p> <p>Fees: One time fee of \$50.00 for issuance and replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p> <p>U.S. Army Special Forces License Plate Application </p>
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<p>U.S. Coast Guard</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who has received an honorable discharge or is retired, or is an active auxiliary or reserve member of the U.S. Coast Guard</p> <p>Requirements: Submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government), or submit other evidence proving the person is a veteran or reserve member or active member of any component of the U.S. Coast Guard.</p> <p>Fees: One time fee of \$50.00 for issuance and replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p>



<p>U.S. Marine Corps</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who has received an honorable discharge or is retired, or is an active or reserve member of the U.S. Marine Corps.</p> <p>Requirements: Submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S.</p>
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	<p>Government), or submit other evidence proving person is a veteran or reserve member or or active member of any component of the U.S. Marine Corps.</p> <p>Fees: One time fee of \$50.00 for issuance and replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p>
 <p>A Colorado license plate with a blue background. At the top, it says 'COLORADO'. Below that, there's a graphic of a mountain range. The license plate number is '000' followed by a circular emblem featuring the U.S. Navy seal, and then 'XX'. At the bottom, it says 'U.S. NAVY'.</p>	<p>U.S. Navy</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: Any person who has received an honorable discharge or is retired, or is an active or reserve member of the U.S. Navy.</p> <p>Requirements: Submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government), or submit other evidence to prove the person is a veteran, reserve member, or active member of any component of the U.S. Navy.</p> <p>Fees: One-time fee of \$50.00 for issuance and replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.</p>
 <p>A Colorado license plate with a blue background. At the top, it says 'COLORADO'. Below that, there's a graphic of a mountain range. The license plate number is '000' followed by a graphic of a military medal, and then 'XXY'. At the bottom, it says 'VETERAN OF THE AFGHANISTAN WAR'.</p>	<p>Veteran of Afghanistan War</p> <p>About: Creation of this plate was per House Bill 10-1139.</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes and motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: An individual that is a natural person who was a member of the United States Armed Services between October 7, 2001, and the end of the conflict.</p> <p>Requirements: Qualifying individual must submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government), military identification, or other such documents showing dates of service between October 7, 2001 and the end of the conflict.</p> <p>Fees: One-time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Plate Options: None</p>

	<p>Motorcycle Plates: Motorcycle plate options.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-2-213(21).</p>
 <p>A Colorado license plate with a blue background. At the top, it says 'COLORADO'. Below that, there's a graphic of a mountain range with a gold medal in the center. The plate number is '000 XXX'. At the bottom, it says 'VETERAN OF THE IRAQ WAR'.</p>	<p>Veteran of Iraq War</p> <p>About: Creation of this plate was per House Bill 10-1139.</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A-International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes and motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: An individual that is a natural person who was a member of the United States Armed Services between March 20, 2003, and the end of the conflict.</p> <p>Requirements: Qualifying individual must submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government), military identification, or other such documents showing dates of service between March 20, 2003 and the end of the conflict.</p> <p>Fees: One-time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.</p> <p>Plate Options: None</p> <p>Motorcycle Plates: Motorcycle plate options.</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-2-213(22).</p>
 <p>A Colorado license plate with a yellow background. At the top, it says 'COLORADO'. Below that, there's a graphic of a desert landscape with a shield and a storm. The plate number is '000 XXX'. At the bottom, it says 'OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD/STORM'.</p>	<p>Veteran of Operations Desert Shield/Storm</p> <p>Plate is effective January 1, 2013</p> <p>About: Creation of this plate was per House Bill 12-1162</p> <p>Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A-International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes and motorcycles.</p> <p>Who Qualifies: The applicant must have been a member of the United States Armed Services between August 2, 1990 and February 28, 1991. Applicant shall provide a DD 214 form issued by the United States Government or other evidence sufficient to demonstrate that the applicant is a veteran of the armed services who served between August 2, 1990, and February 28, 1991.</p> <p>Fees: One-time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.</p> <p>Plate Options: None</p> <p>Motorcycle Plates: Motorcycle plate options</p> <p>Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213(24)</p>



Veteran of World War II

About: Creation of this plate was per Senate Bill 11-037.

Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes and motorcycles.

Who Qualifies: The service member served in the armed forces between September 16, 1940 and July 25, 1947

Requirements: Complete the DR 2432 Fallen Service Member & World War II License Plate Application. Acceptable proof is the service members DD-214, showing service between September 16, 1940 and July 25, 1947 or separation papers indicating service during this time frame. Upon authorization, plates will be mailed to the County of residence for the qualified Veteran.

Fees: One set of plates is exempt from fees allowed by CRS 42-3-213 (1)(b)(II)(H) and C.R.S. 42-3-312. Second or additional sets require a one time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.

Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.

Plate Options: None

Motorcycle Plates: Motorcycle plate options.

Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-2-213(23).



Vietnam Veteran

Available For: Passenger cars, trucks that do not exceed 16,000 pounds empty weight, noncommercial (not available for any vehicle registered Tax Class A- International Registration Plan- IRP) or recreation vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles.

Who Qualifies: Any person who can demonstrate being a member of the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam engagement (08/07/1964 - 01/27/1973).

Requirements: Submit a copy of form DD214 (issued by the U.S. Government) or other separation papers that indicate the dates of time served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Fees: One time fee of \$50.00 for issuance and replacement of plates, in addition to other taxes and fees.

Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.

Information: Research Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-213.

Medical Benefits

Dental coverage and full medical for line-of-duty. Eligibility: Colorado National Guard

Hunting and Fishing Privileges

Fishing license: No fee for (1) Member of the Armed Forces stationed as a resident patient at a military hospital or convalescent station, (2) any resident patient at a USDVA hospital located within the State, (3) any Veteran who is permanently and totally disabled.

Small Game Hunting and Fishing License: Free lifetime combination small-game hunting and fishing license. Eligibility: Resident Veteran with a service-connected disability of 60% or more.

Burial

Any Honorably Discharged Veteran is eligible to be buried at any National Cemetery free of charge. Veterans are also eligible to order a Government Headstone at no charge for placement in a private cemetery; however, the family must pay to place the stone. In order to file for burial benefits for reimbursement the Veteran must be receiving monies from the US Department of Veterans Affairs. The person who paid the funeral bill must apply for reimbursement. If buried in a private cemetery the VA will pay \$300.00 for funeral costs and \$422.00 for plot allowance. If the Veteran dies in a VA Medical Center and is buried in a National Cemetery the VA will pay up to \$722.00 for the funeral cost. If buried in a private cemetery the total; will not be more than \$722.00 total for funeral and burial. To schedule a burial in one of Colorado's two existing National Veteran cemeteries Fax all discharge documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-866-900-6417 and follow-up with a phone call to 1-800-535-1117. To apply for burial benefits include the paid receipt with the 21-530 burial benefits application at <http://vets.dmva.state.co.us:8000/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/21-530-burial-benefits-application.pdf>

- **Fort Logan National Cemetery.** Located in the southwest section of Denver at 4400 W. Kenyon Avenue, Denver, CO 80236 Tel: (303) 761-0117/781-9378F. This cemetery has space available to accommodate casketed and cremated remains.



Fort Logan National Cemetery after a snowfall.

- **Fort Lyon National Cemetery.** Located in southeast Colorado, approximately five miles from the town of Las Animas at 15700 County Road HH Las Animas, CO 81054 Tel: (303) 761-0117/781-9378. Fort Logan National Cemetery is responsible for all administrative functions, including the scheduling of burials. Comprised of 52 acres, only 11 acres are currently developed and the cemetery is expected to have burial space for approximately the next 30 years.



Front gate at Fort Lyon National Cemetery.

- **Southern Colorado.** A national veterans cemetery is finally in the works for southern Colorado. The earliest the cemetery could be up and running would be 2018. The proposed cemetery would be just east of Colorado Springs in El Paso County, at Marksheffel Road near Drennan Road. The land was purchased in January 2014 for \$4.49 million. The VA says they have funding for the planning and design stage of the cemetery, which has already begun, but they are waiting on construction funding, which would have to be approved in the 2017 budget. The hope is that the cemetery would accommodate veteran burials for the next 160 years. A lot still needs to happen before the cemetery can open, including naming it. There is no word yet on exactly how many vets the cemetery will be able to accommodate. That won't be released until the final design plans are complete.

Visit the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs website <http://vets.dmva.state.co.us:8000> for contact information and benefits assistance

[Source: <http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-benefits/colorado-state-veterans-benefits> JUL 2016 ++]

Military Discounts in Colorado

1. MVDC has a list of over 5,500 locations in Colorado that have discounts for military personnel or veterans. Similar to businesses, the state of Colorado provides discounts for its veterans and military population. If you are looking for business discounts, use our search tool above.

2. Veterans Designation on driver's license: No

3. Discounted Fees and Taxes

- Discounted veterans specific license plates
- No property taxes for 100% service connected disabled veterans
- \$20,000 of retiree income can be excluded from state income tax calculations up to age 65. Those over 65 and over can exclude up to \$24,000.

- VA Disability Dependency and Indemnity Compensation are not subject to Federal & State taxation

4. Education Discounts

- Tuition waivers for children or spouses of disabled veterans or service members that have died in action at in state schools
- 100% tuition assistance for active duty and reservists at in state schools

[Source: <http://militaryandveteransdiscounts.com/location/colorado.html> JUL 2016 ++]