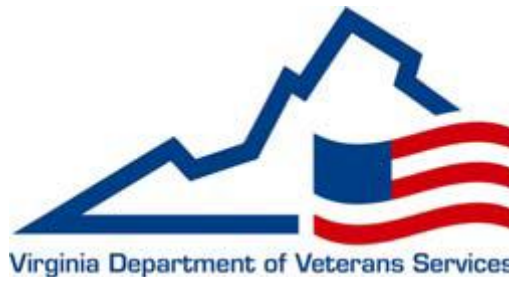


Virginia State Veteran's Benefits & Discounts



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

- Veteran Long Term Care Benefits
- Veteran Employment Benefits
- Veteran Education Benefits
- Other State Sponsored Veteran Benefits

Veteran Long Term Care Benefits

Virginia Veterans Care Center

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Virginia Veterans Care Center has 240 beds in the facility to provide comprehensive, high quality care with on-site laboratory work, x-rays, dental clinic, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, podiatry care, and many other ancillary health care services. The Salem VA Medical Center is also located next door for additional services for those qualified.

Additionally, the building and grounds offer an array of amenities to include wheelchair accessible nature trails and deck, library, chapel, barber shop, billiard room, wood working shop, and convenience store.

The facility is nestled in the landscape of the Blue Ridge mountainside and has been enjoyed by our veterans since it was opened on Veterans Day, 1992.

Visit the Virginia Dept .of Veterans Services website <http://www.dvs.virginia.gov/> for contact information and benefits assistance.

Virginia Veteran Employment Programs

Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)

VEC provides job referral and placement resources available to assist veterans in finding jobs. Veterans Employment Representatives (LVERs) and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) staff are available in most VEC offices to assist veterans with employment services.

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Education Assistance Programs

Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents

The Military Survivors and Dependents Program (MSDEP) provides education benefits to spouses and children of military service members killed, missing in action, taken prisoner, or who became at least 90 percent disabled as a result of military service in an armed conflict. Military service includes service in the United States Armed Forces, United States Armed Forces Reserves, the Virginia National Guard, or the Virginia National Guard Reserves.

Armed conflict includes military operations against terrorism or as the result of a terrorist act, a peace-keeping mission, or any armed conflict after December 6, 1941. This program may pay for tuition of fee at any state-supported college or university in Virginia. Benefits are available for up to four years.

Honorary Diplomas for World War II Veterans

Veteran Honorary High School Diplomas recognize the life experiences of veterans who were unable to complete their high school education because of service in the armed forces during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Since the first honorary diplomas were issued in 2001, more than 1,000 have been awarded to veterans of these three wars.

To obtain an honorary diploma, a veteran may submit a statement to the Veterans Education Unit of the Virginia Department of Education describing his or her service, The location of the last school attended,

and affirming that he or she was unable to complete high school upon return to civilian life The guidelines also allow family members and veterans' organizations to submit this information on behalf

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Other Virginia State Veteran Benefits

License Plates

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offers a variety of veteran and military-related license plates. To obtain eligibility requirements, personalization, and purchase information click on the below titles of the plates shown.

[173rd Airborne](#)



[Air Force Cross](#)



[Air Force Reserve](#)



[Army](#)



[Army Reserve](#)



[Bronze Star](#)



[Bronze Star Motorcycle](#)



[Bronze Star Valor](#)



[Chosin Reservoir Survivor](#)



[Coast Guard](#)



[Coast Guard Auxiliary](#)



[Coast Guard Reserve](#)



[Combat Infantryman](#)



[Desert Shield/Storm Veteran](#)



[Disabled Veteran](#)



[Disabled Veteran Motorcycle](#)



[Distinguished Flying Cross](#)



[Distinguished Service Cross](#)



[Enduring Freedom Veteran](#)



[Former Prisoner of War](#)



[Gold Star](#)



[Iraqi Freedom Veteran](#)



[Korean War Veteran](#)



[Legion of Valor of the USA](#)



[Marine Corps - Semper Fidelis](#)



[Marine Corps League](#)



[Marine Corps Motorcycle](#)



[Marine Corps Reserve](#)



[National Guard](#)



[National Guard Retired](#)



[Naval Aviator](#)



[Naval Reserve](#)



[Navy Cross](#)



[Oceana Naval Air Station](#)



[Pearl Harbor Survivor](#)



[Purple Heart](#)



[Purple Heart Motorcycle](#)



[Silver Star](#)



[Special Forces Association](#)



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[U.S. 3rd Infantry Regiment](#)



[USS Cole](#)



[Veteran Armed Forces](#)



[Veteran Armed Forces Motorcycle](#)



[Veterans of Foreign Wars](#)



[Vietnam Veteran](#)



[Vietnam Veterans of America](#)



[Virginia Defense Force](#)



[World War II Veteran](#)



Burial Services

Upon request VA will assign a gravesite, open and close the grave, order and place the grave marker, and provide perpetual care for the veteran and their spouse/ eligible dependent. Additionally, they offer the veteran the three following choices: Casketed Ground Burial, Cremation Ground Burial, or Cremation Above-Ground inurnment in our Columbarium Niches. There is no cost to the veteran for these services. For the spouse/ eligible dependent, the cost is \$300.

For expediency, the veteran may apply prior to death to determine eligibility for interment in the cemetery. To download a copy of the pre-application form, please click one of the links below. You may also request a copy of the pre-application by calling the cemetery at (804) 561-1475. Please remember that in addition to the pre-application form, you must submit documentation of military service (DD214 or equivalent) and a copy of a marriage certificate, if applicable. You must also inform cemetery management of other dependent eligibility status at time of application.

[Pre-application form](#) (68KB)

[Authorized Emblem form](#) (607KB)

Eligibility Requirements for Interment - Members of the U.S. Armed Forces who die on active duty, who retire from military service, or who are honorably discharged are eligible for burial in one of Virginia's veterans cemeteries Under certain conditions, the following persons are also eligible for interment:

- Members of the reserve components of the Armed forces, such as the Army National Guard or Air National Guard.
- Members of the Reserve Officer's Training Corps of the Army, Navy, or Air Force.
- Any Citizen of the United States who served in the Armed Forces of any government allied with the United States during wartime.
- Any Commissioned officer of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service.
- American merchant seamen who served actively during World War II.
- Anyone who dies while enroute to be inducted into military service.

Dependents - The legal spouse (or widow or widower) and/or an unmarried minor child under age 21 meets eligibility requirements. In addition, an unmarried adult child who, before the age of 21, became permanently incapable of self-support because of physical or mental disability may also be interred.

Unclaimed Cremains – The Virginia VA invites all funeral homes, hospitals, prisons, crematories, and other facilities holding unclaimed cremains to join the Virginia Military Funeral Honors for Unclaimed Veterans' Cremains Program. To provide a list of unclaimed cremains at your facility or to request assistance or information, contact: Virginia Department of Veterans Services, Albert G. Horton, Jr.,

Memorial Veterans Cemetery, 5210 Milners Road. Suffolk, VA 23434 Tel: (757) 255 · 7217. Participating organizations will receive a certificate recognizing their participation in the Virginia Military Funeral Honors for Unclaimed Veterans' Remains Program. Participating organizations will also be recognized on the program's website once it is established. And, as support for this program grows, we expect positive media coverage recognizing the commitment made by all program participants.

Cemetery Locations -

- Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia, 10300 Pridesville Road Amelia, VA 23002. The cemetery is open to the public for visitation everyday during daylight hours. Cemetery administrative offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cemetery administrative office may be reached at (804) 561-1475. After normal business hours funeral directors can call (757)-272-2283 to schedule interment services.
- Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery, 5310 Milners Road, Suffolk, VA 23434. The cemetery is open to the public for visitation everyday during daylight hours. Cemetery administrative offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cemetery administrative office may be reached at (757) 255-7217. After normal business hours, funeral directors can call (757) 272-2283 to schedule interment services.
- Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, 5550 Bagging Plant Road , Dublin, VA 24084. The cemetery is open to the public for visitation everyday during daylight hours. Cemetery administrative offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cemetery administrative office may be reached at (540) 674-6893. After normal business hours, funeral directors can call (757)-272-2283 to schedule interment services.

Vet Homes.

Virginia has two Veteran Care Centers (VCCC). Admission criteria for both are:

- Honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces
- Virginia residency at the time of admission
- Meets medical requirements for nursing home care

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<http://www.dvs.virginia.gov/downloads/Virginia%20Veterans%20Care%20Center%20Application%20Packet.pdf>. If you have any questions or would like an information packet sent to you, contact:

Patti Smith

Admissions Director

Virginia Veterans Care Center

4550 Shenandoah Avenue

Roanoke, VA 24017

(540) 982-2860 ext. 4107

patti.smith@dvs.virginia.gov

Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center



Named for two Medal of Honor recipients-Colonel Van Barfoot and Colonel Carl Sitter-this care center provides the gold standard in quality care for Virginia's veterans. The Care Center is located on the campus of the McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia and is operated by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. This single-level facility features 160 single-occupancy rooms in three nursing units: two 60-bed skilled nursing care units and one 40-bed secure Alzheimer's dementia unit with enclosed courtyards. An application packet is available at <http://www.dvs.virginia.gov/downloads/SBVCC%20Application%20Pack.pdf>. If you have any questions or would like an information packet sent to you, contact:

Kim Elliott

Admissions Director

Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center

1601 Broad Rock Blvd.

Richmond, VA 23224

(804) 371-8000

kim.elliott@dvs.virginia.gov

Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) offers a lifetime hunting and fishing license to service-connected, totally and permanently disabled veterans for minimal fee.

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[Source: <http://www.military.com/benefits/content/veteran-state-benefits/virginia-state-veterans-benefits.html> Mar 2014 ++]

Military Discounts in Virginia

- 1.** MVDC has close to 7,000 business locations in Virginia that have discounts for military personnel and veterans. In addition to businesses providing discounts, the state also provides discounts for those that have served. To find business discounts, enter your zip code and category in the search box at the top of <http://militaryandveteransdiscounts.com/location/virginia.html>.
- 2. Veterans Designation on drivers license:** Qualified veterans can receive a Veterans Identification Card (VIC) issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles for a one-time fee of \$10
- 3. Discounted Fees and Taxes -** Resident and non-resident veterans with a service-connected disability may qualify for a special hunting and fishing license.
- 4. Property tax and Financial Benefits -** A property tax exemption for veterans with a 100% service-related disability applies to the principal residence and up to one acre of the land upon which it sits
- 5. Education Discounts -** Spouses and children of service members who were 90% disabled resulting from military service in armed conflict, missing in action, taken prisoner, or killed may receive education benefits through the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents program. This program may pay tuition and fees at any state-supported college or university for up to 4 years.

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