

# Kentucky State Veteran's Benefits



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

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

## **Kentucky Veteran Housing Programs**

### **State Veterans Long Term Care Facilities**

The Commonwealth of Kentucky is committed to providing long-term care facilities for Kentucky's veterans, offering a broad range of versatile nursing care.

Each of Kentucky's three facilities has a compassionate and professional staff committed to providing thoughtful, quality care. These facilities are also fully prepared to provide care for dementia and Alzheimer residents. Additionally, each of our homes are outfitted with state of the art equipment. Physical therapy and recreational activities are available to help our residents achieve their ultimate functioning abilities.

Learn more about the State Veterans Long Term Care Facilities at <http://veterans.ky.gov/nursinghomes>.

## **Kentucky Financial Assistance Benefits**

### **New Military Family Assistance Trust Fund**

Kentucky has introduced a new Military Family Assistance Trust Fund to provide assistance to all Kentucky Home of Record military members and dependents who are facing undue hardships caused by deployments outside of the United States.

### **Veterans Loan Program**

KDVA has a program to offer small sum loans to Kentucky Veterans, however, this program cannot begin until KDVA designs the program and gets approval for regulation on how the program will operate. KDVA hopes to launch the program soon, and will keep veterans informed about the program through their email distribution lists and press releases to the media.

Contact your nearest Kentucky Dept. of Veterans' Affairs Representative at <http://veterans.ky.gov> for more information.

## **Employment Assistance**

### **Employment Assistance**

KDVA and the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet work together to ensure that veterans are able to take full advantage of the state employment opportunities available to them. The Veterans Liaison at Personnel helps veterans to identify jobs appropriate for them and compose applications that fully explore the skills they learned in the military.

### **State Employment Preference Points**

Kentucky offers state employment preference points for veterans, their Spouses, widows, widowers, and parents. The program provides 5 hiring preference points for honorably discharged veterans and for former members of the Kentucky National Guard. 10 points are awarded to veterans with service-connected disabilities and certain spouses of veterans with service-connected disabilities. Surviving spouses of certain war veterans and parents who were dependent on a veteran who lost his/her life under honorable conditions while on active duty are also entitled to 10 preference points. (Preference points are credited towards state employment when testing at the Personnel Cabinet in Frankfort.)

Learn more about the State of Kentucky Veteran Employment Programs. at <http://veterans.ky.gov/employmentinfo>

## **Kentucky Education Benefits**

### **Tuition Waiver Program**

A waiver of tuition is an education benefit provided by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in recognition of military service of certain Kentucky veterans. The tuition waiver is provided for children, stepchildren, adopted children, spouses, and unremarried widows & widowers. An approved tuition waiver means a student may attend any two-year, four-years schools or vocational technical schools that are operated and funded by the Kentucky Department of Education.

You may qualify if one of the following is true of the veteran:

- Died on active duty.
- Died as a direct result of a service connected disability as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 100% service connected disabled.
- Totally disabled (non-service connected) with wartime service.
- Upon the death of any veteran who served during a wartime period.

Visit the [Kentucky Dept. of Veterans' Affairs website](#) for more information.

## **Other Kentucky State Veteran Benefits**

### **Homeless Veterans Program**

We are working to ensure the homeless provider network here in Kentucky is aware that most homeless veterans are eligible for VA benefits and their needs differ from the non-veteran homeless community. We have been able to network around the state and assess the variety of programs or lack of programs offered. KDVA has partnered with Volunteers of America (VOA) to operate a drug/alcohol treatment/transitional housing program at the Lexington, Kentucky VAMC (Leestown Campus). The 40-bed program began enrolling veterans in on April 8, 2005. KDVA will have a presence at the facility to assist those veterans in their claims.

### **Women Veterans Program**

The mission of the program is to ensure Kentucky's women veterans have equitable access to federal and state veterans' services and benefits. The program provides assistance to women who served in the United States Armed Forces or in forces incorporated as part of the United States Armed Forces and who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. The Women Veterans Coordinator for the Commonwealth collaborates with federal, state, and local agencies on issues related to women veterans; performs outreach to improve awareness of eligibility for services and benefits; assesses the needs of women veterans with respect to benefits and services; makes recommendations to the commissioner to improve benefits and services; and incorporates women veterans' issues in strategic planning concerning benefits and services.

### **Veteran Designation on Driver's License**

The 2012 General Assembly, through enactment of House Bill 221, authorized a special veteran designation on driver's licenses. The word "VETERAN" will be printed vertically and in capital letters along the right border of the license holder's photo. To obtain a license with the designation, a veteran must present a DD214 – the Department of Defense form that verifies service – at the office of the local circuit court clerk, where driver's licenses are issued.

### **Burial Honors**

KDVA helps implement and assist Veterans Service Organizations with Burial Honors Programs. Any Veterans Service Organization seeking a stipend for providing honors should contact our Burial Honors Program Coordinator, (888) 724-7683. Certification of Veterans Service Organizations performing Burial Honors by the National Guard, Ft. Knox or Ft. Campbell has been suspended as a result of operational requirements brought about by current world events.

### **State Veterans Cemeteries**

Kentucky Veterans Cemeteries are located in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Fort Knox, Williamstown, Greenup County and soon in Leslie County.

Visit the Kentucky Dept. of Veterans' Affairs website <http://veterans.ky.gov> for more information.

[Source: <http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-benefits/kentucky-state-veterans-benefits> Jan 2013 ++]