



Veterans Benefits

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Session Description

- Benefits for Veterans from VA and other agencies.
- Guidance on filing a disability claim.
- Q&A.

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Veteran Impact

<http://www1.va.gov/vetdata/page.cfm?pg=3>

- Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures (GDX)
 - Prepared each fiscal year by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness
 - Presents the estimated dollar expenditures for major VA Programs by county and Congressional Districts within each state.
 - Expenditure data is grouped by the following categories:
 - Compensation and Pension (C&P);
 - Education and Vocational Rehabilitation;
 - Insurance and Indemnities; Construction (CNSTR);
 - General Operating Expenses (GOE);
 - and Medical Care.

County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pensions	Construction*	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
<i>Expenditures in \$000s</i>										
ANGELINA	6,518	\$ 26,646	\$ 16,060	\$ -	\$ 664	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225	\$ 9,697	2,144
CONG. DIST (02)	52,980	\$ 50,559	\$ 84,506	\$ -	\$ 6,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,461	\$ 56,842	10,384
TEXAS (Totals)	1,705,311	\$7,701,100	\$ 3,628,295	\$ 45,080	\$ 303,923	\$969,714	\$178,380	\$ 86,835	\$2,488,873	396,969

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Veteran Facts

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/fact/amwars.asp>

- 23.442 million living Veterans
 - 7.5% of whom are women
 - 37 million dependents (spouses and dependent children) of living veterans and survivors of deceased veterans
 - Represents 20% of the US population
- Living Veterans by War Era as of Nov 2008
 - World War I (1917 – 1918) – 1 Living Veterans
 - World War II (1941 – 1945) – 2,306,000 Living Veterans
 - Korean (1950 – 1953) – 2,307,000 Living Veterans
 - Vietnam (1964 – 1975) – 7,125,000 Living Veterans
 - Desert Shield / Storm (1990 – 1991) – 2,269,000 Living Veterans
 - Global War on Terror (2001 – ?) – not available
 - Casualties 7 Oct 2001 – 1 Nov 2008 = 38,158
- States with the largest veteran population are CA, FL, TX, PA, NY and OH, respectively. These six states account for about 36% of the total veteran population.

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Veterans Pride

<http://www1.va.gov/veteranspride/>

Message from Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Jim Nicholson

- That is why I am calling on America's veterans to wear their military medals on Veterans Day, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. Wearing their medals demonstrates the deep pride our veterans have in their military service and reminds all American citizens of the sacrifices our veterans have made.
- Veterans, wear your pride on your left side on patriotic holidays! Let America know who you are and what you did for freedom.

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Public Law 110-181 – Veterans Still Saluting

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110_cong_public_laws&docid=f:publ181.110

SEC. 594. CONDUCT BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS OUT OF UNIFORM DURING HOISTING, LOWERING, OR PASSING OF UNITED STATES FLAG.

Section 9 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by striking ``all persons present" and all that follows through the end of the section and inserting the following: ``all persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.".

28 Jan 2008: Signed by the President and became Public Law 110-181.

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Public Law 417– Amended Still Saluting

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110_cong_public_laws&docid=f:publ181.110

SEC. 595. MILITARY SALUTE FOR THE FLAG DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NOT IN UNIFORM AND BY VETERANS.

Section 301(b)(1) of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

“(A) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note;

“(B) members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and

“(C) all other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart; and”.

14 Oct 2008: Signed by the President and became Public Law 110-417.

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Cold War Certificate

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/tagd/coldwar/default.htm>




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The Registry of the American Soldier

<http://www.usarmyregistry.org/home.aspx>

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The Registry of the American Soldier


 **Vicheal G. Rollins**

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First Lieutenant (1LT)

HOMETOWN
Longview, TX

HONORED BY
LTC James R. Rollins, Son



Service Activity

GRADUATED IN 1950 FROM TEXAS A&M COLLEGE AND WAS COMMISSIONED IN THE USAR AS A 2LT IN THE FIELD ARTILLERY. ON 1 FEB 1951 HE WAS CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE 593D FA BN, CAMP POLK, LA, WHICH WAS LATER DEPLOYED TO GERMANY, WHERE HE SERVED UNTIL HIS RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY ON 27 NOV 1952. HE CONTINUED IN THE USAR UNTIL HIS DISCHARGE ON 15 OCT 1954.

STORIES of SERVICE and SACRIFICE

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Definition of a Veteran

(US Code Title 38 – Veterans’ Benefits, Part I – General Provisions, Chapter 1 – General, Section 101 – Definitions)

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse_usc&docid=Cite:+38USC101

Veterans are people who served in the military (U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard) in times of war or peace.

- **Eligibility for Benefits:**

- **Active Duty:**

- Discharged under other than dishonorable conditions
- Active service means full-time service, other than active duty for training
- Member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or as a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, Environmental Science Services Administration or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

- **Selected Reserve or National Guard Duty:**

- Completed six years of honorable service;
- Active Duty, not for training for 181 days; or
- Active Duty, not for training for 90 days during a period of war.

- **Current war periods:**

- Prior to Vietnam War (Mexican Border Period 1916 - 1917, World War I 1917 - 1920, World War II 1941 - 1946, and Korean War 1950 - 1955).
- Vietnam War: Aug. 5, 1964 (Feb. 28, 1961, for veterans who served “in country” before Aug. 5, 1964), through May 7, 1975.
- Gulf War: Aug. 2, 1990, through a date to be set by law or Presidential Proclamation.

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Compensation

Disability	Monthly Rate
10 Percent	\$123
20 Percent	243
30 Percent	376 - 525
40 Percent	541 - 740
50 Percent	770 - 1,109
60 Percent	974 - 1,273
70 Percent	1,228 - 1,577
80 Percent	1,427 - 1,826
90 Percent	1,604 - 2,053
100 Percent	2,673 - 3,172

• Additional child from \$22 to \$240

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

Basic Rate	\$1,154
Additional:	
Each Child	\$286
Aid and Attendance	\$286
Housebound	\$135

• Add \$246 if 100% disabled for 8 years prior to death

<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp01.htm>

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Veteran Affairs Benefits *(Filing for Benefits)*

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VA Statistics

Potentially eligible for VA benefits and services

23.442 million Veterans

- In 2007, \$86.7 billion for Veteran's benefits and services
 - \$36.6 billion for health care
 - \$45.3 billion for benefits
 - 3.7 million Veterans receive compensation or pension
 - \$166.8 million for the national cemetery system
- 7.7 million Veterans in the VA's health care system
 - 2.9 million sought care in 1995
 - 5.3 million sought care in 2006, with over 54 million outpatient visits
- VA operates 1,300 medical facilities - 155 hospitals, 881 outpatient clinics, 135 nursing homes, 46 domiciliaries, and 207 readjustment counseling centers

<http://www1.va.gov/vetdata/>

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VA Statistics (cont)

- VA Locations - 57 regional offices and 120 national cemeteries
- VA Home Loans
 - 2.2 million Vets have home loans
 - \$243 billion in loans, 90% use “no down payment”
- VA Education
 - 523,000 students received education benefits in 2007
 - 20% are first time recipients
- VA Insurance
 - 4 million policy holders
 - Valued at \$1 trillion
- VA Supports
 - Civil War – 3 dependents still get benefits
 - Spanish – American War – 200 dependents still get benefits

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VA Statistics

Potentially eligible for VA benefits and services

And do not use them

- VA Education
 - 95% of active duty sign up for the GI Bill (cost about \$1,200)
 - only 70% ever use it when they get out
 - 7% of Veterans who separated before 1997 used up all their benefits by the 10 year limit
 - Non-veterans (41%) were more likely than Veterans (15%) to enroll in a bachelor's degree program
- VA Claims
 - Over 1.6 million have served since 2001 in OEF/OIF
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VA Programs

Potentially eligible for VA benefits and services

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VA's 2010 guide to "Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors" is now available online. This is the all-in-one place to learn about the benefits to which you or a family member might be entitled.

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Welcome to our online military personnel records request system.

Use our system to create a customized order form to request information from your, or your relative's, military personnel records. You may use this system if you are:

- A military veteran, or
- Next of kin of a deceased, former member of the military
 - The next of kin can be any of the following: surviving spouse that has not remarried, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, or brother.

If you are **not** the veteran or next of kin, you must complete the Standard Form 180 (SF 180). See [Access to Military](#)

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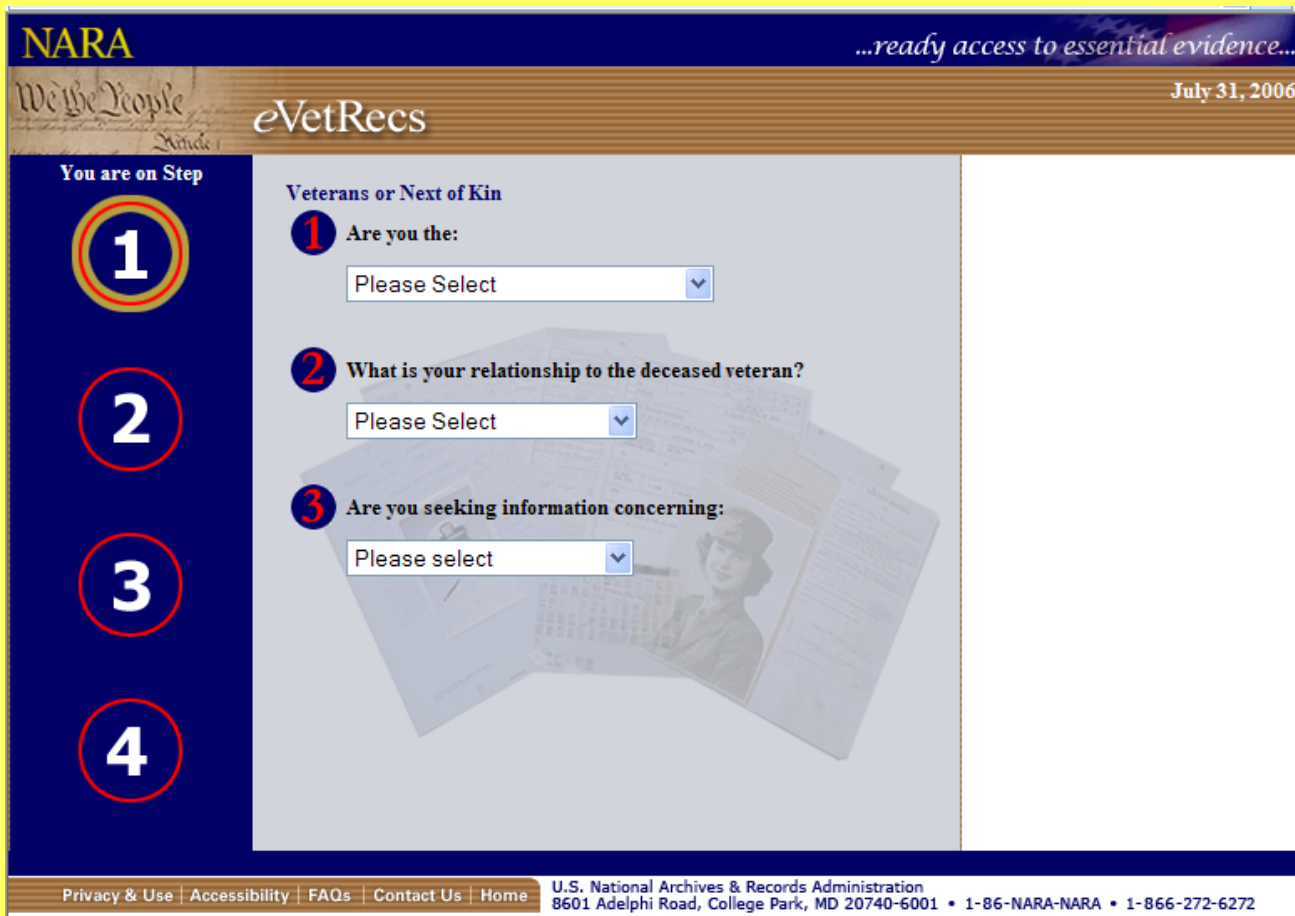
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<https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.asp>



NARA ...ready access to essential evidence...
We the People
eVetRecs July 31, 2006

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Veterans or Next of Kin

1 Are you the:
Please Select

2 What is your relationship to the deceased veteran?
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 - Medical - VA Form 10-10EZ – Application for Health Benefits
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<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>

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VA Copayment Rates

<http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/Library/pubs/CopayRates/CopayRates.pdf>

Type of Care	Who must Pay a Co-payment	Co-payment Amount
Out Patient Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-service-connected disability (except WWI veterans, former POWs and veterans with a Purple Heart and • Income above the Means Test threshold based on veteran family's income and net worth (higher income veterans). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15 for each basic care outpatient visit. • \$50 for each specialty care outpatient visit • \$0 for preventive screenings, immunizations, lab test, film radiology an EKGs.
Medications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans in Priority Groups 2 through 7 must pay this co-payment whenever they obtain medication from VA on an out-patient basis for treatment of a Non-service-connected disability. • Priority Group 1 veterans and veterans on a VA pension are not required to make medication co-payments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$8 for each 30-day(or less) supply of medication, including over-the-counter medications. • The total amount of co-payments payable in a calendar year is capped at \$960 for Priority Groups 2 through 6. There is currently no cap for Priority Group 7
Extended Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-service-connected disability, and • Income about the threshold for the VA Form 10-10-EC(higher income veterans). • If you have a compensable service connected disability or are receiving care relative to exposure or experience, you will not have to make co-payments for Extended Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended care co-payments vary from veteran to veteran and are based on ability to pay. • Up to \$97 for each day nursing home care, institutional geriatric evaluation. • Up to \$15 for each day of adult day health care, non institutional respite care, or non-institutional geriatric evaluation. • Up to \$5 for domiciliary care

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VA Priority Groups (1/3)

<http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/Library/pubs/EPG/EnrollmentPriorityGroups.pdf>

Priority Group 1

- Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 50% or more

Priority Group 2

- Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 30% or 40%

Priority Group 3

- Veterans who are former POWs
- Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 10% or 20%
- Veterans discharged from active duty for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty
- Veterans who received the Purple Heart
- Veterans awarded special eligibility classification under 38, U.S.C., Section 1151, "benefits for individuals disabled by treatment or vocational rehabilitation"

Priority Group 4

- Veterans who are receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits
- Veterans who have been determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled

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VA Priority Groups (2/3)

Priority Group 5

- Nonservice-connected veterans and noncompensable service-connected veterans rated 0% disabled, whose annual income and net worth are below the established dollar thresholds

Priority Group 6

- Compensable 0% service-connected veterans
- World War I veterans
- Mexican Border War veterans
- Veterans solely seeking care for disorders associated with: exposure to herbicides while serving in Vietnam; or exposure to ionizing radiation during atmospheric testing or during the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; or for disorders associated with service in the Gulf War; or for any illness associated with service in combat in a war after the Gulf War or during a period of hostility after November 11, 1998.

Priority Group 7

- Veterans who agree to pay specified copayments with income and/or net worth above the VA Means Test threshold and income below the HUD geographic index
- Subpriority a: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans who were enrolled in the VA Health Care System on a specified date and who have remained enrolled since that date

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VA Priority Groups (3/3)

Priority Group 7 (Continued)

- Subpriority c: Nonservice-connected veterans who were enrolled in the VA Health Care System on a specified date and who have remained enrolled since that date
- Subpriority e: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans not included in Subpriority a above
- Subpriority g: Nonservice-connected veterans not included in Subpriority c above

Priority Group 8

- Veterans who agree to pay specified copayments with income and/or net worth above the VA Means Test threshold and the HUD geographic index
- Subpriority a: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans enrolled as of January 16, 2003 and who have remained enrolled since that date
- Subpriority c: Nonservice-connected veterans enrolled as of January 16, 2003 and who have remained enrolled since that date
- Subpriority e: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003
- Subpriority g: Nonservice-connected veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003
- NOTE: Eligible now if less than \$32,342 – Net Worth. Different for each area.

NOTE: Priority 5 (Low Income): Vet - \$11,830 year or Vet and Spouse - \$15,493 year

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Service Organizations

- Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- American Legion
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Purple Heart Association
- Texas Veterans Commission
- Texas Veterans Land Board
- <http://www1.va.gov/vso/>

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Agent Orange

Information about Agent Orange, possible health problems, and related VA benefits

Announcement

VA Recognizes Additional "Presumptive" Diseases for Vietnam Veterans: On March 25, 2010, VA published a proposed regulation that will establish B-cell leukemias, such as hairy cell leukemia; Parkinson's disease; and ischemic heart disease as associated with Agent Orange exposure. Eligible Vietnam Veterans may receive [disability compensation](#) for these diseases when the regulation becomes final. You may [apply online now](#), so VA can begin development of your claim. Read the [press release](#) to learn more.

[Agent Orange](#) is the name given to a specific blend of herbicides used in Vietnam from 1961 to 1971 during the Vietnam conflict. The U.S. military sprayed millions of gallons of Agent Orange and other herbicides to remove leaves from trees that provided cover for enemy forces. Some Vietnam Veterans were exposed to these herbicides.

VA and many other government departments and agencies have conducted [research studies](#) on the possible health effects of Agent Orange exposure on U.S. veterans.

VA has recognized certain cancers and other [diseases associated with Agent Orange exposure](#).



Planes spraying jungle foliage with herbicides

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1-800-749-8387
Press 3

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Agent Orange Registry

- Ensure all who were exposed receive appropriate medical care.
- Vietnam veterans, Korea in 1968 – 1969, or exposed during the testing, transporting, or spraying of Agent Orange or other herbicides.
 - VA has included the USS Ingersoll (DD 652) 24 – 25 Oct 1965
- 453,581 Veterans have registered as of May 2006.
- Contacts
 - VA 1-800-749-8387 or www1.va.gov/agentorange/
 - Vietnam Veterans of America (1-800-882-1316)

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Why Register?

- Recognized as Service Connected
 - 12 Cancers: Chloracne; Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; Soft tissue sarcoma; Hodgkin's disease; Porphyria cutanea tarda; Multiple myeloma; Respiratory cancers – larynx, trachea, and bronchus; Prostate cancer; Acute and subacute transient peripheral neuropathy
 - Type 2 diabetes and Diabetes Mellitus (DM)
 - Spina bifida in veterans with children (1-888-820-1756; www.sbaa.org; or spinabifda@aol.com)
 - NEW (13 October 2009) – B cell Leukemias – hairy cell, Parkinson's, and ischemic heart disease
- Free Medical Exam
 - Used for future claims with VA
- Become part of the program, so that you will always be kept informed.

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Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses

Information about health problems associated with military service during Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom and related VA benefits

Announcements

- ▶ **Institute of Medicine Report:** The Institute of Medicine released a report on Gulf War Veterans' illnesses April 9, 2010. Two major recommendations for VA are continue to monitor the health of deployed and non-deployed Gulf War Veterans, and conduct research to recognize and develop treatments for these Veterans' health problems. Learn more about the [Institute of Medicine Report on Gulf War and Health](#).
- ▶ **Gulf War Task Force Report:** VA's Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force completed a [draft written report](#) (432 KB, PDF) that will redefine how VA addresses the concerns of Veterans who deployed during the Gulf War in 1990 and 1991. Read the [press release](#) to learn more.

Approximately 697,000 men and women served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm from August 1990 to June 1991 during the [Gulf War](#). In the years since they returned, nearly a quarter of Gulf War Veterans have experienced illnesses that have led VA and others to [research](#) whether [hazardous exposures during the Gulf War](#) caused their symptoms.

VA presumes certain unexplained clusters of symptoms or [illnesses as associated with military service in the Gulf](#). Eligible Veterans may receive VA [health care benefits](#) and [disability compensation](#).



Fires burning during the Gulf War

Toll-free Helpline
1-800-749-8387
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About Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses

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Other Hazardous Exposures

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Gulf War Registry

- **Mission**
 - Ensure all who served in the Gulf receive appropriate medical care
 - Investigate and explain Gulf War illnesses, informing veterans and public of progress and findings
 - Put in place all required military doctrine, and personnel and medical policies, and procedures to protect forces in the future.

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Why Register

- Service Connected
 - Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig's disease
 - 13 signs or symptoms of undiagnosed illness
 - Fibromyalgia
 - Chronic fatigue syndrome
 - Irritable bowel syndrome
- Free Medical Exam - Used for future claims with VA
- Become part of the program, so that you will always be kept informed
- POCs
 - Veterans: 1-800-749-8387 (PGW-VETS)
 - Active Duty: 1-800-796-9699

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Hazardous Exposures

Information on chemical, radiation, physical and environmental hazards during military service, possible health problems and related VA benefits

Announcements

- ▶ **New Ionizing Radiation Newsletter:** Read the latest [Ionizing Radiation Review](#) (776 KB, PDF) to learn about the Veterans' Board on Dose Reconstruction and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's efforts to expedite claims processing and more.
- ▶ **Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Report:** The Institute of Medicine released a [report on Gulf War and Health](#) April 9, 2010. Two major recommendations for VA are continue to monitor the health of deployed and non-deployed Gulf War Veterans, and conduct research to recognize and develop treatments for these Veterans' health problems.

Some U.S. Veterans may have been exposed to various environmental and occupational hazards during military service. This Web site provides information on:

- What those hazardous exposures may be
- How exposure may have occurred during military service
- Known and possible health problems associated with each type of exposure
- VA health care, compensation, and other benefits for health problems associated with hazardous exposures during military service

Types of Exposures

 **Agent Orange**
Learn about Agent Orange and other herbicides used in Vietnam and Korea, diseases associated with herbicide exposure, and more.

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1-800-749-8387

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Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom

<http://www.oefoif.va.gov/>

- **Mission**
 - Ensure all who served in these operations receive appropriate medical care
 - Similar to actions taken for Agent Orange and Gulf War.
 - Benefits from Gulf War Registry still applies, since 1991 Gulf War has not been declared officially ended.

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Websites for OIF and OEF

- <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/oefoif/index.asp> - Listing of current information
- <http://www.oefoif.va.gov/> - Provides information and assistance.
- <http://www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/nj/> – War-Related Illness and Injury Study Center.

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<http://www.iom.edu/Global/Topics/VeteransHealth.aspx>

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Veterans Health

Military personnel and their families can face health concerns that vary from those of civilians. These may include additional or different nutritional needs and exposure to uncommon agents and diseases, as well as the transition from health services provided by the Department of Defense to those provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The IOM's work considers the unique experiences of our nation's current and former servicemen and women.

Reports Related to Veterans Health

<p>Gulf War and Health: Volume 8. Health Effects of Serving in the Gulf War Released: April 9, 2010</p>	<p>Preliminary Assessment of Readjustment Needs of Veterans, Service Members, ... Released: March 31, 2010</p>	<p>Provision of Mental Health Counseling Services under TRICARE Released: February 12, 2010</p>
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Report Releases

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Gulf War and Health: Volume 8. Health Effects of Serving in the Gulf War
Released: April 9, 2010

At the request of Congress, the IOM is conducting an ongoing review of the evidence to determine what might be responsible for Gulf War veterans' long-term health problems. In this report, the IOM updates its 2006 summary of veterans' health problems and determines that Gulf War service causes post-traumatic stress disorder and is associated with several other illnesses and disorders.

Stay up to date!

Receiving regular emails

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VA Appeals

- Use a Veteran's Service Organization
- Over half of cases reversed or returned for reconsideration upon appeal
- 2007 – Board of Veterans' Appeals
 - 40,401 cases
 - 56% (22,817) – overturned or sent back for reconsideration
- Appeals Status
 - National Average – 21% reversed, 35% sent back, total 56%
 - Houston VA Region – 18% reversed, 36% sent back, total 54%
 - Waco VA Region – 19% reversed, 33% sent back, total 52%
- Disability Ratings – Code of Federal Regulations (CFR); Title 38: Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief; Part 4 – Schedule for Rating Disabilities (4.71a – Schedule of Ratings – musculoskeletal system).
 - <http://www.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/cfrassemble.cgi?title=200838>

















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Disability Ratings – Code of Federal Regulations (CFR); Title 38: Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief; Part 4 – Schedule for Rating Disabilities

Title 38--Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief

CHAPTER I--DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

PART 4--SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES

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Disability Ratings – Code of Federal Regulations (CFR); Title 38: Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans’ Relief; Part 4 – Schedule for Rating Disabilities

[Code of Federal Regulations]
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PART 4_SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABIL

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Sec. 4.87 Schedule of ratings--ea

Disease

6200 Chronic suppurative otitis media, mastoiditis, or cholesteatoma (or any combination): During suppuration, or with aural polyps.....	10
Note: Evaluate hearing impairment, and complications such as labyrinthitis, tinnitus, facial nerve paralysis, or bone loss of skull, separately.	
6201 Chronic nonsuppurative otitis media with effusion (serous otitis media): Rate hearing impairment	
6202 Otosclerosis: Rate hearing impairment	
6204 Peripheral vestibular disorders: Dizziness and occasional staggering.....	30
Occasional dizziness.....	10
Note: Objective findings supporting the diagnosis of vestibular disequilibrium are required before a compensable evaluation can be assigned under this code. Hearing impairment or suppuration shall be separately rated and combined.	
6205 Meniere's syndrome (endolymphatic hydrops): Hearing impairment with attacks of vertigo and cerebellar gait occurring more than once weekly, with or without tinnitus....	100
Hearing impairment with attacks of vertigo and cerebellar gait occurring from one to four times a month, with or without tinnitus.....	60
Hearing impairment with vertigo less than once a month, with	30



Guidance

- Worst Case Not Best Case
- You're Not a Doctor
- If Not for You, Your Family
- Use It or Lose It

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Review of Steps (1/3)

- You have to fill out the paperwork, you cannot get anything for nothing. Minimum, need a copy of your DD214 – Discharge.
- National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) – Military Personnel Records
 - vetrecs.archives.gov
 - Apply for DD214 and medical and personnel records.
- Two Procedures – Medical and Administrative (Compensation)
- Medical – Only gets you into the medical system, not compensation.
 - VA Form 10-10EZ or online at the Veterans ON-line APPLication (VANAPP) Website - vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/
 - Based on priority and how applying. (Do not get wrapped up on financial information requirements).
 - Gets you into the VA Medical system.
 - See a VA Doctor at least once a year to keep your file current.
 - Always highlight problems that you are applying compensation for.
 - “Worst Day, Not Best Day” when discussing symptoms.

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Review of Steps (2/3)

- Administrative – You have to apply for compensation, not automatic.
 - VA Form 21-526 – Compensation and Pension Program Application.
 - Only filled out one time, afterwards simple letter is used.
 - Has to be done if compensation is going to be paid.
 - List anything that has happened while in the service. Do not assume it is not service connected - You're Not a Doctor
 - Three methods of service connection
 - Presumptive Condition – Military Assignments, Location, MOS, Work Location.
 - Medical Records – It is in your medical file or occurred within one year of getting out.
 - Supporting Documentation – Letters, pictures, statements, etc. from fellow service members supporting injury occurred while in the service.
 - Compensation and Pension Physical Exam
 - 3 – 6 months after received by VA
 - Worst Case, not Best Case
 - Have to make the appointments
 - Once Decision Made
 - Not happy, appeal the decision
 - The determination letter, tells you how to apply for future benefits.

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Review of Steps (3/3)

- Backup Documentation
 - Do not delay submitting paperwork for the 100% solution. Clock starts when paperwork submitted, not completed.
 - If medical records not at VA, submit copy with application. If civilian records, try to have Doctor state, “In my medical opinion, this is a result of military service.” Civilian medical is suppose to provide at no cost.
 - If first time application, must have copy of DD214, Report of Separation, to show prove of military service.
- Remember
 - Do not miss deadlines – if you do, whole process starts over – “Veteran was nonresponsive”.
 - Government agency, not made to be simple or easy. Not there for profit, there for job security.
 - Do not ASSUME – you have to keep checking and making sure the information is correct. Until process is complete, check once a month on medical appointments and administrative progress.

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Lesson

- Survivor
 - Outwit
 - Outplay
 - Outlast



- Nike
 - “Just Do It”



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Compensation

Disability	Monthly Rate
10 Percent	\$123
20 Percent	243
30 Percent	376- 525
40 Percent	451- 740
50 Percent	770- 1,109
60 Percent	974– 1,273
70 Percent	1,228- 1,577
80 Percent	1,427– 1,826
90 Percent	1,604– 2,053
100 Percent	2,673– 3,172

•Additional child from \$22to \$240

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

Basic Rate	\$1,154
Additional:	
Each Child	\$286
Aid and Attendance	\$286
Housebound	\$135

• Add \$246if 100% disabled for 8 years prior to death

<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp01.htm>

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Other Programs

- Cold War Certificate Program -
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/tagd/coldwar/default.htm>
- Concurrent Disability Pay -
<http://www.defenselink.mil/dfas/retiredpay/concurrentretirementanddisabilitypay.html>
- Combat-Related Special Compensation (CSRC) -
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/crsc/>
- TRICARE for Life – <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl/default.cfm>
- Korean Defense Service Medal -
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=7063>
- Army Veteran Medals – <https://veteranmedals.army.mil/>
- Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) -
<http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/DEERS>
- Military Records - <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/>

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<http://www.vetassist.org/index.htm>

VetAssit – sponsored by the American Veterans Institute. Helps Veterans apply for VA Improved Pensions – “Low Income”.

- **Basic Pension:** A veteran alone must have countable income LESS than: **\$11,181/yr.** A veteran with a spouse must have countable income LESS than: **\$14,643/yr.** A surviving spouse must have countable income LESS than: **\$7,498/yr.** A surviving spouse with a dependent must have countable income LESS than: **\$9,815/yr.**
- **Housebound Benefit:** A veteran alone must have countable income of LESS than: **\$13,664/yr.** A veteran with a spouse must have countable income LESS than: **\$17,126/yr.** A spouse alone must have countable income LESS than: **\$9,164/yr.** A spouse with a dependent must have countable income LESS than: **\$11,478/yr.**
- **Aid & Attendance:** A veteran alone must have countable income LESS than: **\$18,654/yr.** A veteran with a spouse must have countable income LESS than: **\$22,113/yr.** A spouse alone must have countable income LESS than: **\$11,985/yr.** A spouse with a dependent must have countable income LESS than: **\$14,298/yr.**

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Questions and Comments

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Other Links (1/4)

- www.defenselink.mil – Department of Defense.
- www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/ - National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for military records.
- www.moaa.org/serv/serv_benefits_pay/serv_benefits_pay_compensation/serv_benefits_pay_vet_benefits.htm - Good checklist of what should be done.
- www.va.gov – Department of Veterans Affairs.
- www.medicare.gov – Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- www.socialsecurity.gov – Social Security Administration.
- www.fav.org – Foundation of American Veterans is a nonprofit organization to help Veterans.

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Other Links (2/4)

- www.cms.hhs.gov – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/ - Location of Military ID Card offices.
- www.dfas.mil – Defense Financing and Accounting Service.
- www.military.com – Unofficial military website.
- www.tricare.osd.mil – TRICARE military's health benefits.
- www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb/general/index.html - Texas Veterans Land Board.

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Other Links (3/4)

- www.dol.gov/vets/welcome.html – U. S. Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service.
- www.ncoausa.org – Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA).
- www.mvpsoa.org – Military, Veterans, and Patriotic Service Organizations of America website provides list of different organizations that support active and former military members and family members.
- www.asdv.org – Association For Service Disabled Veterans.
- www.vetassist.org – Vet Assist – filing for VA Pension

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Other Links (4/4)

- www.tvc.state.tx.us – Texas Veterans Commission website.
- www.veterans.texasonline.com – Texas Veterans Online.
- www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/tagd/coldwar/default.htm - Cold War Certificate Program
- www.veterans.senate.gov – United States Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs Homepage
- veterans.house.gov – United States House of Representatives Committee on Veterans’ Affairs Homepage
- www.anysoldier.com – Any Solider Inc. – how to unofficially support soldiers

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Contact Information

- **Mail:**
Angelina College Procurement Assistance Center
PO Box 1768
Lufkin, TX 75902-1768
- **Location:**
Angelina College Campus, Community Services Building
3500 South First Street (Highway 59), south side of Lufkin
- **Telephone:**
(936) 633-5432
1-888-326-5223
Fax: (936) 633-5478
- **E-mail and Website:**
acpac@consolidated.net and www.acpactx.org

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Texas Veterans

- www.tvc.state.tx.us - Texas Veterans Commission - Created by the Fortieth Texas Legislature in 1927 as the Veterans State Service Office to assist veterans by informing them of their rights and applying for entitlements. Renamed the Veterans Affairs Commission in 1947 and again in 1985 as the Texas Veterans Commission. It has the mission to guarantee that Texas Veterans and their families receive all the rights and entitlements provided for veterans by law.

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- Benefits for Texas Veterans:
 - Employment & Reemployment / Veterans Preference
 - Texas Veterans Land Board Loan Programs
 - Texas State Veterans Homes
 - Texas State Veterans Cemetery Program
 - Free Drivers License for Disabled Veterans
 - Fishing & Hunting Licenses for Disabled Veterans
 - No Cost Medical Records
 - Free Park Admission for Disabled Veterans
 - Free Recording of Discharges
 - Tax Exemption for Veterans
 - Special License Plates
 - Special Parking Privileges Law

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- ***Employment & Reemployment / Veterans Preference:*** Wartime veterans have preference in employment with State agencies or offices, as do widows and children of those killed on active duty. State agencies must practice veterans' preference until they have reached 40% veteran employment.
- ***Texas Veterans Land Board Loan Programs:*** The Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB), a division of the Texas General Land Office, administers three veterans' loan programs: The Land Loan Program, Veterans Housing Assistance Purchase Program, and the Veterans Home Improvement Loan Program.
- ***Texas State Veterans Homes:*** The Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB), a division of the Texas General Land Office, administers the Texas State Veterans Homes program.

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Texas Veterans

- ***Texas State Veterans Cemetery Program:*** In the November 2001 statewide elections, voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 7, a constitutional amendment that authorized the creation of up to seven state cemeteries for veterans and their eligible dependents. The cemeteries will be built and operated through a partnership between the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA). The USDVA will fund up to 100 percent of the construction and equipment costs. The state will own and operate the cemeteries and fund most of the cost of operations.
- ***Free Drivers License for Disabled Veterans:*** Texas drivers licenses may be furnished free of charge to veterans who have service-connected disabilities rated 60% or more by the VA or by a branch of the Armed Forces of the U.S. Application must be made prior to the time present drivers license expires.

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- ***Fishing & Hunting Licenses for Disabled Veterans:*** Disabled veterans are eligible for special hunting and fishing licenses, at a reduced cost. A disabled veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States is one who has a service-connected disability, as defined by the Department of Veterans Affairs, consisting of the loss of use of a lower extremity or of a disability rating of 60% or more, and who is receiving compensation from the United States for the disability. A resident veteran as described in the law may hunt wild turkey and deer without a resident hunting license if he has acquired a resident exemption hunting license.
- ***No Cost Medical Records:*** Under the Health and Safety Code, Chapter 161, Subchapter M, Medical Records or Mental Health Records, Texas veterans are eligible for no cost medical records when they are obtained to file a claim for a disability against the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA). The health care provider or health care facility is not required to provide more than one complete record for the patient or former patient without charge. Also, it should be noted, that some medical facilities will charge a small administrative fee for obtaining the records.

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- ***Free Park Admission for Disabled Veterans:*** Free admission to Texas State Parks is available to any veteran who has a service-connected disability, which is rated 60% or more by VA, or a service-connected disability, which has resulted in the loss of a lower extremity.
- ***Free Recording of Discharges:*** Under State laws, the County Clerk in each County is required to record, free of charge, the official discharge of each veteran who served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. This free service is very important as it provides veterans with a ready source from which they can obtain a certified copy of their discharge whenever it is needed.
- ***Special License Plates:*** Disabled Veterans, Former Prisoners of War, Pearl Harbor Survivors, Purple Heart and Medal of Honor plates are among the special license plates available to eligible veterans and their survivors for personal use on their automobile or light commercial vehicle of one ton or less. Disabled veterans must have a service-connected disability rating of 50% or more or 40% due to amputation of a lower extremity.

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- ***Special Parking Privileges Law:*** If a vehicle has “DISABLED VET” license plates, it may be parked for an unlimited period in a parking space or area that is designated specifically for persons with physical disabilities. If a vehicle has license plates for Veterans with Disabilities, Congressional Medal of Honor, Former Prisoner of War, Pearl Harbor Survivor, or Purple Heart Recipients, it may exempt from the payment of a parking fee collected through a parking meter charged by a governmental authority other than a branch of the federal government.
- ***Hazlewood Act:*** Wartime veterans of the Spanish-American War through the Persian Gulf War, who were legal residents of Texas at the time they entered military service, and **Home of Record is listed as Texas** on the DD214, are entitled to a waiver of tuition and some fees at State-supported colleges and universities . This benefit is also available to children of Texas servicemen and women who died or were killed in military service, and to children of Texas military personnel who are shown to be missing in action or prisoners of war. Also eligible are children of members of the Texas National Guard or the Texas Air National Guard killed since January 1, 1946, while on active duty either in service of Texas or the United States. **Any person claiming this benefit must have exhausted all Federal educational benefits and be a legal resident of Texas at the time of application.**

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- Tax Exemption for Veterans:** Disabled veterans who meet certain requirements, their surviving spouses and the spouses and minor children of a person who dies on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible for property tax exemptions on the appraised value of their property. The exemption is mandatory and applies to taxes levied by all taxing authorities in the State. A veteran, whose service-connected disabilities are rated less than 10% by the Department of Veterans Affairs, or a branch of the Armed Forces, is not entitled to a property tax exemption.
- NEW in 2009 - 100% exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of Veteran's residence homestead if have a 100% disability rating.

Disability Rating At Least: But less than:	Tax Exemption
10% through 30%	First \$ 5,000 of appraised value
31% through 50%	First \$ 7,500 of appraised value
51% through 70%	First \$ 10,000 of appraised value
71% or 100%	First \$ 12,000 of appraised value

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Texas Veterans

- www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb/ - Texas Veterans Land Board - Since the days of the Texas Republic, Texas has given its veterans land in recognition of their military service. In the days of Sam Houston, that debt for service was paid to Texas veterans in grants of land. Following World War II, this tradition was continued with the creation of the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) in 1946 to administer a new program which would provide low-interest, long-term loans to Texas veterans for the purchase of land.

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Texas Veterans

- www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb/ - Texas Veterans Land Board (TVLB) –
 - TVLB Direct Loan - \$45,000 for purchase of a home.
 - TVLB Home Improvement Program - \$25,000 to make substantial repairs to primary residence.
 - TVLB Land Program - \$60,000 for the purchase of a tract of land.

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- www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb/vethomes/ – Texas State Veterans Home (SVH) Program – Texas established a veterans home in Austin in 1887 for its brave and deserving Civil War heroes. This home was closed and the property sold in the early 1960s. In 1997, the 75th Texas Legislature authorized construction of four veterans homes in Texas.
 - Locations – Bonham, Temple, Big Spring, and Floresville. Planned – El Paso and McAllen.
 - Services – skilled nursing facilities, designed to serve qualified Texas veterans, their spouses, or Gold Star Parents.
 - Costs - \$68.22 up to \$109.50 per day – VA, Medicare, Medicaid

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Texas Veterans

- www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb/cemetery/ – Texas State Veterans Cemetery (TSVC) Program
 - In the November 2001 statewide elections, voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 7, a constitutional amendment that authorized the creation of up to seven state cemeteries for veterans and their eligible dependents.
 - Locations – Killeen and Mission. Planned – Abilene. (VA National Cemeteries – Fort Bliss, Fort Sam Houston, Dallas, and Houston).
 - Eligibility and Benefits – same as VA National Cemeteries.

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Texas Veterans

- www.dot.state.tx.us/vtr/spplates/allplates.htm – Military / Veteran Special License Plates
- Airborne Parachutists – Reg Fees + \$10.00
- Armed Forces Reserve - Reg Fees
- Congressional Medal of Honor - Free
- Desert Storm Veteran – Reg Fees
- Disabled Veteran - \$3.00
- Distinguished Flying Cross Medal – Reg Fees + \$3.00
- Enduring Freedom Veterans – Reg Fees
- Former Prisoner of War - \$3.00
- Gold Star Mother – Reg Fees + \$10.00
- Korea Veteran – Reg Fees
- Legion of Valor - \$3.00
- Marine Corps League – Reg Fees + \$10.00
- Operation Iraqi Freedom – Reg Fees
- Pearl Harbor Survivor - \$3.00
- Purple Heart Recipient - \$3.00
- Texas Guard - Reg Fees
- Texas Wing Civil Air Patrol – Reg Fees + \$10.00
- U.S. Air Force – Reg Fees + \$10.00
- U.S. Army – Reg Fees + \$10.00
- U.S. Coast Guard – Reg Fees + \$10.00
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary – Reg Fees + \$10.00
- U.S. Marine Corps – Reg Fees + \$10.00
- U.S. Navy – Reg Fees + \$10.00
- Vietnam Veteran – Reg Fees
- World War II Veteran – Reg Fees

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Texas Veterans

- www.veterans.texasonline.com - Texas Veterans Online - As a military veteran, you and your family are entitled to benefits earned by virtue of your military service. The purpose of this site is to bring together veteran's benefit and assistance resource information for you as a Texas veteran and your family. Veteran's benefit information has been collected from Federal and State agencies to bring together a comprehensive collection of links to provide you with the latest veteran's benefit information. The website contains information to assist you and your family in buying a home or land, receiving education benefits, finding a job, finding health care resources and much more.

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