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**Benefits & Services
for Veterans and Their
Beneficiaries in Pennsylvania**



*Pennsylvania cares for its Veterans,
their spouses and children.*

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Our Mission

To increase awareness of all benefits for Pennsylvania Veterans and their dependents, to provide the best advice and assistance in obtaining benefits and to provide the highest quality care to the residents of our state Veterans' Homes.

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COUNTY DIRECTORS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

COUNTY	WORK PHONE	COUNTY	WORK PHONE
Adams	717-337-9835	Lackawanna	570-963-6778
Allegheny	412-621-4357	Lancaster	717-299-7920
Armstrong	724-548-3441	Lawrence	724-656-2180
Beaver	724-770-4452	Lebanon	717-228-4422
Bedford	814-623-4848	Lehigh	610-782-3295
Berks	610-378-5601	Luzerne	570-706-3960
Blair	814-693-3160	Lycoming	570-327-2365
Bradford	570-265-1704	McKean	814-887-3241
Bucks	215-345-3307	Mercer	724-662-7511/7512
Butler	724-284-5352	Mifflin	717-248-6421
Cambria	814-472-1590	Monroe	570-517-3187
Cameron	814-389-5972	Montgomery	610-278-3285
Carbon	570-325-3986	Montour	570-271-3061
Centre	814-355-6812	Northampton	610-829-4877
Chester	610-344-6375	Northumberland	570-988-4213
Clarion	814-226-4000 x2601	Perry	717-582-2131
Clearfield	814-765-2642 x3010	Philadelphia	215-686-3256
Clinton	570-893-4339	Pike	570-296-3563
Columbia	570-387-6501 opt #2	Potter	814-274-8290 x210
Crawford	814-333-7314	Schuylkill	570-628-1400
Cumberland	717-240-6178	Snyder	570-837-4277
Dauphin	717-780-6356/6357	Somerset	814-445-1551
Delaware	610-891-4646	Sullivan	570-946-7677
Elk	814-776-5370	Susquehanna	570-278-4600 x261
Erie	814-451-6270	Tioga	570-723-8141
Fayette	724-430-1241	Union	570-524-8676
Forest	814-755-3404	Venango	814-432-9780
Franklin	717-263-4326	Warren	814-728-3478
Fulton	717-485-6873	Washington	724-228-6865
Greene	724-852-5275	Wayne	570-253-5970 x3114
Huntingdon	814-643-1360	Westmoreland	724-830-3530
Indiana	724-465-3815	Wyoming	570-996-2258
Jefferson	814-849-3618	York	717-771-9218
Juniata	717-436-7728		

OTHER STATE BENEFITS

State Educational Grants and Financial Aid for Veterans

Toll Free: (800) 692-7392

Veterans Preference in State Civil Service

Civil Service Commission

Phone: 717-787-6039

Birth and Death Records

Division of Vital Records

Phone 724-656-3100

Veterans License Plates/Placards/License

Department of Transportation

Toll Free: (800) 932-4600

Veterans Employment

Contact a Veterans Employment Representative at a Pennsylvania CareerLink office for free job counseling, training referrals, and placement services for Veterans.

Free Hunting/Fishing/Fur Trapper License for Certain Disabled Veterans

Application can be made at your county treasurer.

Antlerless Deer License

Application can be made at a county treasurer of their choice, regardless of the county allocation.

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For more information on any of the benefits and services listed in this pamphlet please contact your County Director listed on p.12.

Statements in this pamphlet are intended for general information and do not have the effect of law or regulation.

DISABLED VETERANS' REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

Any honorably discharged Veteran who is a resident of Pennsylvania shall be exempt from the payment of all real estate taxes levied upon any building, including up to five acres of land upon which it stands, provided that all eligibility criteria is met.



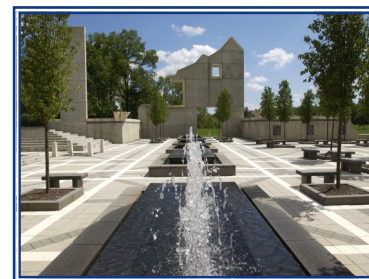
Eligibility:

- Must be a resident of Pennsylvania
- Honorable Discharge
- Served during established war service dates as determined by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- Must be blind or paraplegic or has sustained the loss of two or more limbs, or has a service-connected disability declared by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs to be a total or 100% permanent disability
- Dwelling is owned solely by the Veteran or as an estate in the entirety
- Veteran must occupy the real estate as his/her principal dwelling
- Veteran must demonstrate a financial need
- Upon the death of a qualified Veteran, tax exemption may pass on to the unmarried surviving spouse if financial need can be shown.

Application:

Contact the County Director of Veterans Affairs in the county you reside to apply for this program.

THE PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS' MEMORIAL



The Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial is located at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Lebanon County, to honor Pennsylvania Veterans of all eras.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to help maintain this Memorial, please send a check or money order made payable to "Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund" and mail to:

DMVA Office for Veterans' Affairs
Bldg. S-0-47
Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003-5002

To order an inscribed granite memorial cruciform to be placed at this Memorial visit www.paveterans.state.pa.us and click on 'The Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial' or call toll-free 1-800-547-2838.



MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MFRAP)

Provides emergency financial assistance to eligible PA service members and their eligible family members, and must have a direct and immediate financial need as a result of circumstances beyond their control.



Eligibility:

The program applies to Pennsylvania residents who:

- Serve 30 or more consecutive days of active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces or its reserve components
- Serve 30 or more consecutive days of active duty or state active duty in the PA Army or Air National Guard
- Are a member in good standing of any reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the PA National Guard, for a period of three years after release from a tour of active duty, authorized under Title 10 or Title 32, U.S. Code (other than active duty for training), of 30 or more consecutive days duration, when the need for assistance is directly related to the member's performance of active duty
- Are a member in good standing of the PA National Guard for a period of three years after release from a tour of state active duty of 30 or more consecutive days duration, when the need for assistance is directly related to the member's performance of state active duty
- Are a former member of the U.S. Armed Forces of the United States or its reserve components, including the PA National Guard for a period of four years after a medical discharge for a medical disability incurred in Line of Duty and the reasons arising to the discharge did not exist prior to the member's military service, and meets the other requirements as shown in the Guidelines, Para 4 v. 1 through 6

Application:

For detailed instructions on how to apply visit www.paveterans.state.pa.us and click on 'Military Family Relief Assistance Program' or call toll free 1-866-292-7201.

VETERANS' TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE

Provides temporary financial aid in an emergency to Veterans and their beneficiaries who reside in Pennsylvania for the necessities of life (food, shelter, fuel, clothing and medical expenses). If eligible, a Veteran or their beneficiary can qualify for an amount not to exceed \$1,600 in a twelve month period.

Eligibility:

- Must be a resident of Pennsylvania
- Honorable Discharge
- Veteran must demonstrate a financial need
- Must show either a loss of income or increase in expenses that renders the applicant temporarily unable to provide themselves with the necessities of living

Surviving Dependent Eligibility:

- Upon the recent death of a Veteran, their unmarried spouse is eligible provided the Veteran would have qualified prior to his/her death
- Death Certificate for the Veteran must be included with the application
- Must provide marriage certificate for spouse, birth certificate for children, and the Veteran's birth certificate for parents

Application:

Contact the County Director of Veterans Affairs in the county you reside to apply for this program.

BLIND VETERANS' PENSION

Provides for a pension of \$150 per month.

Eligibility:

- Served in the military honorably
- Resident of Pennsylvania upon entering the military
- Suffered a service-related injury or incurred a disease which resulted in loss of vision:
 - Visual acuity with the best correcting lens is 3/60
or
10/200 or equivalent, or less normal vision in the better eye
 - Includes circumstances where the widest diameter of the visual field of the better eye has contracted to an angular distance of not greater than 20°

Application:

Contact the County Director of Veterans Affairs in the county you reside to apply for this program.

AMPUTEE and PARALYZED VETERANS' PENSION

Provides for a pension of \$150 per month.

Eligibility:

- Served in the military honorably
- Resident of PA upon entering the military
- Suffered a service connected injury or disease resulting in the loss or loss of use of two or more extremities with a 40% compensation rating or higher in each limb as determined and certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.



Application:

Contact the County Director of Veterans Affairs in the county you reside to apply for this program.

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HONORING OUR VETERANS: LICENSE PLATE & LICENSE/ID CARD

License Plate:

You don't need to be a Veteran to show your support of Veterans by purchasing the 'Honoring Our Veterans' license plate. This plate is available for passenger cars and light trucks up to 10,000 pounds and costs \$35. Fifteen dollars from the sale of each license plate goes to the Veterans' Trust Fund.



Application:

To apply for this plate, complete Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation Form MV-914, "Application for Honoring Our Veterans License Plate" available at www.dmv.state.pa.us/license_plates/special_fund.shtml

Driver's License/ID Card:

The Veterans Designation on Pennsylvania driver's licenses and ID cards clearly identifies the bearer as a Veteran, who honorably served their Nation and this Commonwealth.



Veterans Designation

Application:

To apply for this designation, visit www.dmv.state.pa.us/militaryCenter/veterans-designation.shtml

Initial issuance, renewal or duplicate driver's license or identification card fees apply.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS' TRUST FUND (VTF)



The mission of the Veterans' Trust Fund (VTF) is to assist and support Pennsylvania Veterans and their families. The VTF issues grants to statewide charitable organizations that assist Veterans, Veterans Service Organizations and County Directors of Veterans Affairs to assist Veterans in need of shelter and necessities of living.

Funding Sources:

- Sale of 'Honoring Our Veterans' license plates
- Grants or gifts from public and private entities
- Voluntary \$3 contributions from people applying for or renewing their Pennsylvania driver's license/photo ID card and vehicle registration.

If you would like to make a contribution to the VTF, please send a check or money order made payable to "Pennsylvania Veterans' Trust Fund" and mail to:

DMVA Office for Veterans' Affairs
Bldg. S-0-47 Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003-5002

EDUCATIONAL GRATUITY



The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provides financial assistance (up to \$500 per term/semester up to eight semesters) to children of honorably discharged Veterans who have service-connected disabilities and served during a period of war or armed conflict or children of Veterans who die or died in service during a period of war or armed conflict.

Veteran Eligibility:

- Died in service during a period of war or armed conflict,
or
- Honorable Discharge
- Served during established war service dates as determined by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- Veteran must have a 100% permanent and total service-connected disability rating by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Child Eligibility:

- Must be between the ages of 16 and 23, living within Pennsylvania five years prior to application and must attend an approved school within the state
- Applicant must demonstrate a financial need

Application:

Contact the County Director of Veterans Affairs in the county you reside to apply for this program.

PERSIAN GULF CONFLICT VETERANS' BONUS



**** PROGRAM ENDS ON AUGUST 31, 2015 ****

The program provides for compensation to be paid to eligible service members (current and former) as well as certain surviving relatives of deceased Veterans who served in Desert Shield/Storm.

Eligibility:

- Served with the U.S. Armed Forces, a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces or the Pennsylvania National Guard
- Served on active duty in the Persian Gulf theater of operations during the period from Aug. 2, 1990 to Aug. 31, 1991, and received the Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Been a legal resident of Pennsylvania at the time of active duty service
- Been discharged from active duty under honorable conditions, if not currently on active duty

Application:

For detailed instructions on how to apply visit www.persiangulfbonus.state.pa.us or call toll free 1-866-458-9182.

STATE VETERANS' HOMES

Pennsylvania offers its eligible Veterans or surviving spouses six extended care facilities throughout the state. The level of care provided includes personal care, skilled nursing care, and dementia care.

Eligibility:

- Honorable Discharge
- Served in the U.S. or PA Armed Forces
- Resident at time of entry or current resident of Pennsylvania

Application:

For detailed instructions on how to apply, visit www.paveterans.state.pa.us and click on 'State Veterans Home System' or call the Home you are interested in directly:

Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home (Hollidaysburg)
Phone: (814) 696-5201 / www.hvh.state.pa.us

Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home (Erie)
Phone: (814) 871-4531 / www.pssh.state.pa.us

Southeastern Veterans' Center (Spring City)
Phone: (610) 948-2400 / www.sevc.state.pa.us

Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center (Scranton)
Phone: (570) 961-4300 / www.gmvc.state.pa.us

Southwestern Veterans' Center (Pittsburgh)
Phone: (412) 665-6706 / www.swvc.state.pa.us

Delaware Valley Veterans' Home (Philadelphia)
Phone: (215) 856-2700 / www.dvvh.state.pa.us