Veterans
Quick Guide

Veterans Benefits & Health Care

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

The VA is the main federal agency in charge of providing benefits and health care services for U.S. Veterans. Determining VA eligibility and enrollment is free, and service members, veterans, and families can apply for VA benefits using one of the following methods listed below:

⇒ Apply online using eBenefits, OR
⇒ Work with an accredited representative or agent, OR
⇒ Go to a VA regional office and have a VA employee assist you.
   (You can find your regional office on the VA Facility Locator page)

Native American Veterans

The VA consults with tribal governments to enhance access to services and benefits by veterans and their families through the Office of Tribal Government Relations. Native American Veterans may be eligible for a wide-variety of benefits available to all U.S. Veterans, including the following:

⇒ Disability Compensation
⇒ Pension
⇒ Education and Training
⇒ Health Care
⇒ Home Loans
⇒ Life Insurance
⇒ Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
⇒ Burial

Native American Veterans also may qualify for the Native American Direct Loan (NADL) Program.

Elderly Veterans

Aid & Attendance Housebound Benefits can provide certain elderly veterans with an additional monetary amount if they are eligible for or receiving a VA Pension benefit. Elderly veterans also may qualify to receive geriatric and long term care programs through the VA:

⇒ Geriatrics Program
⇒ Long Term Care
⇒ Home Based and Community Services
⇒ Nursing Home and Residential Care

Caregiver Support

The VA provides resources, education, and support to caregivers of veterans through the following two programs:

⇒ Program of General Caregiver Support Services (PGCSS)
⇒ Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC)

Important VA Phone Numbers

- Benefits: 1-800-827-1000
- Health Care: 1-877-222-8387
- Life Insurance: 1-800-419-1473
- Caregiver Support: 1-855-260-3274
- Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255
- VA Inspector General: 1-800-488-8244
# Veteran Support from Tribal Governments

The following tribal governments indicate that they offer some form of assistance or support for veterans. Please email olderindians@acl.hhs.gov if your tribal government would like to be added or removed from this list.

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