

Learn about VA benefits and how to apply



As Veterans make important choices about their family, finances, education, career, and health care, VA may be able to help. VA.gov makes it easy for Veterans to learn about and apply for VA benefits they may be eligible to receive, while serving as an outreach tool for organizations.

VA.gov offers:

- **One go-to site** – Now redesigned for Veterans by Veterans, at VA.gov you can sign in to apply for benefits, access records, check secure messages, change your address and more. VA.gov combines previous VA sites in one with the added bonus of a personalized dashboard. Click “sign in” at the top right hand corner of VA.gov to begin.
- **Access Top Tasks more easily** – VA.gov makes it easy to do those things Veterans do most often. Right up top on the homepage see links to “top tasks”; things like refill and track your prescription and check your claim or appeal status.
- **Benefit Information** – Scroll down the page to access in-depth information and applications processes for eight benefit and service areas: disability compensation, education and training, employment services, health care, home loans, life insurance, memorial benefits, and pension.
- **Download Records** – Conveniently access and download your VA or military records.
- **Outreach Portal** – View video testimonials from Veterans and their loved ones sharing their stories of successfully using VA benefits. Download and share these videos as well as fact sheets, brochures, social media posts about VA benefits, and more.
- **Events** – Attend and promote VA's digital event series where Veterans get their questions answered by VA experts.



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“VA care has definitely benefited my family. It is a tremendous burden off of them and a relief to know that I’m taken care of.”

— **Karla**, U.S. Air Force Veteran



VA Benefits for Veterans Who Are Disabled

Did You Know ...

- Karla, a former Air Force captain, is among the 3.9 million Veterans receiving VA compensation benefits for a service-connected disability in 2014.
- Veterans whose service-connected disability prevents them from working may receive VA support to live independently.
- VA may provide disabled Veterans with resources to get around more easily at home and on the road.

VA Serves Disabled Veterans

In gratitude for your honorable service to our nation, VA provides benefits to help you take care of your family; buy, retain, or modify a home; earn a degree; start a career; stay healthy; and do so much more in life after the military.



Here are a few ways VA benefits can help Veterans who are disabled:

- **We provide compensation.** You may be eligible for tax-free monetary benefits if your disability is considered service-connected. The benefit amount is determined depending on the degree of disability. Additional benefits may be provided to Veterans facing special circumstances; for instance, if the individuals requiring the aid and attendance of another person, such as a health care worker, or has lost the use of a limb.
- **We help you adapt your home or vehicle.** Veterans with certain service-connected disabilities may apply for grants to build an adapted home or install ramps, widen doors, or make other modifications to live independently. In certain cases, Veterans may be eligible for financial assistance toward the purchase of an automobile and/or vehicle adaptive equipment (e.g., wheelchair lifts or other medically necessary equipment).
- **We promote independent living.** Independent living services may be a resource for service-disabled Veterans who are not ready or able to work. Part of the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program, these services include evaluation, counseling, and consultation with specialists who can recommend physicians or therapists to assist with rehabilitation.
- **We offer life insurance.** For Veterans who are disabled and who may have difficulty getting life insurance from private carriers, VA can help. Among other options, Veterans leaving service have the option to convert their service members’ Group Life Insurance coverage to lifetime renewable group insurance from VA. No health questions are asked when Veterans apply for coverage within 240 days of separation from the military.

Find Out How You Can Benefit

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(203) 233-8790
(860) 287-7552

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CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD

Family Assistance Center Locations



Family Assistance Centers are an information and referral hub for all Branches of Service

Our Programs Include:

<i>Budget Counseling</i>	<i>Community Support Options</i>	<i>Financial Assistance and Relief</i>
<i>Family Communication</i>	<i>Counseling Referrals</i>	<i>Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)</i>
<i>Legal and Pay Information</i>	<i>Outreach</i>	<i>Family Readiness Groups (FRG)</i>
<i>TRICARE Assistance</i>	<i>Volunteer Opportunities</i>	<i>DEERS & ID Card Assistance</i>

Support is available 24/7 by calling (800) 858-2677

*Centers are open part-time on a regular, weekly schedule.
Please call ahead to confirm times or to make an appointment.

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100 Nicholson Rd.
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