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Virginia State Veteran's Benefits

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

- Veteran Long Term Care Benefits
- Veteran Employment Benefits
- Veteran Education Benefits
- Other State Sponsored Veteran Benefits

Virginia Veteran Long Term Care

Virginia Veterans Care Center

The Virginia Veterans Care Center (VVCC) is a state-of-the-art model for long term health care and the only state home for veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The mission of the VVCC is to provide affordable, high quality, comprehensive nursing and domiciliary care to Commonwealth of Virginia residents who are admitted to the VVCC, are aged or infirm, and are honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Virginia Veterans Care Center has 240 beds in the facility to provide comprehensive, high quality care with on-site laboratory work, x-rays, dental clinic, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, podiatry care, and many other ancillary health care services. The Salem VA Medical Center is also located next door for additional services for those qualified.

Additionally, the building and grounds offer an array of amenities to include wheelchair accessible nature trails and deck, library, chapel, barber shop, billiard room, wood working shop, and convenience store. The facility is nestled in the landscape of the Blue Ridge mountainside and has been enjoyed by our veterans since it was opened on Veterans Day, 1992.

Visit the [Virginia Dept.of Veterans Services](#) website for contact information and benefits assistance.

Virginia Veteran Employment Programs

Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)

VEC provides job referral and placement resources available to assist veterans in finding jobs. Veterans Employment Representatives (LVERs) and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) staff are available in most VEC offices to assist veterans with employment services.

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Education Assistance Programs

Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program

The Military Survivors and Dependents Program (MSDEP) provides education benefits to spouses and children of military service members killed, missing in action, taken prisoner, or who became at least 90 percent disabled as a result of military service in an armed conflict. Military service includes service in the United States Armed Forces, United States Armed Forces Reserves, the Virginia National Guard, or the Virginia National Guard Reserves. Armed conflict includes military operations against terrorism or as the result of a terrorist act, a peace-keeping mission, or any armed conflict after December 6, 1941. This program may pay for tuition of fee at any state-supported college or university in Virginia. Benefits are available for up to four years.

Honorary Diplomas for World War II Veterans

Veteran Honorary High School Diplomas recognize the life experiences of veterans who were unable to complete their high school education because of service in the armed forces during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Since the first honorary diplomas were issued in 2001, more than 1,000 have been awarded to veterans of these three wars.

To obtain an honorary diploma, a veteran may submit a statement to the Veterans Education Unit of the Virginia Department of Education describing his or her service, the location of the last school attended, and affirming that he or she was unable to complete high school upon return to civilian life. The guidelines also allow family members and veterans' organizations to submit this information on behalf of the veteran.

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Other Virginia State Veteran Benefits

License Plates

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offers a variety of veteran and military-related license plates.

Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) offers a lifetime hunting and fishing license to service-connected, totally and permanently disabled veterans for minimal fee.

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