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YOUR VETERANS BENEFITS



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NEW JERSEY VETERANS' BENEFITS GUIDE



**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**





Welcome to the New Jersey Veterans Benefits Guide. This guide continues a tradition of providing relevant information to New Jersey's Veterans community.

Keeping you informed is part of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NJDMAVA) continuing outreach efforts. Through extensive research and preparation, NJDMAVA has assembled valuable material into this edition of the Veterans Benefits Guide. Many New Jersey Veterans are unaware of the numerous federal and state program

benefits, entitlements and services they have earned in defense of this great nation. Our website at <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/> acts as a portal to assist New Jersey's Veterans in obtaining the information they need to access benefits and services more efficiently and effectively.

We encourage you to contact the Department's Veterans Service Officers for additional information and assistance when applying for a program, benefit or entitlement.

"Serving those who served" are more than just our watchwords at NJDMAVA; it is a promise that we will support those whose service and sacrifice have ensured this nation's survival.

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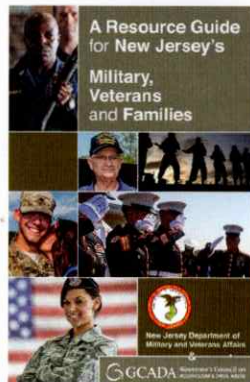


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**ALSO CHECK OUT:
A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR NEW JERSEY'S MILITARY, VETERANS AND FAMILIES**

The guide, which was created by the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, provides more detailed information on support assistance, housing, health care, employment, education, women Veterans support, as well as legal, tax benefits and licensing. The guide is constantly updated and can be accessed at: <https://www.nj.gov/military/assets/documents/NJ%20Military%20Veterans%20Families%20Resource%20Guide.pdf>



VA MEDICAL

United States Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Administration (VA)
Healthcare: (877) 222-8387, Benefits: (800) 827-1000



VA NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

The newly launched website provides a better and an easier online experience. Find a health facility near you and manage your health online. Sign up for community events and updates. <https://www.va.gov/new-jersey-health-care/>

VA HEALTH CARE BENEFITS HEALTH ELIGIBILITY CENTER

For eligibility and additional information: (877) 222-8387 or visit: www.va.gov/healtheligibility

VA MEDICAL CENTERS (VAMC) / CLINICS

For a list of VA Medical Center facilities, visit: <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp>.

NEW JERSEY

- VAMC East Orange Campus, 385 Tremont Avenue (973) 676-1000
- VAMC Lyons Campus, 151 Knollcroft Road (908) 647-0180
- Brick, James J. Howard Clinic, 970 Route 70 (732) 206-8900
- Camden Clinic, 300 Broadway, Suite 103 (877) 232-5240
- VA Cape May County CBOC, 3801 US 9 South-Unit 2, (800) 461-8262 Ext. 2850
- Hackensack Clinic, 385 Prospect Avenue (201) 487-1390 / (201) 342-4536
- Hamilton Clinic, 3635 Quakerbridge Road (609) 570-6600
- Jersey City Clinic, 115 Christopher Columbus Drive (201) 435-3055
- Marlton Clinic, 3000 Lincoln Drive East (844) 441-5499
- Morristown Clinic, 540 West Hanover Avenue (973) 539-9791/9794
- Northfield Clinic, 1909 New Road (800) 461-8262 Ext. 2800
- Paterson Clinic, 11 Getty Ave, Bldg. 275 (973) 247-1666
- Piscataway Clinic, 14 Wills Way, Building 5 (732) 981-8193
- Sewell Clinic, 211 County House Road (877) 823-5230
- Sussex Outpatient Clinic, 222 High Street, Suite 103, (973) 756-1504
- Tinton Falls Clinic, 55 N. Gilbert Street, Building 4 (732) 842-4751
- Vineland Clinic, 79 W. Landis Avenue (800) 461-8262 Ext. 6500

PENNSYLVANIA

- Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VAMC 3900 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19104 (215) 823-5800 / (800) 949-1001
- VAMC Coatesville, 1400 Black Horse Hill Road, Coatesville, PA 19320-2096 (610) 384-7711
- Delaware County VA Clinic, 4883 West Chester Pike, Marville Center, Newtown Square, PA 19073-2213 (610) 383-0239
- Montgomery County Vet Center, 320 East Johnson Highway, Suite 201, Norristown, PA, 19401 (215) 823-5245

DELAWARE

- VAMC 1601 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19805-4917 (302) 994-2511

THE PACT ACT

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law provides veterans and their survivors with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve.

For more information, visit: <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

VETERANS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Veterans who are eligible for VA health care benefits and have a VA-authorized appointment are automatically eligible for transportation through the Veterans Transportation Service. To get started with VetRide, an account will need to be created by your VA facility. To get started, visit: <https://www.vetride.va.gov/app/home>

EYEGASSES, HEARING AIDS AND DENTAL CARE

Eyeglasses and hearing aids normally require a service rating of 10 percent or more. Routine dental treatment for teeth or jaws is provided to Veterans who are 100 percent service-connected or have a service-connected dental disability. For active duty and retired members of the Uniformed Services, their families and survivors; contact the TRICARE Region East office at (888) 777-8343 or visit <https://tricare.mil/>

HEALTH CARE FOR WOMEN

Many VA hospitals have VA Women Veterans Health Centers whose services include gynecology, sexual trauma counseling, mammography screening, and transition assistance programs for women separating from the Armed Forces. Call (800) 827-1000 to find out if your local VA hospital has a Women Veterans Health Center or visit the website at: www.womenshealth.va.gov. For information on VA Mammography, visit: www.va.gov/health/mammography.

WOMEN VETERANS CALL CENTER

The Women Veterans Call Center staff is trained to provide women Veterans, their families, and caregivers information about VA services and resources. Call or text the Women Veterans Call Center at (855) 829-6636. The Center is available Monday through Friday 8 am - 10 pm ET, and on Saturdays from 8 am - 6:30 pm ET.

For more information, visit: <https://www.womenshealth.va.gov/wvcc.asp>

VA NJ WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

For information on services and programs, call (973) 676-1000, (ext) 202716, or visit: www.newjersey.va.gov/services/women/index.asp.

VA IDENTIFICATION CARD

The VA provides eligible Veterans with a Veterans Identification Card (VIC) for use at VA medical facilities. Only Veterans who are eligible for VA medical benefits will receive the card.

For more information, visit: <https://www.va.gov/records/get-veteran-id-cards/vic/>

LOCAL VET CENTERS

Vet Centers offer broad readjustment services for combat theater and other Veterans. They focus on counseling for military traumas, employment and family issues. They also provide referral services for VA benefits, medical assistance, and liaison with community agencies. Individual and group counseling are available for Veterans and their significant others.

To find your local Vet Center, call (800) 827-1000, or visit www.vetcenter.va.gov.

NEW JERSEY

Bloomfield Vet Center
2 Broad Street, Suite 703
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 748-0980

<https://www.va.gov/bloomfield-vet-center/>

Lakewood Vet Center
1255 Route 70, Unit 22N
Parkway Seventy Plaza
Lakewood, NJ 08701
(908) 607-6364 / (732) 905-0327
<https://www.va.gov/lakewood-vet-center/>

Secaucus Vet Center
110A Meadowlands Parkway
Suite 102
Secaucus, NJ 07094
(201) 223-7787
<https://www.va.gov/secaucus-vet-center/>

South Jersey Vet Center
2900 Fire Road, Suite 101
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
(609) 487-8387
<https://www.va.gov/south-jersey-vet-center/>

Trenton Vet Center
934 Parkway Avenue, Suite 201
Ewing, NJ 08618
(609) 882-5744
<https://www.va.gov/trenton-vet-center/>

DELAWARE

Wilmington Vet Center
2710 Centerville Road, Suite 103
Wilmington, DE 19808
(302) 994-1660

<https://www.va.gov/wilmington-vet-center/>

PENNSYLVANIA

Bucks County Vet Center
2 Canals End Road, Suite 201B
Bristol, PA 19007
(215) 823-4590
<https://www.va.gov/bucks-county-vet-center/>

Philadelphia Vet Center NE
101 E. Olney Avenue, Suite C-7
Philadelphia, PA 19120
(215) 924-4670
<https://www.va.gov/northeast-philadelphia-vet-center/>

Center City Philadelphia Vet Center
801 Arch Street, Suite 502
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-0238
<https://www.va.gov/center-city-philadelphia-vet-center/>

NEW YORK

Middletown Vet Center
726 E. Main Street, Suite 203
Middletown, NY 10940
(845) 342-9917
<https://www.va.gov/middletown-vet-center/>

Staten Island Vet Center
60 Bay Street
Staten Island, NY 10301
(718) 816-4499
<https://www.va.gov/staten-island-vet-center/>

POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

The State of New Jersey offers a program that addresses the readjustment concerns of Veterans and offers treatment to combat Veterans of all war periods.

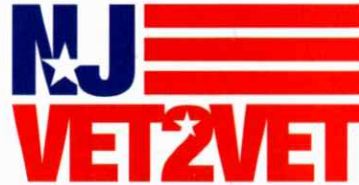
Treatment is extended to the family members affected by the Veteran's condition. State Veteran Service Officers can assist with scheduling counseling and filing of any applicable VA claims. Contracted clinicians, experienced in PTSD counseling, can determine the best course of treatment for the Veteran and the Veteran's family.

For more information contact a local Veteran Service Officer or call (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

NJ VET TO VET HELPLINE

NJ Vet to Vet is operated by Rutgers University and funded by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. It is a peer-counseling program for assessing a Veteran's mental health needs. The toll-free help line is available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, for Veterans and their families.

Services include: Veteran peer support, family support, clinical assessment, case management, referrals to a network of mental health providers, web-based peer support, and live chat. Call (866) 838-7654 or visit <https://www.njvet2vet.com/>.



SUICIDE PREVENTION

Dial 988, then press option 1

SUICIDE WARNING SIGNS:

- Thinking about hurting or killing yourself
- Looking for ways to kill yourself
- Talking about death, dying, or suicide
- Self-destructive behavior such as drug abuse, weapons, etc.
- Hopelessness, anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, mood swings
- Feeling like there is no reason to live
- Rage or anger
- Increasing alcohol or drug abuse
- Withdrawing from family and friends

Call (800) 273-8255 if you are experiencing an emotional crisis and need to talk to a trained professional. You can also text 838255 or go to www.veteranscrisisline.net/chat

GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE TO PREVENT SUICIDES AMONG SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES

As part of the Governor's Challenge program, New Jersey is joining forces with community-based suicide prevention initiatives across the nation to reduce the rate of suicides among Service Members, Veterans and Their Families (SMVF).

For more information, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/savenjvets/>



SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

Vet Centers and VA Medical Facilities have substance abuse treatment programs. See page 2 for a list of locations. You may also contact Alcoholics Anonymous at: (800) 245-1377.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Supportive Services for Veterans and their Families

Soldier On

(866) 406-8449

www.wesoldieron.org/

Provides homeless veterans with safe, sustainable, affordable housing, transitioning them from homelessness to home ownership.

Community Hope

(973) 463-9600

www.communityhope-nj.org/

Helps veterans and their families overcome mental illness, addiction, homelessness and poverty.

Volunteers of America

(856) 854-4660

www.voadv.org/

Provides housing, employment training, emergency shelter and more.

Coaching Into Care

(888) 823-7458

<https://www.mirecc.va.gov/coaching/>

National telephone service of the VA which aims to educate, support, and empower family members and friends who are seeking care or services for a veteran.

Operation Red Shield – The Salvation Army

(888) 302-6100

<https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/new-jerey/help-our-veterans/>

Provides information, referrals, advocacy, pastoral counseling, needs-based financial assistance and spiritual support.

Homeless Veterans

(877) 424-3838

<https://www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp>

Committed to ending homelessness, connecting Veterans with housing solutions, health care, community employment services and other required support.

Veterans Caregivers Support Line

(855) 260-3274

www.caregiver.va.gov/

Provides resources, education and support to caregivers of Veterans.

Community Justice Center (Trenton)

(609) 218-5120

www.nj-communityjusticecenter.org/

Non-profit legal services serving the low-income homeless/disabled and returning disabled veterans and their families with legal assistance.

Catholic Charities

(855) 767-8387

www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/

Provides services to people in need and advocates for justice in social structures.

Jewish Family Services (Atlantic County)

(609) 822-1108

<https://www.jfsatlantic.org/>

Offers a range of programs and services to assist with challenges; counseling, group services, financial assistance and community workshops.

Red Cross

<https://www.redcross.org/local/new-jersey.html>

Supplies members of the Armed Forces and their families with support and comfort whenever needed.

Red Cross Hero Care Network

1 (877) 272-7337

<https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/hero-care-network.html>

Provides peer support and mentoring for caregivers of veterans of all eras, all relations, across all locations.

Wounded Warrior Project

(877) 832-6997

www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Serves Veterans and service members who sustained a physical or mental injury. Programs and services are offered to Veterans, service members and their families, free of charge.

USO (United Service Organizations)

(888) 484-3876

www.uso.org

Provides wide range of programs to support military members, Veterans and their families.

Rally Point

www.Rallypoint.com

Social network by, for, and about service members and Veterans, peer counseling, job placement, and mentorship.

VA Women Veterans Health Care

Call or text (855) 829-6636

Services include reproductive health care, and refilling prescriptions.

Together We Served

www.Togetherweserved.com

Reconnect with former brothers and sisters-in-arms, share camaraderie of other Veterans, preserve a record of your military service that will live on for future generations.

Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers

Rosalynncarter.org

Provides caregivers of all ages, all backgrounds, at every stage of their caregiving journey, with free, personalized one-on-one coaching and support that is anchored in the latest research and monitored for effectiveness.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**

(888) 865-8387 <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/>

US Department of Veterans Affairs

(800) 827-1000, www.va.gov

VA Affordable Care Act

(877) 222-8387, www.va.gov/health/aca/

GI Bill

(888) 442-4551, www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

VA Life Insurance

(800) 669-8477, www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/

CHAMPVA

Medical care for Veterans' dependents and survivors call (800) 733-8387 <https://www.va.gov/health-care/family-caregiver-benefits/champva/>

Special Issues Hotline (Blue Water Navy Act, Gulf War, Agent Orange, and other information)

(800) 749-8387

Headstone (status of claims only)

(800) 697-6947

New Jersey State Family Programs Office

<https://www.nj.gov/military/support/>

Volunteer Lawyers for Justice

(973) 645-1955, www.vljj.org/

Legal Services: Military Assistance Project

(267) 449-6067 www.militaryassistanceproject.org

National Veterans Legal Services Program

(202) 265.8305, <https://www.nvlsp.org/>

VETERANS DIVERSION PROGRAM

Active and former Service Members charged with certain criminal offenses may be eligible for diversion to mental health and rehabilitative treatment rather than face traditional criminal prosecution. Veteran mentors assist Veterans to navigate the justice system and get the help they need. The preferred method

to apply as a mentor is online through the NJDMAVA website at: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/diversion-program/>.

HOUSING

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Veteran Resource Center (HUDVET) provides housing for homeless, disabled, and low-to-moderate income Veterans, and general home ownership assistance. For more information, call (877) 424-3838; Email: hudvet@hud.gov, or visit: www.hud.gov/hudvet.

HOME LOANS

Veterans can apply for a VA home loan with any mortgage lender that participates in the VA home loan program. For more information, call (800) 884-5560, or visit: www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans.

HOMELESS

The National Coalition of Homeless Veterans provides help for homeless Veterans nationwide. Call to find a local shelter at (800) 838-4357.

For information about the VA New Jersey Health Care System Program for Homeless Veterans, call (908) 647-0180 ext. 1-4217, (973) 645-3769.

HOME KEEPER PROGRAM

New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA)
(800) 223-6527, www.njhousing.gov

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

NJDMAVA Veteran's Haven-North and Veteran's Haven-South

NJDMAVA's two transitional housing facilities, Veteran's Haven-North in Glen Gardner, Hunterdon County, and Veteran's Haven-South in Winslow Township, Camden County, provide effective, long-term rehabilitation services and employment training for their residents. Veteran's Haven North can be reached at (908) 537-1999 and Veteran's Haven South can be contacted at (609) 561-0269, or by email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

Hope House for Women with Children

(201) 420-1070

Homeless Multipurpose Center, Philadelphia

(215) 923-2600

STAND DOWN

Assists New Jersey's homeless Veterans' "combat" life on the streets by providing necessities ranging from food and clothing to medical, legal and mental health services. The committees are always looking for volunteers. If you need assistance or would like to volunteer, call (888) 865-8387.

NEW JERSEY TAX BENEFITS

Income Tax Exemption for Veterans

You may be eligible for a \$6,000 exemption on your income tax return if you are a Veteran who was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active duty in the United States Armed Forces on or any time before the last day of the tax year. For more information visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/military/vetexemption.shtml>.

Property Tax Exemption / Deduction for Veterans

If you are certified by the VA as a 100 percent permanent and total disabled veteran based on active duty service, you may qualify for an annual property tax exemption. Disabled Veteran Exemption requires a 100 percent VA Certificate of Disability, DD-214 or equivalent, proof of ownership and legal residency. The exemption must be permanent and total. The property must be owned and occupied by the claimant and must be their legal residence in this state.

An annual Veterans Property Tax Deduction of \$250 requires citizenship, state residency, active service in the U.S. Armed Forces during any of the statutory periods listed on the application form, honorable discharge, property ownership, and the timely completion of an application. If living, the Veteran must own the property in whole or in part to qualify for the deduction. Under certain conditions, surviving spouses may also qualify for the exemption or deduction. For more information visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/lpt/lpt-veterans.shtml>.

VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION GRANTS

NJ Nonprofit Veterans Organizations Grant

This grant supports New Jersey nonprofit veteran organizations for programs and services supporting New Jersey veterans. For more information, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/community/award-grant-charitable-programs/veterans-nonprofit-organizations/>

Homeless Veterans Grant Program

This program awards grants to organizations that assist homeless veterans. For more information, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/community/award-grant-charitable-programs/homeless-veterans-grant-program/>.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

New Jersey's Governor "We Value Our Veterans Award"

Valuing our Veterans: The New Governor's "We Value Our Veterans" Award gives your municipality, business, or academic institution the opportunity to value and honor the sacrifice, patriotism, and bravery displayed by our men and women who have worn the military uniform. Your town, enterprise, or institution may already recognize Veterans in numerous ways. This award provides an additional avenue to honor New Jerseyans who have answered the call to arms in defense of American Values. Our Veterans' service represent an important part of New Jersey Heritage, and receiving this award will serve as a conspicuous representation of your support of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen.

For more information, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/community/award-grant-charitable-programs/wvov/>

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

These organizations assist Veterans through the VA system and advocate for Veterans' rights. They are not affiliated with the government.

American Legion

(609) 695-5418, www.njamericanlegion.org (973) 297-3226, www.legion.org

AMVETS

(609) 526-4356, www.amvets-nj.org (877) 726-8387, www.amvets.org

Catholic War Veterans

(609) 392-2303, www.ddeptnj.cwv.org (703) 549-3622, www.cwv.org

Disabled American Veterans

(609) 396-2885, www.davnj.org (877) 426-2838, www.dav.org

Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America

(212) 982-9699, <https://iava.org>

Jewish War Veterans

(609) 396-2508, www.jwv-nj.org (202) 265-6280, www.jwv.org

Korean War Veterans of America

(217) 345-4414, www.kwva.us

Marine Corps League

www.dnjmcl.org, www.mclnational.org

Military Order of the Purple Heart

(888) 668-1656, www.purpleheart.org

Veterans of Foreign Wars

(609) 393-1929, www.vfwnj.org (816) 756-3390, www.vfw.org

Vietnam Veterans of America

(973) 663-3008, www.vvanjsc.org (301) 585-4000, www.vva.org

New Jersey Association of Veteran Service Officers (NJAVSO)

(732) 929-2096, <http://njavso.org>

EMPLOYMENT

The Department of Labor Veterans Program provides counseling, testing, placement, and other assistance through local offices.

New Jersey Department of Labor-One-Stop Career Centers

Visit: <https://nj.gov/labor/career-services/>.

New Jersey Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVERs) and Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) specialists provide services to Veterans at One-Stop-Career Centers throughout the state.

For the One Stop Career Center near you, call (877) 872-5627 or visit: <https://nj.gov/labor/career-services/job-search/get-support/onestoplocations.shtml>.

Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP)

The DVOP provides job and training opportunities, with emphasis on Veterans with service-connected disabilities. DVOP specialists provide outreach and offer assistance by promoting community and employer support for employment and training opportunities, including apprenticeship and on-the-job training.

LVERs are state employees located at the state's local employment service offices who provide assistance to Veterans by supervising the provision of all services, including counseling, testing and identifying training and employment opportunities.

US Department of Labor Veterans-Employment and Training Services

www.dol.gov/vets

RE-EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (NJ ESGR)

Returning to pre-military job, call: (609) 562-3987, or visit: <https://www.esgr.mil/About-ESGR/Contact/Local-State-Pages/New-Jersey>.

VETERANS AND DISABLED VETERANS PREFERENCE

To qualify for Veterans Preference, the Veteran must have received an honorable discharge from active duty that includes dates of service during a qualifying war era. For a list, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/civil-service-preference/#war-eras>.

The following documents will be needed to prove this service occurred: DD Form 214, Honorable Discharge Certificate, Civil Service Veterans Preference Claim Form, and additional documents as needed.

To be eligible for disabled Veterans Preference, one must be a "Veteran" as described above and must have incurred a disability for which the Veteran is receiving 10 percent or greater disability compensation from the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Spouses of disabled Veterans, surviving spouses of disabled Veterans, or Veterans and parents of Veterans who died in service are eligible for Preference, if the Veteran would have been eligible for Veterans Preference.

To obtain Veterans preference on CSC examinations, you must complete the Civil Service Veterans Preference Claim Form at: https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/civil-service-preference/njdmava_form_05A-1.pdf or call (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE FOR PENSION PURPOSES

Veteran Status for pension purposes does not always meet the same criteria as Veteran's preference for exams. For more information, visit <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/status-for-pensions/> or call (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

HELMETS TO HARDHATS

This program places men and women from the Armed Forces into building and construction careers. For more information, call (866) 741-6210, or visit <https://helmetstohardhats.org/>.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

This program assists military personnel transitioning to a new career as a public school teacher. A network of state offices provides participants assistance with certification requirements, routes to state certification, and employment leads. For more information, call (800) 680-0884 or visit: <https://www.nj.gov/education/rpi/recruitment/spousesandvets/troops/>.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Veterans Online Business Registry (VETBIZ)

Enables Veterans to post information online about their business, to inform government and corporate buyers about their capacity to perform and inform agencies, contracting officers, and businesses about their products and services. This also links to Veterans Business Outreach Centers. For more information, call (866) 584-2344, or visit <https://www.vetbiz.va.gov/>.

Small Business Administration (SBA)

The SBA provides services to Veterans thinking of starting a small business.
 New Jersey: (973) 645-2434
 New York: (212) 264-4354
 Pennsylvania: (610) 382-3062
 Delaware: (302) 573-6294, ext. 227
 National: (800) 827-5722
<https://www.sba.gov/>

Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

www.va.gov/osdbu (866) 584-2344

EDUCATION

New Jersey State Approving Agency (SAA)

The SAA operates under contract with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, maintaining the State's authority to supervise programs at traditional colleges. The agency also approves and supervises programs at non-traditional "for profit" schools, including non-degree programs, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training, flight, and correspondence schools. The SAA has its foundation in federal law, under Title 38, United States Code. To find out if your program of study is approved call (609) 530-6849, or visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/saa/>.

POW – MIA Tuition Benefit Program

Free undergraduate college tuition is available to any child born or adopted before, during, or after the period of time his or her parent was officially declared a prisoner of war (POW) or person missing in action (MIA) after January 1, 1960. The POW – MIA must have been a New Jersey resident at the time he or she entered the service, or whose official residence is in New Jersey. Contact the Veterans Benefits Bureau at (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

War Orphan Tuition Assistance

Children of those service personnel who die while in the military or due to service-connected disabilities, or who are officially listed as MIA by the U.S. Department of Defense may claim \$500 per year for four years of college or equivalent training.

To qualify, the Veteran must have been a state resident and the child must be a resident. Contact the Veterans Benefits Bureau at (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

Veterans Tuition Credit Program

Provides additional education benefits to Veterans eligible for "federally funded" education programs who served on active duty from December 31, 1960 to May 7, 1975 and were legal residents of New Jersey at the time of induction into the Armed Forces or for a period not less than one year prior to applying. The amount of the award is \$400 annually or \$200 per semester for full-time and for part-time \$100 per semester. Contact the Veterans Benefits Bureau at (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

Financial Aid

Veterans are advised to file Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

forms as well as apply for the GI Bill. Lists of scholarships, grants, and financial aid available to Veterans and their dependents can be found at <https://finaid.org/military/>. Be sure to contact the financial aid office at your institution.

OTHER BENEFITS

Operation Recognition

This program will award a state-endorsed high school diploma to any New Jersey Veteran who left a New Jersey high school to enter military service during World War II. This program has been extended to cover Veterans of the Korean and Vietnam era as well. Call (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

NEW JERSEY CATASTROPHIC ENTITLEMENT

Eligible Veterans/surviving spouses receive a monthly entitlement of \$150.

Criteria: A Veteran must be a New Jersey resident in receipt of a permanent service-connected disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that resulted from wartime service resulting in one of the following catastrophic disabilities: loss of sight; amputation of both hands, both feet or one hand and one foot; hemiplegia and permanent paralysis of one leg and one arm on either side of the body; paraplegia and permanent paralysis of both legs and lower parts of the body; osteochondritis and permanent loss of use of both legs; multiple sclerosis and the loss of use of both feet or both legs; quadriplegia.

For more information call the Veterans Benefits Bureau call (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov, or visit <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/benefits-resources/documents/catastrophic-entitlement-application.pdf>.

NEW JERSEY STATE SERVICE MEDALS

New Jersey residents who have an honorable discharge can apply for one or more of our seven State Medals – New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal, New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal, New Jersey Korean Service Medal, New Jersey POW/MIA Service Medal, New Jersey Desert Shield/Desert Storm Service Medal, or the New Jersey Global War on Terrorism Medal.

For more information on New Jersey State Service Medals, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/awards/> or call (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.



VETERANS HEALTHCARE

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs manages three state-of-the-art long-term nursing facilities. For more information visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/memorial-homes/>



Memorial Home at Paramus

Veterans Drive, PO Box 608
 Paramus, NJ 07653-0608
 (201) 634-8525



Memorial Home at Menlo Park
132 Evergreen Road, PO Box 3013
Edison, NJ 08818-3013
(732) 452-4102



Memorial Home at Vineland
524 North West Blvd
Vineland, NJ 08360-2895
(856) 405-4200

DEATH, BURIAL AND RELATED BENEFITS

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Free interment and perpetual care is available to Veteran residents of New Jersey, their spouses, and dependent children. Pre-registration is encouraged.

For eligibility for Federal VA burial and death benefits, call your local Veteran Service Office or contact the VA at (800) 827-1000. For more information visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/cemetery/index.shtml>.

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery
350 Province Line Road
Wrightstown, NJ 08562
(609) 738-2400

REQUEST MILITARY RECORDS

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs maintains and archives many military records. Current and former Servicemembers or their next of kin may request from the Department copies of their military records. Except for military records requests for a military funeral, all records requests are processed in the order received. For more information, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/request-military-records/>.

To request military records, please fill out a **Standard Form 180**. For more information, call (609) 530-6823, or email, MilRecords@dmava.nj.gov.

NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

This program assists Veterans in need of transportation. Free transportation is offered to VA medical centers and clinics, other hospitals, private physicians, VA Regional Office and local Veteran Service Offices. Contact your local Veterans Service Officer to make arrangements. Contact the Veterans Benefits Bureau at (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife will annually issue hunting and fishing licenses free to each qualified Disabled Veteran. New Jersey residents must be honorably discharged and declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a service-connected disability. For more information, call (609) 292-2965, or e-mail NJDFWLicenses@dep.nj.gov.

**NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION
Vehicle Registration**

New Jersey provides special consideration for active-duty military personnel. Special privileges are also available for service-disabled or blind veterans.

For more information, contact New Jersey Motor Vehicle Services at (609) 292-6500, or visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/drivertopics/veterans.htm>.

Disabled Veteran and Purple Heart Placards

New Jersey Disabled Veterans and Purple Heart recipients are eligible for motor vehicle placards that exempt them from payment of municipal parking meter fees, for up to 24 hours. For more information, visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/vehicletopics/disvet.htm>.

Veterans Designation

The Motor Vehicle Commission issues Veteran designation on driver licenses and non-driver ID cards. You may request your Veteran designation driver license or non-driver ID card by following the instructions at: <https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/drivertopics/vetdesignation.htm>.



NJDMAVA VETERANS SERVICE OFFICES (VSO)

Through our network of regional Veteran Service Offices, Veteran Service Officers provide the State's more than 325,000 Veterans and their dependents with information and guidance in filing claims, assist with issues pertaining to employment, education, burial, counseling, housing, social and medical services, and other areas of concern to Veterans and their families. Please make every effort to use these valuable services.

For more information, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/vso/>

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20 Washington Place, Room 439
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(973) 297-3230 / Fax: (973) 648-2356

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Atlantic City National Guard Armory
1008 Absecon Boulevard
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
(609) 441-3060 / 3061 / Fax: (609) 441-3899

Bergen/Passaic Veterans Service Office
125 State Street, Suite #109,
Hackensack, NJ 07601-5435
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