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Kentucky Commonwealth Veteran's Benefits

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

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Kentucky Veteran Housing Programs

Commonwealth Veterans Long Term Care Facilities

The Commonwealth of Kentucky is committed to providing long-term care facilities for Kentucky's veterans, offering a broad range of versatile nursing care.

Each of Kentucky's three facilities has a compassionate and professional staff committed to providing thoughtful, quality care. These facilities are also fully prepared to provide care for dementia and Alzheimer residents. Additionally, each of our homes are outfitted with state of the art equipment. Physical therapy and recreational activities are available to help our residents achieve their ultimate functioning abilities.

Kentucky Financial Assistance Benefits

Homeless Veterans Trust Fund

The Commonwealth of Kentucky has a Homeless Veterans Trust Fund that can help with rent or utilities to help a veteran in financial need from becoming homeless. Funds are limited and assistance is limited to once per veteran.

Veterans Loan Program

KDVA has a program to offer small sum loans to Kentucky Veterans, the loans may be up to \$10,000 and are offered at below-market interest rates.

Employment Assistance

KDVA and the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet work together to ensure that veterans are able to take full advantage of the commonwealth employment opportunities available to them. The Veterans Liaison at Personnel helps veterans to identify jobs appropriate for them and compose applications that fully explore the skills they learned in the military.

Commonwealth Employment Preference Points

Kentucky offers commonwealth employment preference points for veterans, their Spouses, widows, widowers, and parents. The program provides 5 hiring preference points for honorably discharged veterans and for former members of the Kentucky National Guard. 10 points are awarded to veterans with service-connected disabilities and certain spouses of veterans with service-connected disabilities. Surviving spouses of certain war veterans and parents who were dependent on a veteran who lost his/her life under honorable conditions while on active duty are also entitled to 10 preference points. (Preference points are credited towards commonwealth employment when testing at the Personnel Cabinet in Frankfort.)

Examination - Ratings - Eligibility Lists

Veterans who have served during a wartime period are authorized an increase of 5 percentage points on any local or county civil service examination for employment.

Where Opportunity Knox

Where Opportunity Knox is Greater Louisville's goal to connect 10,000 veterans to jobs in the Greater Louisville Region by 2017. [Visit their website for more information.](#)

Kentucky Education Benefits

Tuition Waiver Program

A waiver of tuition is an education benefit provided by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in recognition of military service of certain Kentucky veterans. The tuition waiver is provided for children, stepchildren, adopted children, spouses, and unremarried widows & widowers. An approved tuition waiver means a student may attend any two-year, four-years schools or vocational technical schools that are operated and funded by the Kentucky Department of Education. You may qualify if one of the following is true of the veteran:

- Died on active duty.
- Died as a direct result of a service connected disability as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 100% service connected disabled.
- Totally disabled (non-service connected) with wartime service.
- Upon the death of any veteran who served during a wartime period.

Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship Awards

Students who attend high school out-of-state while a parent or guardian is serving in the military and who maintains Kentucky as the home-of-record are qualified for Kentucky educational excellence scholarship awards.

Other Kentucky Commonwealth Veteran Benefits

Homeless Veterans Program

KDVA has partnered with Volunteers of America (VOA) to operate a drug/alcohol treatment/transitional housing program at the Lexington, Kentucky VAMC (Leestown Campus), this is a 40-bed program facility.

Women Veterans Program

The mission of the program is to ensure Kentucky's women veterans have equitable access to federal and state veterans' services and benefits. The program provides assistance to women who served in the United States Armed Forces or in forces incorporated as part of the United States Armed Forces and who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. The Women Veterans Coordinator for the Commonwealth collaborates with federal, state, and local agencies on issues related to women veterans; performs outreach to improve awareness of eligibility for services and benefits; assesses the needs of women veterans with respect to benefits and services; makes recommendations to the commissioner to improve benefits and services; and incorporates women veterans' issues in strategic planning concerning benefits and services.

Hunting, Trapping, or Fishing Licenses

Kentucky veterans with 50% or more service connected disability are authorized a discounted license.

Special Military-related License Plates

Kentucky veterans may qualify for special licenses based on their service or affiliation.

Burial Honors

KDVA helps implement and assist Veterans Service Organizations with Burial Honors Programs. Any Veterans Service Organization seeking a stipend for providing honors should contact our Burial Honors Program Coordinator, (888) 724-7683. Certification of Veterans Service Organizations performing Burial Honors by the National Guard, Ft. Knox or Ft. Campbell has been suspended as a result of operational requirements brought about by current world events.

Commonwealth Veterans Cemeteries

Kentucky Veterans Cemeteries are located in Hopkinsville, Fort Knox, Williamstown, and Greenup County.

Visit the [Kentucky Dept. of Veterans' Affairs website](#) for more information on any of these programs.