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Arkansas State Veteran's Benefits

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

- Arkansas Veterans Home
- Financial Assistance Benefits
- Education Benefits
- Other State Veteran Benefits

Arkansas Veteran Housing Programs

Arkansas Veterans Home

The Arkansas State Veterans Home in Fayetteville has been open since June 21, 2006. This licensed Medicaid/Medicare 108 bed skilled care nursing facility, provides a comfortable and supportive atmosphere for our Veterans. With twenty-four hour nursing service and a staff physician, medical needs are fully met. With licensed social workers and an activities director, each resident has the support and encouragement he or she might need to promote a healthy active lifestyle.

Arkansas Financial Assistance Benefits

Personal Property Tax Exemption

Arkansas Veterans who have been rated, by the VA, as 100% service connected (Permanent and Total) or awarded Special Monthly Compensation for loss or loss of use of one or more limbs total blindness in one or both eyes are entitled to exemption of Homestead and Personal Property Tax. Widows, so long as they do not remarry, dependent children, during their minority, continue this entitlement. Widows, so long as they do not remarry, dependent children, during their minority, are also eligible for this entitlement if the veteran was killed or died in the scope of his military duties, is missing in action, or died from service connected causes as certified by the Veterans Administration.

Gross Receipt of Tax Exemption

Gross receipts or proceeds derived from the sale of a new automobile to a veteran who is blind as a result of a service-connected injury. Registration will require an entitlement letter from the VA and will be limited to one new vehicle every two (2) years. This exemption defines automobile as a passenger vehicle or pickup truck but does not include trucks with a maximum gross load in excess of three-quarter (3/4) ton and does not include any trailer.

Income Tax Exemption

Provides an exemption of the first \$9,000.00 of active duty pay or the first \$6,000.00 of retired pay. The exemptions include Reserve and National Guard Components or for retired members who are residents of the State of Arkansas.

Arkansas Education Benefits

Educational Benefits

Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) has the authority to provide free tuition and fees at any state supported college, university, technical school, or vocational school; to the wife and children of any Arkansan who has been declared to be Prisoner of War or placed in a missing-in-action status since January 1, 1960. The same provisions apply to the surviving spouse and children of any Arkansas resident killed in action since 1960.

Other Arkansas State Veteran Benefits

Discounted Hunting and Fishing Licenses

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission provides discounted hunting and fishing licenses to Arkansas veterans who are 100% totally and permanently disabled or military retirees over the age of 60.

License Plates

The Revenue Division will provide (upon receipt of proper certification letters) a number of special privileges and benefits for Arkansas residents, including special license plates for Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, Purple Heart recipients, Ex-Prisoners of War, Disabled Veterans, Pearl Harbor Survivors, Armed Forces Retired, and Military Reserve.

Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery

There are 2 Arkansas State Veterans Cemeteries, one in North Little Rock, and one in Birdeye. The cemeteries are dedicated to providing an honorable place of rest for the veterans of the State of Arkansas.

Visit the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs website for more information on any of these programs.