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# Kansas State Veteran's Benefits

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

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## Kansas Veteran Housing Programs

### Veterans' Homes

The State of Kansas runs two Veterans' Homes: The Kansas Veterans' Home in Winfield, which has 73 long-term care beds, a 43 bed domiciliary unit, and an 18 bed special care unit for Alzheimers and related dementia; there is also the Kansas Soldiers' Home in Fort Dodge, which has three domiciliary residence halls and 60 cottages. Applicants must have received an "other than dishonorable" discharge and be either disabled, indigent, or willing to pay for care. Spouses may accompany veterans on a space-available basis.

### Homestead Act

Disabled veterans can claim a homestead refund. Veterans must be Kansas residents, honorably discharged, and certified to have at least 50% permanent disability sustained through military actions. Surviving spouses of deceased disabled veterans are also eligible to claim the Homestead exemption until they remarry.

## Kansas Financial Assistance Benefits

### State Income Tax

Military retirement pay is not taxed by the state.

## Other Kansas State Veteran Benefits

### National Guard and Disabled Veterans Hunting/Fishing Licenses and State Park Permits

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks offers active members of the Kansas Army and Air National Guard and disabled veterans free hunting and fishing licenses as well as discounted admission to state parks.

### Military Distinctive License Plates

Certain groups of veterans may be eligible to purchase distinctive Kansas license plates based on their service or affiliation.

### Vietnam War Medallion

The State of Kansas has authorized a medallion as a way to say "thank you" to the men and women who served during a very unpopular war. To qualify the veteran must have served on active duty between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975, been a legal resident of Kansas either when they entered service or were discharged, and received an honorable discharge.

Visit the [Kansas Department of Veterans Affairs](#) website for more information on any of these programs.