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Minnesota State Veteran's Benefits

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

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Minnesota Veteran Housing Programs

Minnesota Homeless Veteran Registry

The Registry connects Veterans experiencing homelessness with housing and services in their community. It also helps programs serving Veterans to coordinate their efforts. Participation is voluntary for Veterans. Anyone can refer a Veteran to join.

MOVE Program

The Minnesota Operation For Veterans Empowerment (MOVE) program temporarily assists homeless Veterans at the Union Gospel Mission in St. Paul, MN. Assistance includes one-on-one case management with an MDVA Outreach Representative and a paid bed at the mission during case management. Veterans work with the case manager to select the various types of resources needed in order to help empower them to move beyond their current situation.

Minnesota Veterans' Homes

Minnesota Veterans' Homes are located in Fergus Falls, Hastings, Luverne, Minneapolis and Silver Bay.

There is also an Adult Day Center located in the Minneapolis Veterans' Home. The Adult Day Center provides a broad array of therapeutic health care services – delivered by trained, highly dedicated professionals. It is a Veteran-based community that allows participants to connect with other Veterans in a safe, comfortable environment. The Adult Day Center allows participants to achieve the highest attainable level of physical, mental and social well-being – with the independence of living at home. It also provides much-needed respite – and a full array of support services – for Veterans' caregivers.

Admission to Minnesota Veterans Homes is available to honorably discharged veterans who entered service from Minnesota, or are current residents, who served 181 consecutive days on active duty, unless discharged earlier because of disability incurred in the line of duty. The spouse of an eligible Veteran who is at least 55 years old and meets residency requirements. The applicant must also be able to demonstrate a medical or clinical need for admission. Residents contribute to the cost of their care according to their means.

Minnesota Employment Benefits

MN Veterans Preference Act

MN Veterans Preference Act (VPA) grants veterans a limited preference over non-veterans in hiring and promotion for MN public employment and also provides protection against unfair dismissals and demotions. VPA grants veterans the right to a hearing, prior to dismissal.

Minnesota Education Benefits

Minnesota GI Bill

The Minnesota GI Bill is available to Minnesota Veterans who served honorably in any branch of the armed forces at any time; non-veterans who served honorably for a cumulative total of five years or more as a member of the MN National Guard or any other active or reserve component and had active service after September 11, 2001; or eligible spouses, surviving spouses, and children of permanently and totally disabled veterans who are eligible for the Federal GI Bill under Chapters 33 or 35.

Full-time undergraduate or graduate students may be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 per semester and part-time students can receive up to \$500 per semester (up to \$3,000 per academic year and \$10,000 per lifetime).

OJT and Apprenticeship individuals are eligible for up to \$2,000 per fiscal year for either program. Approved employers are eligible to receive \$1,000 placement credit payable upon hiring a person under this program and another \$1,000 after 12 consecutive months of employment.

Recipients must be a Minnesota resident under the age of 62, and enrolled at a Minnesota institution.

Other Minnesota State Veteran Benefits

Services Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs Services Program provides claims representation and fiduciary guardianship services.

Veterans Claims Advocacy

Staff at our Veterans Claims Offices, located at Fort Snelling and at Fargo/Moorhead, act as advocates for veterans and their dependents who are trying to get their benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (the VA). The staff will assist and represent veterans, their dependents, and survivors with applications for compensation, pension, home loans, educational, and medical treatment. The offices also provide environmental hazards information and assistance (Agent Orange issues, for example). See your County Veterans Service Officer to request this representation.

Guardianship Division

The Guardianship Division provides financial case management services to incompetent veterans, their dependents, and survivors, who may be vulnerable to exploitation by others or by their own inability to manage their funds.

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

The Minnesota State Veterans Cemeteries provide dignified burial services to Minnesota veterans and their eligible dependents and survivors. They are located 7 miles north of Little Falls, on the banks of the Mississippi River, and in Preston in southeastern Minnesota. Both cemeteries are managed and maintained by the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

Discharge Certificates

Veterans' benefits require that applicants provide a copy of their form DD 214 or discharge record, which is evidence of their veteran status. This is an important document and must be safeguarded. If you do not have a copy of your DD 214, contact your County Veterans Service Officer for assistance in obtaining it. If you have a copy of your DD 214 it is recommended that it be recorded in your county courthouse, or at the very least be sure to keep it in a safe place and inform a family member or trusted individual of its location.

Bronze Star Grave Markers

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs offers bronze stars to mark the grave site of any veteran buried in the state, where permitted. Bronze Star Markers are available through your local county veterans service officer.

Visit the [Minnesota Department of Veterans Services](#) website for more information about any of these programs.