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Ohio State Veteran's Benefits

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

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Ohio Veteran Housing Programs

Ohio Veterans Home

The Ohio Veterans Home Agency is a State of Ohio establishment comprised of two facilities, a home located in Sandusky, Ohio (approximately 60 miles west of Cleveland) and a home located in Georgetown, Ohio (approximately 45 miles east of Cincinnati).

The Georgetown Home is a licensed nursing home providing two levels of nursing care -- standard care and special care (Alzheimer/ Dementia). The Sandusky Home, in addition to offering standard care and special care in its licensed nursing home, also offers Veterans Hall (DOM), a domiciliary for those who are able to function in an independent living situation, and DOM+ for those requiring very limited assistance (supervised care) but who do not require the level of care provided to nursing home residents.

You must be an Honorably discharged wartime veteran and have been a resident of the State of Ohio for one year anytime during lifetime (does not have to be consecutive) and are disabled and unable to earn a living. The financial assessment is based on the resident's monthly income and assets. Maximum cost is approximately 1/3 the cost of private care.

Ohio Financial Assistance Benefits

Ohio Veterans Bonus Program

Eligible Veterans may receive \$100 for each month spent on active duty service in the following locations during these specified dates:

1. Persian Gulf between August 2, 1990 and March 3, 1991, the date when Iraq accepted the conditions for a permanent cease fire. Eligible Veterans can apply for a bonus until December 31, 2013.
2. Afghanistan since October 7, 2001. Eligible Veterans can apply for a bonus for up to three years after the President declares an end to U.S. involvement in Afghanistan.

Iraq since March 19, 2003. Eligible Veterans can apply for a bonus for up to three years after the President declares an end to U.S. involvement in Iraq.

The maximum benefit for in-theater service is \$1,000.

DEADLINE TO FINALIZE APPLICATIONS FOR IRAQ SERVICE

On-line Applications and Handwritten Applications will not be accepted after December 31, 2014. An application for Iraq service is finalized when you have mailed the signed, notarized application and required documents to the Ohio Veterans Bonus Program. All documents supporting your application for Iraq service **MUST BE POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED** no later than June 30, 2015.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available through your County Veterans Service Office on a short term basis to eligible veterans and their dependents.

State Tax Exemptions

Retired military pay is exempt from Ohio state taxes. Ohio residents who are stationed outside the state do not pay Ohio state income taxes on any income received out-of-state.

Homestead Exemption

Totally disabled veterans are eligible for up to a \$25,000 property tax exemption on the value of their property.

Military Injury Relief Fund

Ohio grants money to individuals injured while in active service as a member of the armed forces of the United States and while serving under operation Iraqi freedom or operation enduring freedom. Effective August 21, 2008 MIRF is exempt from State Taxation.

Ohio Education Benefits

Ohio War Orphans Scholarship

What is it? The Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Program awards tuition assistance to the children of deceased or severely disabled Ohio veterans who served in the armed forces during a period of declared war or conflict.

Who is eligible? To receive War Orphans Scholarship benefits, a student must be enrolled for full-time undergraduate study and pursuing an associate or bachelor's degree at an eligible Ohio college or university. Ohio residency is required. Applicants must be under the age of 25.

How much aid is available? Scholarship benefits cover a portion of instructional and general fee charges at two and four-year public institutions and a portion of these charges at eligible private colleges and universities.

How do I apply? Application is made to the Ohio Board of Regents/State Grants and Scholarships Department.

Other Ohio State Veteran Benefits

Burial Benefits

Burial Benefits are available for eligible veterans. (Contact your County Veteran Service Officer)

Military/Veteran License Plates

Ohio's Bureau of Motor Vehicles has many military/veteran license plates available to eligible veterans.

Transportation to Medical Appointments

Many of the organizations and County Veterans Service Offices across Ohio free transportation to local VA facilities. (Contact your County Veteran Service Officer)

Recreational Benefits

Ohio offers the following recreation benefits for totally disabled veterans, Medal of Honor recipients, and former POWs:

- Free Hunting & Fishing Licenses
- Free Boating Licenses
- Free Camping at Ohio State Parks

Visit the [Ohio Dept. of Veterans Services](#) website for more information on any of these programs.