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West Virginia State Veteran's Benefits

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

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West Virginia Veteran Housing Programs

Homestead Exemption for Certain Eligible Veterans

Specific information is available through the local County Assessor's Office.

State Veterans Homes

The state of West Virginia runs a veterans home in Barboursville, and a nursing facility in Clarksburg.. They are open to veterans who have been residents of West Virginia for at least 30 days (or entered the service from West Virginia), have an honorable discharge, and who served at least 12 months of active duty service. Charges are based on a veteran's income.

West Virginia Financial Assistance Programs

Veterans Bonus

The state of West Virginia has provided a bonus to all service members who served on active duty during war-time for conflicts dating back as far as World War I. The current bonus is available for those serving on active duty during Afghanistan, Iraq and Kosovo, and includes a one-time payment of \$400 with an additional \$200 for those deployed to the combat zone.

West Virginia Veteran Employment Programs

Veterans Preference

Under the West Virginia Civil Service System all veterans who have served under honorable conditions in the armed forces of the United States during World War II, Korea Conflict, Vietnam Era or during hostile conflict shall have five (5) points added to a final passing score. An additional five (5) points are added to a veteran's score if in receipt of the Purple Heart or has a compensable service-connected disability.

West Virginia Education Assistance Programs

State War Orphans Education

Provides for a waiver of tuition and registration fees in a state supported college or university for children between the ages of sixteen and twenty-three whose veteran parent served in World War I, World War II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam Era or any time of conflict as declared by Congress. Parent must have died in such wartime period, or, if subsequent to discharge, death must have been the result of disability incurred in such wartime service.

Veterans Re-Education Act Fund

The West Virginia Legislature provides tuition assistance to those veterans who need a new vocation due to dislocation or unemployment. Veteran must have exhausted the G. I. Bill and be in need of tuition assistance.

Other West Virginia State Veteran Benefits

Agent Orange Program

The program administered by the West Virginia Division of Health expired July 1, 1989. However, assistance is provided to Korean and Vietnam veterans exposed to certain chemicals, defoliants or herbicides or other causative agents, including Agent Orange from the US Department of Veterans Affairs, Medicine and Surgery.

Free License -- Automobile

Provides special vehicle license plates, DV Tags without fee to any veteran in receipt of an auto grant or who is permanently and totally disabled due to service-connected causes, and former POW Tag as certified by the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Also recent legislation provides for Purple Heart Tags for those wounded in action and Pearl Harbor Survivors Tags for West Virginia veterans who were at Pearl Harbor during the attack on December 7, 1941. Veteran Plate for honorably discharged veterans for a one-time fee of \$10.00 over and above the regular license fee required by Motor Vehicles.

Free Hunting and Fishing Privileges

For 100% service-connected veterans and those veterans in receipt of a VA auto grant.

Jack Bennett Fund

Although the US Department of Veterans Affairs provides grave-markers for qualifying deceased veterans, they do not provide funding for the installation of those markers. West Virginia established the Jack Bennett Fund to cover the cost of installation.

Visit the [West Virginia Dept.of Veterans Assistance](#) website for more information on any of these programs.