

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE RESOURCE GUIDE





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Commissioner

Dear Veterans and Families,

This guide is dedicated to the brave men and women who have served our country, as well as the families who have stood by their side. A veteran's sacrifice, dedication, and resilience are at the core of everything we do at the Georgia Department of Veterans Service (GDVS). Our work is simple: to ensure that Georgia's veterans receive the benefits, care, and opportunities that were rightfully earned.

This guide provides an overview of the many services available to you, from benefits assistance and appeals support to the oversight of VA education programs in Georgia and the management of the state's War Veterans Homes and Memorial Cemeteries. Wherever you are in Georgia, our Veterans Field Service Offices are staffed with compassionate professionals ready to offer you personalized guidance and support.

It is a privilege to serve as your Commissioner, a role I hold with great responsibility, entrusted to me by the State Veterans Service Board—a group of seven wartime veterans dedicated to the well-being of Georgia's veteran community. Their experience informs our work, ensuring we remain steadfast in our commitment to serving those who have worn the uniform with honor and distinction.

Together, the entire GDVS team stands by you. Thank you for your service and know that we are here to serve you in return.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Ross".

Patricia Ross, Ed.D. (Col, USAF Retired)
Commissioner



Brian P. Kemp

Governor of the State of Georgia



Our veterans and military families have given so much in service to our country. Though we can never fully repay the debt we owe you, I'm proud that here in Georgia, we are doing our best to keep our state the best place in the nation for service members, veterans, and their families to live, work, and raise a family.

Marty and I have had the privilege of traveling across Georgia and meeting with veterans and their families, hearing your stories of service, sacrifice, and resilience. These conversations remind us why it's so important to ensure that our state provides access to the resources and support you've earned. You are the backbone of our state and nation, and it's our duty to stand by you.

Georgia is home to over 600,000 veterans and 100,000 current service members, along with their spouses and children. With nine military bases in our state, we want veterans and their family members to choose Georgia for their second career or education. Our businesses know the value veterans bring, and they're actively seeking your skills and experience.

As Governor, I'm committed to ensuring that Georgia remains the most military-friendly state in the country. This Veterans Resource Guide is a part of that commitment. Whether you're looking for education, employment, or other services, this guide will help connect you with the benefits and resources you've earned.

Thank you for your service and the sacrifices you've made. Georgia will always honor you, and we will continue working to make sure you have the support to live well and thrive.

Governor Brian P. Kemp



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VETERANS SERVICE

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Georgia's veterans have a proud legacy of service, safeguarding our nation's freedoms across generations. It is our privilege to honor that service by supporting veterans, veterans' families, and veterans' caregivers.

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service, a state government agency, is dedicated to advising, counseling, and assisting Georgia's veterans and their families in obtaining the benefits they rightfully deserve under the intricate framework of veterans' laws.

We hope this resource guide provides valuable support in helping our veterans navigate the many resources and services available to them through the state of Georgia.









STATE BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO GEORGIA'S VETERANS

*A summary for veterans
and their families*



INTRODUCTION TO STATE BENEFITS



Georgia is proud of the benefits available to veterans in the state.

This guide is intended to provide an overview of these benefits with general explanations and descriptions of each.

For a full understanding of any benefit, as well as assistance applying, please visit any office of the Georgia Department of Veterans Service (GDVS).

The GDVS exists to serve the veterans of Georgia and their families. The department offers a wide range of superb services and programs, including excellent veterans benefits assistance; devoted claims and appeals support; skilled nursing home care; compassionate cemetery committal services; and rewarding veterans education, on-the-job training, and apprenticeship training program management.

GDVS representatives strive to ensure Georgia's veterans receive all of the earned federal and state benefits to which they are entitled. For more information regarding benefits or other veterans issues, call 404-656-2300 or visit veterans.georgia.gov.

The benefits described in this book are available to Georgia veterans pursuant to the authority of the state constitution, the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.), and the authority vested in the GDVS and other state government agencies.

References to specific sections of the law governing certain benefits are included in an appendix at the back of this book.

Please remember — no benefit is automatic; eligible veterans must apply for their earned benefits in order to receive them.

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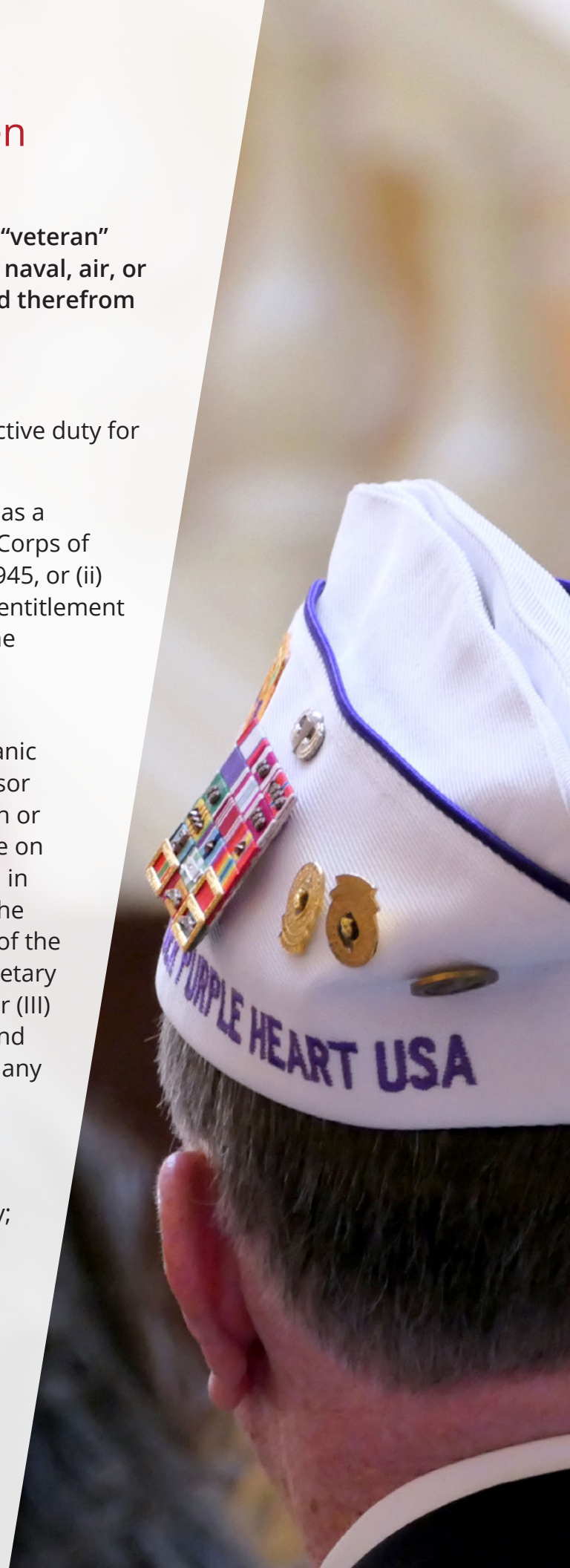
DEFINING “VETERAN”

Who qualifies as a veteran when applying for veterans benefits?

Per Title 38 U.S. Code § 101 - Definitions, the term “veteran” means a person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

The term “active duty” means —

- Full-time duty in the Armed Forces, other than active duty for training;
- Full-time duty (other than for training purposes) as a commissioned officer of the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service (i) on or after July 29, 1945, or (ii) before that date under circumstances affording entitlement to “full military benefits” or (iii) at any time, for the purposes of chapter 13 of this title;
- Full-time duty as a commissioned officer in the commissioned officer corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or its predecessor organization the Coast and Geodetic Survey (i) on or after July 29, 1945, or (ii) before that date (I) while on transfer to one of the Armed Forces, or (II) while, in time of war or national emergency declared by the President, assigned to duty on a project for one of the Armed Forces in an area determined by the Secretary of Defense to be of immediate military hazard, or (III) in the Philippine Islands on December 7, 1941, and continuously in such islands thereafter, or (iii) at any time, for the purposes of chapter 13 of this title;
- Service as a cadet at the United States Military, Air Force, or Coast Guard Academy, or as a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy; and authorized travel to or from such duty or service;
- A Reservist or member of the National Guard called to Federal active duty or disabled from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty or while in training status also qualify as a veteran.





TAX EXEMPTIONS

Regarding Tax Exemptions

The GDVS makes no guarantees regarding the awarding of tax exemptions.

This guide describes tax exemptions as they are written in Georgia law. However, the administration of tax exemptions is as interpreted by the tax commissioners of Georgia's 159 counties. GDVS personnel will assist veterans in obtaining the necessary documentation for filing.

To obtain verification letters of disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs, please call 800-827-1000 and request a "Summary of Benefits" letter.

The actual filing of documents is the veteran's responsibility.

Any questions pertaining to tax exemptions at the local level should be asked to and answered by the County Tax Commissioner's Office. The GDVS can ONLY verify the status of a veteran's or surviving spouse's eligibility.



MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME TAX EXEMPTION

Veterans who retired from the military and are under 62 years of age are eligible for an exemption of up to \$17,500 of military retirement income. An additional exemption of up to \$17,500 is available to veterans under 62 who have at least \$17,500 of earned, taxable income.

Veterans ages 62 to 64 are eligible for Georgia's existing retirement income tax exemption for up to \$35,000. Those over the age of 65 are eligible for an exemption of up to \$65,000.

EXTENSION OF FILING DEADLINE FOR COMBAT DEPLOYMENT

The tax filing deadline for combat deployed military personnel (those who served on active duty as members of the U.S. armed forces in combat activities during a period designated by the President) is extended until 180 days after such deployment ends.

ABATEMENT OF INCOME TAXES FOR COMBAT DEATHS

Georgia law provides that service personnel who die as a result of wounds, disease, or injury incurred while serving in a combat zone as a member of the U.S. armed forces are exempt from all Georgia income taxes for the taxable year of death. Additionally, such taxes shall not apply for any prior taxable year ending on or after the first day served in the combat zone.

AD VALOREM TAX ON VEHICLES

This exemption applies to either the annual property tax or the title tax, whichever is applicable.

This exemption is for veterans who are verified by VA to be 100 percent totally and permanently service-connected disabled and veterans rated unemployable who are receiving or who are entitled to receive statutory awards from VA for: (1) loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet; (2) loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands; (3) loss of sight in one or both eyes; or (4) permanent impairment of vision of both eyes to a prescribed degree.

The exemption is granted on only ONE vehicle the veteran owns and upon which the free Disabled Veteran (DV) license plate is attached. Veterans who qualify for the Purple Heart or Medal of Honor specialty license plates are also exempt.

For more information on vehicle tax exemptions:
Contact your local county tax office

TAX EXEMPTIONS



DISABLED VETERAN HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION

This exemption is available to honorably discharged Georgia veterans who are considered disabled according to any of several criteria.

In order to qualify, the disabled veteran must own the home and use it as a primary residence. This exemption is extended to the un-remarried surviving spouse or minor children as long as they continue to occupy the home as a residence.

Available to honorably discharged Georgia veterans considered disabled by any of these criteria:

- VA-rated 100 percent permanent and totally disabled
- VA-rated less than 100 percent disabled but entitled as 100 percent rate due to unemployability
- Entitled to receive a statutory award from VA for:
 - Loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet
 - Loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands
 - Loss of sight in one or both eyes
- Permanent impairment of both eyes *
- Surviving, un-remarried spouses of qualified deceased veterans
- Surviving minor children of qualified deceased veterans

** – Central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye (with corrective glasses) or central visual acuity of more than 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends on angular distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye.*

Any qualifying disabled veteran may be granted an exemption of up to \$109,986 according to an index rate set by the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The amount is set per 38 U.S.C. 2102.

The value of the property in excess of this exemption remains taxable.

For more information on tax exemptions:

Visit dor.georgia.gov

Call 404-724-7000

Contact your County Tax Commissioner's office, or consult a tax professional



SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR VEHICLE PURCHASE/ADAPTATION

A disabled veteran who receives a VA grant for the purchase and special adapting of a vehicle is exempt from paying the state sales tax on the vehicle (only on the original grant).

BUSINESS CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION

Georgia veterans are eligible for a certificate granting exemption from any occupation tax, administrative fee, or regulatory fee imposed by local governments for peddling, conducting a business, or practicing a profession or semi-profession for a period of ten years, if they meet all of these conditions:

- discharged under honorable conditions, and
- service-connected disability rating of 10 percent or more.

To apply, veterans should gather the following and take the complete packet to their local County Probate Court:

- a copy of their DD Form 214,
- a current copy of their VA “Summary of Benefits” letter,
- and a completed VS Form 40-025 (which can be obtained at a GDVS Veteran Field Service Office).

Once verified, the Clerk of the Probate Court will issue a notarized letter/affidavit from the Judge confirming eligibility. The Probate Court Office should then submit your notarized letter/affidavit to your County Tax Commissioner and the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office to register your business.

For verification of a veteran’s disability compensation, contact:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

800-827-1000

Request a “Summary of Benefits” letter



LICENSES, ID CARDS, AND PLATES

DRIVING LICENSES AND PERSONAL ID CARDS

This special version of a Georgia driver's license or personal identification card includes a U.S. flag and the word VETERAN prominently displayed on the front.

Any honorably discharged veteran is entitled to a free veteran driver's license. A member or former member of the National Guard who served on active duty and received a DD Form 214 also qualifies.

Veterans must be a current resident of Georgia to apply for a veteran driver's license.

A member or former member of the National Guard with 20 or more years of creditable service also qualifies. The veteran should obtain certification from the Adjutant General of the State of Georgia and include it with the other required documentation.

In order to obtain a veteran driver's license, the applying veteran must take their DD Form 214 and proof of residency, together with all required identifying documents (birth certificate or passport; Social Security card; two documents showing residential address; and, if applicable, name change documentation), directly to a Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) office.

A DDS representative will administer a vision exam, verify the veteran's eligibility, and issue a veteran driver's license.

NATIONAL GUARD DRIVER'S LICENSE

Any member of the Georgia National Guard or Reserve who is in good standing and has completed at least one year of satisfactory service is eligible for a free National Guard Driver's License.

You must bring a completed Certificate of Eligibility (DS-318) obtained from the local National Guard Commanding Officer when applying for this license at your local DDS office.



DRIVER'S LICENSE AND PLATES

HONORARY DRIVER'S LICENSE – SPOUSE

The spouse of a qualified veteran, whose disabilities preclude operating a motor vehicle, is eligible for a free honorary driver's license. The surviving un-remarried spouse of an eligible deceased veteran may also receive a free honorary veteran driver's license.

You must be a current Georgia resident to qualify.

In order to obtain a free honorary driver's license, take proof of the veteran's qualifying service and residency to any GDVS Veterans Field Service Office. Also provide verification of spouse's disabilities that preclude operating a motor vehicle or a copy of spouse's death certificate, whichever is applicable.

A service officer will verify eligibility and issue a completed Certificate of Eligibility (DS-516) which must be taken to a local Department of Driver Services office when applying for a license.

LICENSE PLATES: DISABLED VETERAN

Honorably discharged Georgia veterans considered disabled by VA must meet several requirements to qualify for Disabled Veteran license plates:

- VA-rated 100 percent permanent and totally disabled
- VA-rated less than 100 percent disabled but paid at the 100 percent rate due to individual unemployability

Entitled to receive a statutory award from VA for:

- Loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet
- Loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands
- Loss of sight in one or both eyes
- Permanent impairment of both eyes

Disabled Veteran license plates are also available to the surviving, un-remarried spouses or surviving minor children of qualified deceased veterans for a vehicle that was previously registered in the veteran's name.

Verification:

You must provide a letter from VA indicating disability percentage and service connection. GDVS Veterans Service Officers can assist you in obtaining this letter.

Alternatively, qualified veterans may obtain a certified statement from an authorized physician and take it to a GDVS Veterans Field Service Office along with discharge paperwork or proof of active-duty service and verification of residency.

LICENSES



Fees:

- There is no registration fee, manufacturing fee, or annual fee for a set of two plates, to be fixed to the front and back of the veteran's vehicle. Applicants are entitled to a second set of plates upon payment of a \$25 manufacturing fee in addition to a \$20 annual fee.
 - Veterans with a 100 percent service-connected permanent and total disability rating are exempt from ad valorem taxes on one vehicle.
 - Disabled Veterans plates are issued to vehicles under 15,000 pounds that are not used for commercial purposes. They are not issued for motor homes.
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HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Hunting and fishing licenses are administered by the Wildlife Resources Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

For more information, visit georgiawildlife.com or call 800-366-2661.

Georgia residency is a requirement for each of the following:



RETURNING VETERANS

A One Time Veterans License is available free to military veterans who served on active federal duty for 90 or more days and were honorably discharged on July 1, 2005, or later. This free license is valid for one year from date of issue, is available to Georgia residents, and may be issued only once.

The One Time Veterans Hunting and Fishing License is a full privilege sportsman's license and includes all state paid recreational hunting and fishing privileges (some additional no-cost state licenses may be required).

After the One Time Veterans Hunting and Fishing License expires, veterans may apply for a discounted full privilege veterans lifetime license.

DISCOUNTED LIFETIME LICENSES

Honorably discharged resident veterans may purchase a Georgia Adult Lifetime Sportsman's License at a 20% discount (\$600, ages 16 - 49).



SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Veterans may purchase a Senior Discount Lifetime License beginning at age 60 (\$315), or an Older Adult Lifetime License at age 50 (\$375).

PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED

Veterans with a permanent and total disability rating from VA (or another government agency) for a physical or mental impairment are eligible for a 3-year disability sportsman's license at a steep discount from regular license cost.

Veterans disabled for mental impairment may obtain a discounted disability fishing license.

TOTALLY BLIND

Eligible for a free lifetime honorary fishing license.

AGE 65 AND OLDER

Seniors born before July 1, 1952, are eligible for a free senior lifetime sportsman's license.

Seniors born on July 1, 1952, or after may purchase low-cost lifetime or annual licenses.

OTHER SPECIAL STATE PROVISIONS

DRIVING LICENSE RENEWAL EXTENSION FOR COMBAT DEPLOYED

Military personnel on active duty can request a Georgia driver's license/ID card renewal through the mail. The same privilege is also extended to a military person's spouse and any licensed dependents or ID card holders living with the person who is on duty in a foreign domain or in a state other than Georgia.

Georgia also allows a six-month grace period for a service member whose Georgia driver's license expires while on active duty outside the state. Service members are allowed to drive in Georgia on an expired Georgia driver's license for six months after the date he/she is discharged or reassigned back into the state.

EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE

A 5-point credit is extended to war veterans seeking employment with the State of Georgia. A 10-point credit is extended to veterans with a VA service-connected disability rating of 10 percent or more. The same privilege is extended to the spouse of a qualified veteran.

OTHER STATE SPECIAL PROVISIONS



HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS FOR CERTAIN WAR VETERANS

A veteran who failed to receive a high school diploma due to an interruption of education by service in World War II, Korea, or Vietnam is eligible to obtain a diploma.

Veterans should apply to the board of education of the school district where they attended high school.

MOTOR FUEL SERVICE FOR DISABLED VETERANS

When a gasoline station offers both full-service and self-service, a station employee shall, upon request, provide full-service at the self-service price to a disabled veteran, provided: 1) the disabled veteran is driving a vehicle bearing Disabled Veteran license plates, and 2) the disabled veteran is not accompanied by a person capable of pumping fuel (16 years or older and not disabled).

PARKING FOR DISABLED VETERANS

If a Disabled Veteran license plate is properly displayed, the veteran is authorized to park in parking areas designated for persons with disabilities. (No additional parking permit is required.)

STATE PARK ENTRANCE FEE REDUCTION

Georgia veterans with a discharge from the U.S. armed forces under honorable conditions and a VA service-connected disability rating are eligible for a 25 percent reduction of the entrance fee to state parks, historical sites, and recreational areas.

To apply, bring your DD Form 214, verification of service-connected disability, and proof of residency to a GDVS Veterans Field Service Office. A service officer will verify eligibility and forward the application to the GDVS Central Office. If approved, the state park discount card will be mailed.

VITAL RECORDS

Veterans and their families may obtain copies of marriage, divorce, birth, and death documents without charge, provided the copies are to be used for establishing disability or death claims.

For assistance, contact the Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records: 404-679-4702 or dph.georgia.gov.



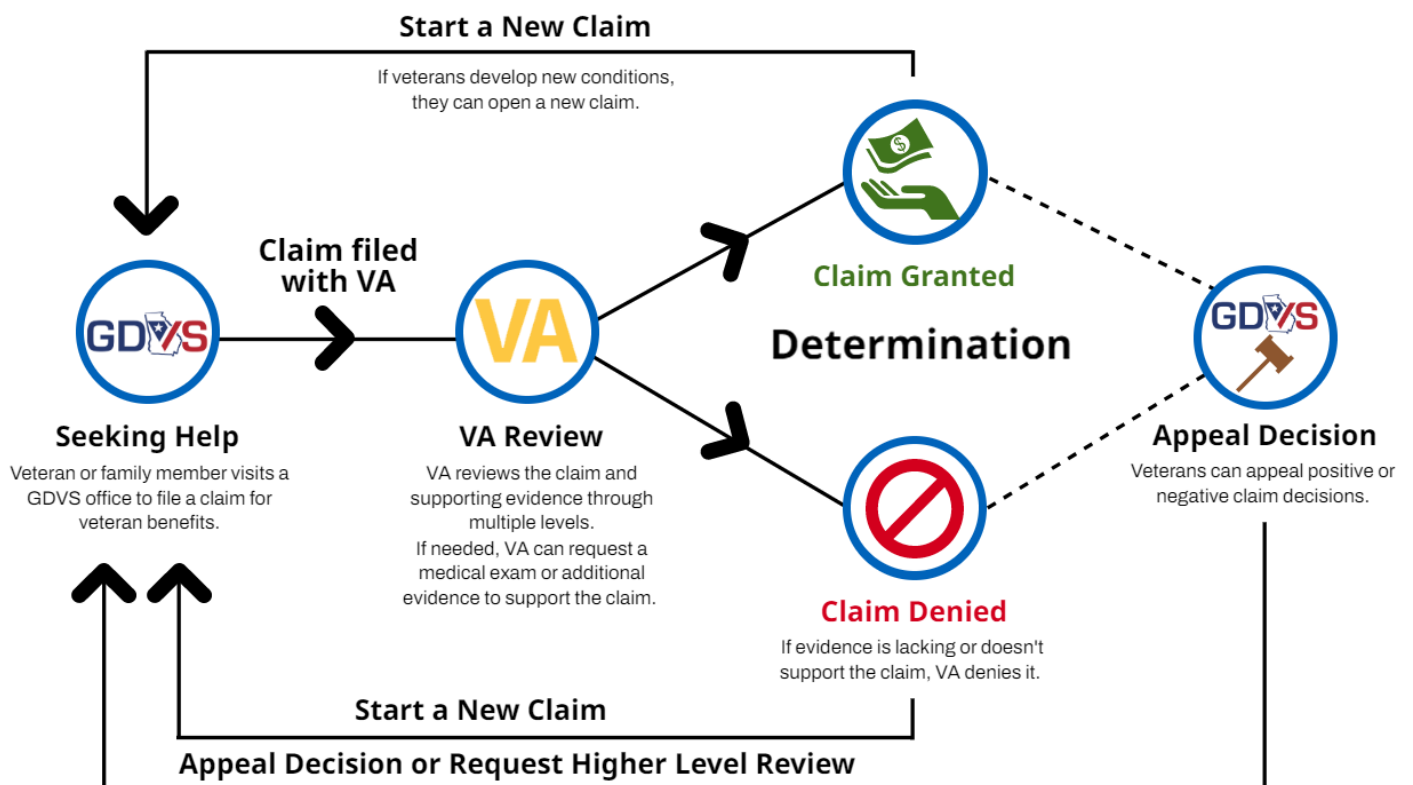
APPEALS ASSISTANCE

The GDVS Appeals Division assists veterans and their families who choose to dispute the disposition of their claims for veterans benefits.

GDVS Appeals Officers assist veterans at personal or decision review officer (DRO) hearings before the local VA Hearing Officer or before the Board of Veterans Appeals from Washington, D.C.

The Appeals Division is located within the Atlanta VA Regional Office Building at 1700 Clairmont Road, Decatur, GA 30033.

Please call ahead before visiting, as this office is open on an appointment-only basis: 404-929-5345.





ABOUT THE GDVS

VETERANS EDUCATION AND TRAINING

By law, the Georgia Department of Veterans Service is designated as the State Approving Agency (SAA), responsible for approving and supervising all institutions and establishments in Georgia that offer education and training under the provisions of the Veterans Educational Assistance Program (GI Bill).

Within the GDVS, the SAA function is performed by the Veterans Education and Training Division. This division is responsible for ensuring approved educational institutions and establishments meet and maintain acceptable standards so eligible persons who attend may receive educational assistance from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This includes all public and private schools and all establishments offering apprenticeship and other on-the-job training.

These programs must have SAA approval before veterans and other eligible persons may receive educational benefits (GI Bill) from VA under the authority of Title 38, U.S. Code and Chapter 1606 Title 10.

Federal and state laws require stringent regulatory compliance of all institutions and establishments approved for veterans attendance. The responsibilities of approval, annual inspections, and ensuring corrective action when necessary, constitute a vital function of the Georgia SAA.

The satisfactory performance of these duties requires SAA personnel to have extensive knowledge in education administration and a full understanding of the laws and regulations that govern and control the Veterans Educational Assistance Program.

For further information concerning approved universities, colleges, technical and trade schools, flight schools, correspondence schools, as well as apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs, contact the SAA staff.

Contact: 404-656-2306 or saaga@vs.state.ga.us.



VETERANS EDUCATION AND TRAINING

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

On-the-Job (OJT) programs may be approved for a wide variety of entry-level jobs. Once approved, a veteran participates in the OJT program while working under the employer's supervision. The veteran receives monthly VA education benefits in addition to a regular salary.

In order to apply, a veteran must be employed full-time with an employer who can provide training in a bona fide trade or skill in which the veteran is not already qualified.

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

Apprenticeship training is similar to OJT, but includes theoretical instruction as well as practical training. While learning a trade as an "apprentice," the veteran is taught by a skilled worker, a "journeyman." Once approved, the veteran receives VA education benefits while working full-time and earning wages.

Apprenticeship programs differ from OJT in that they are normally two or more years in length. They require a minimum of 144 hours of related classroom instruction per year. The employer, local technical college, union, or the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship Training usually provides classroom instruction.

The SAA approves non-registered programs. Both the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship Training and the SAA approve registered apprenticeship programs. Some examples of approved programs are carpenter, electrician, brick mason, and plumber.



ABOUT THE GDVS

WAR VETERANS NURSING HOMES

The GDVS operates two skilled nursing care homes for eligible war veterans located in Georgia. One is in Augusta and the other is in Milledgeville.

The primary mission of these homes is to provide high quality skilled nursing home care to veterans while seeking to improve their quality of life and overall health.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- The veteran must be a current Georgia resident and meet one of the following conditions:
 - Resided in Georgia two years immediately preceding the date of application
 - Resided in Georgia five or more of the past 15 years
- The veteran must have served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces during one of the following periods:
 - World War II: December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
 - Post-World War II: January 1, 1947 – June 26, 1950
 - Korea: June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955
 - Cold War: January 31, 1955 – August 1, 1990
 - Vietnam: July 1, 1964 – May 7, 1975
 - Persian Gulf: August 2, 1990 – present
- The veteran must have a discharge under other than dishonorable conditions.
- The veteran must be approved as eligible for skilled nursing care by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- The veteran must be free of contagious infectious disease and behavioral and psychiatric problems.
- The veteran must not need to be sustained by line-operated mechanical means.



WAR VETERANS NURSING HOMES

To apply for admission, contact the Admissions Office of one of the homes or any GDVS Veterans Field Service Office.

A nominal daily fee is charged. Eligible veterans may apply for the federal Aid and Attendance benefit to help offset this fee. Veterans with a service-connected disability rating of 70 percent or higher or whose admission is due to a service-connected condition do not have to pay the fee, as this care and treatment is paid in full by VA.

GEORGIA WAR VETERANS NURSING HOME – AUGUSTA

The Georgia War Veterans Home in Augusta is a 176-bed skilled nursing care facility located adjacent to the campus of Augusta University, across from the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center. It is operated under an interagency agreement between the GDVS and Augusta University.

Dedicated in 1969, the home was the first of its kind built with federal financial grant assistance. It is accredited by The Joint Commission.



Along with the provision of skilled nursing care, the home serves as a teaching facility to acquaint medical, dental, pharmacy, and allied health students with the medical conditions and diseases of the aged. This provides students with practical experience and helps them gain expertise in treating the disabled and the elderly.

Additionally, the home contains a GDVS Veterans Field Service Office to assist veterans in the area.

GEORGIA WAR VETERANS HOME – MILLEDGEVILLE

The Georgia War Veterans Home is a 262-bed skilled nursing care facility comprised of four buildings located on approximately 17 acres. The home provides skilled nursing care and specialty care for Alzheimer's residents. It is accredited by The Joint Commission.

The home is operated through an agreement with STG International.



Additionally, the home contains a GDVS Veterans Field Service Office to assist veterans in the area.



ABOUT THE GDVS

VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERIES

The Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemeteries, established for the interment of faithful and honorable military veterans and eligible family members, are shrines recognizing all Georgia veterans.

There are two Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemeteries, located in Glennville and Milledgeville, open for interment of qualified veterans and dependents.

Each cemetery includes a welcome center, a chapel, in-ground interment areas, and columbaria connected by paved roadways and walkways in beautiful, well-landscaped settings. Grave-site locators are available for the convenience of visitors.

ELIGIBLE FOR INTERMENT:

- Veterans with a discharge other than dishonorable
- Members of the Reserves or National Guard who were eligible for retirement pay at the time of death (or who would have been entitled to retirement pay at age 60)
- Members of the U.S. armed forces killed in the line of duty while on active duty or active duty for training
- Members of the U.S. armed forces who otherwise died on active duty
- Certain other veterans as defined in federal law
- Spouses, unmarried dependents under the age of 21, and eligible life-long dependents of any of the above

Proper paperwork is required to determine eligibility. The veteran's name; rank; serial, social security, and VA claim numbers; date of birth and date of death must be provided to cemetery personnel. A copy of the veteran's DD Form 214 or other proof of service is required. A copy of the marriage certificate is required for the spouse to be buried with the veteran.

Standard upright, granite headstones are used to mark the burial sites of casketed and cremated remains. Small granite covers are used to mark the niches of cremated remains placed



VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERIES

in a columbarium.

Plots, vaults, niches, and markers are provided at no charge. Use of the committal chapel for interment services is also free. The family is responsible for all other expenses.

The vaults provided are concrete-lined and double-depth for the veteran and spouse or dependent. NOTE: If the veteran selects interment for cremated remains, the spouse or dependent must also select interment for cremated remains

The GDVS pledges to honor the dignity and memory of each person. Cemetery staff will make the interment as compassionate and comfortable as possible, ensuring the committal service and any other requests are handled respectfully. They will assist family and friends in every way possible during their time of sorrow.

Business Hours:

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Interment Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Visiting hours are from 8 a.m. to dusk daily, including weekends and holidays.

GEORGIA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY - GLENNVILLE

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery – Glennville

8819 U.S. Highway 301, Glennville, GA 30427

912-654-5398 | veterans.ga.gov/gvmc-glennville

GEORGIA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY MILLEDGEVILLE

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery Milledgeville

Milledgeville 2617 Vinson Highway, Milledgeville, GA 31061

478-445-3363 | veterans.ga.gov/gvmc-milledgeville



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OTHER PROGRAMS

ABOUT THE GDVS: WOMEN AND MINORITY VETERANS OFFICE

The Women and Minority Veterans Office's mission is to provide information, advocacy, outreach, and support to Georgia's women veterans, veterans who are part of racial and ethnic populations, and their families.

Please contact 404-656-2300 for assistance.

ABOUT THE GDVS: SUICIDE PREVENTION AND OUTREACH OFFICE

The Suicide Prevention and Outreach Office's mission is to provide information, training, outreach, and support to Georgia's military service members, veterans, and their families.

Please contact 404-656-2300 for assistance.

ABOUT THE GDVS: HOMELESSNESS COORDINATION:

The Homelessness Coordinator collaborates with community groups, government agencies, and service providers to support veterans facing homelessness or housing instability. The coordinator identifies and assists veterans in finding housing solutions and essential services like healthcare, employment assistance, and mental health resources.

Please contact 404-656-2307 for assistance.

ABOUT THE GDVS: TRANSITION AND EMPLOYMENT:

The GDVS Transition and Employment Coordinator assists veterans as they complete their military service and transition to the civilian workforce, helping them find their next career. Additionally, this office supports military and veteran family members looking for new job opportunities and who hold licenses or certifications from other states.

Please contact 404-232-7261 for assistance.

ABOUT THE GDVS: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS

GDVS External Affairs and Communications supports the department's internal and external communications and outreach missions with the ultimate goal of keeping Georgia's veterans and their families informed of important news and events.

Stay informed by joining the GDVS communities at:

 facebook.com/gavetsvc  x.com/gavetsvc  linkedin.com/company/gavetsvc

Contact: 404-656-5933 or gavetsvc@vs.state.ga.us



**STAFF SERGEANT
PARKER
GORDON
FOX**

**DIED BY SUICIDE
ON JULY 21,
2020, AT THE
AGE OF 24.**

**Veterans are 57% more
at risk for suicide than
nonmilitary adults. Around
6,000 veterans die by suicide
each year, according to
the Department of
Veterans Affairs.**

**IF YOU'RE IN CRISIS,
REACH OUT TO THE
SUICIDE AND CRISIS
LIFELINE AT 988.**

HELP IS AVAILABLE 24/7.



**Veterans
Crisis Line**
DIAL 988 then PRESS 1



VETERANS FIELD SERVICE OFFICES

GDVS Veterans Field Service Offices are located throughout Georgia and staffed by VA accredited veteran service officers who advise veterans and their families regarding earned federal and state veterans benefits.



VETERANS FIELD SERVICE OFFICES

Visit veterans.georgia.gov/field-offices for updates and holiday schedules.

ALBANY

1303 W. Broad Ave.
Albany, GA 31707
229-430-1797
veterans.georgia.gov/albany
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

AMERICUS

1601 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Ste 220
Americus, GA 31719
229-931-2546
veterans.georgia.gov/amicus
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

ATHENS

9249 U.S. Highway 29, Suite D
Athens, GA 30601
706-733-0188, ext. 45575
veterans.georgia.gov/athens
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

ATLANTA

Floyd Veterans Memorial Bldg., West Tower,
Suite 460
205 Jesse Hill, Jr. Drive SE
Atlanta, GA 30334
404-656-5940
veterans.georgia.gov/atlanta
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

AUGUSTA - GVVNH

1101 15th St.
Augusta, GA 30901-3196
706-721-4301
veterans.georgia.gov/augusta
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

AUGUSTA

Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center,
Room 1D-264 950 15th St.
Augusta, GA 30901-3196
706-733-0118, ext. 32277
veterans.georgia.gov/augusta-vamc
8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

BLAIRSVILLE

Blairsville VA Community Based
Outpatient Clinic
1294 Georgia Highway 515 East
Blairsville, GA 30512
706-835-3980, ext. 344584
veterans.georgia.gov/blairsville
8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

BRUNSWICK - CBOC

93 Benchmark Way
Brunswick, GA 31520
(912) 261-2355 , ext. 46050
veterans.georgia.gov/brunswick-cboc
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

CANTON

220 Brown Industrial Parkway, Suite 150
Canton, GA 30114-2779
770-720-3538
veterans.georgia.gov/canton
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

VETERANS FIELD SERVICE OFFICES



CARROLLTON

Trinka Davis Veterans Village Outpatient Clinic
Room E-083
180 Martin Drive
Carrollton, GA 30117
678-423-4970, ext. 352589
veterans.georgia.gov/carrollton
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday

CARTERSVILLE

320 W. Cherokee Ave., Room 105
Cartersville, GA 30120
770-387-3746
veterans.georgia.gov/cartersville
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

CEDARTOWN

142 West Ave
Cedartown, GA 30125
770-749-2209
veterans.georgia.gov/cedartown
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday and Friday; 8 a.m.-noon, Wednesday

COLUMBUS

2100 Comer Avenue. Suite 100A
Columbus, GA 31904
706-649-1265
veterans.georgia.gov/columbus
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

CONYERS

983 Taylor St.
Conyers, GA 30012
770-388-5075
veterans.georgia.gov/conyers
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

DALTON

305 Point North Place, Suite 7
Dalton, GA 30722
706-272-2355
veterans.georgia.gov/dalton
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

DECATUR - VAMC

Atlanta VA Medical Center
Room 1C204, 1670 Clairmont Road
Decatur, GA 30033-4004
404-728-7664
veterans.georgia.gov/decatur-vamc
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

DECATUR - CBOC

Atlanta VA Clinic
Room 1A101, 250 N. Arcadia Road
Decatur, GA 30030
404-297-1540, ext. 315427
veterans.georgia.gov/decatur-cboc
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

DEMOREST

185 Scoggins Drive
Demorest, GA 30535
706-894-1049
veterans.georgia.gov/demorest
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

DUBLIN

Carl Vinson VA Medical Center
Room 124-6, Ward 6A 1826 Veterans Blvd.
Dublin, GA 31021-3699
478-272-1210 ext. 72562
veterans.georgia.gov/dublin
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday



VETERANS FIELD SERVICE OFFICES

FORT MCPHERSON

Fort McPherson/East Point VA Community
Based Outpatient Clinic
1701 Hardee Ave., S.W., Bldg. 129, Rm. 2C221
Atlanta, GA 30310
404-230-5683, ext. 394801
veterans.georgia.gov/fort-mcpherson
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

FORT MOORE

Soldier for Life Center
Room 1405, 8150 Marne Road
Fort Moore, GA 31905
706-545-5338
veterans.georgia.gov/fort-moore
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

FORT STEWART

Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program
Second Floor, Room 216 972 William Wilson
Avenue
Fort Stewart, GA 31415
912-767-6720
veterans.georgia.gov/fort-stewart
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

GAINESVILLE

311 Green St. NW, Room 312
Gainesville, GA 30501-6060
770-531-6060
veterans.georgia.gov/gainesville
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

GLENNVILLE

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery
8819 U.S. Highway 301
Glennville, GA 30427
912-654-5159
veterans.georgia.gov/glennville
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

GREENSBORO

113 N. Main St., Suite 117
Greensboro, GA 30642
706-453-7455
veterans.georgia.gov/greensboro
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

GRIFFIN

837 Memorial Drive
Griffin, GA 30223
770-412-4074
veterans.georgia.gov/griffin
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

GROVETOWN

5170 B. Wrightsboro Road
Grovetown, GA 30813
706-210-2067
veterans.georgia.gov/grovetown
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

HINESVILLE

Hinesville VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic
500 E. Oglethorpe Highway, Room C-127
Hinesville, GA 31313
912-408-2948
veterans.georgia.gov/hinesville
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

VETERANS FIELD SERVICE OFFICES



JASPER

Pickens County VA Community Based
Outpatient Clinic
934 East Church Street
Jasper, GA 30143
706-301-5720 ext. 504712
veterans.georgia.gov/jasper
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

LAFAYETTE

101B East Patton Street, Suite A
LaFayette, GA 30728-2519
706-996-8056
veterans.georgia.gov/Lafayette
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

LAGRANGE

West Georgia Technical College
1 College Circle
Building G Suite 408
LaGrange, GA 30240
706-756-4619
veterans.georgia.gov/lagrange
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

LAWRENCEVILLE

Lawrenceville VA Community
Based Outpatient Clinic
455 Phillip Blvd., Suite 200, Room 106
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
678-225-0350, ext. 431964
veterans.georgia.gov/lawrenceville
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday

MACON

5566 Thomaston Road
Macon, GA 31221
478-476-8868, ext. 46694
veterans.georgia.gov/macon
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

MARIETTA

1150 Powder Springs St., Suite 350
Marietta, GA 30064
770-528-3254
veterans.georgia.gov/marietta
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

MARIETTA - CHATTAHOOCHEE VECTR

980 South Cobb Drive
Marietta, GA 30060
770-528-4920
veterans.georgia.gov/marietta-vecr
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

MARIETTA - COBB MULTI-SPECIALTY CLINIC

1263 Cobb Parkway North
Marietta, GA 30062
770-852-3400, ext. 611569
veterans.georgia.gov/marietta-cboc
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

MILLEDGEVILLE - GVVH

Georgia Veterans War Home
Wheeler Bldg, Room D-100,
2249 Vinson Highway
Milledgeville, GA 31061
478-445-6900
veterans.georgia.gov/milledgeville
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday



VETERANS FIELD SERVICE OFFICES

MOULTRIE

101 East Central Ave., Room 127
Moultrie, GA 31768
229-891-7135
veterans.georgia.gov/moultrie
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

NEWNAN

22 East Broad St., Room 119
Newnan, GA 30264
770-254-7408
veterans.georgia.gov/newnan
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

OAKWOOD

Oakwood VA Community Based
Outpatient Clinic
4175 Tanners Creek Drive, Suite 111
Flowery Branch, GA 30542
404-321-6111, ext. 498225
veterans.georgia.gov/oakwood
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday

ROME

201 Calhoun Ave.
Rome, GA 30161
706-295-6026
veterans.georgia.gov/rome
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

ST. MARYS

St. Marys VA Community Based
Outpatient Clinic
2603 Osborne Road, Suite E
St. Marys, GA 31588
912-510-3440
veterans.georgia.gov/st-marys
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday*
*Friday is by phone only



SAVANNAH

Savannah VA Community Based
Outpatient Clinic
1170 Shawnee St.
Savannah, GA 31419
912-920-0214, ext. 412191
veterans.georgia.gov/savannah
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

STATESBORO

3A West Altman St
Statesboro, GA 30458
912-871-1104
veterans.georgia.gov/statesboro
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

THOMASVILLE

406 Smith Ave.
Thomasville, GA 31792
229-225-4050
veterans.georgia.gov/thomasville
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

VETERANS FIELD SERVICE OFFICES



TIFTON

1824 Ridge Ave. North
Tifton, GA 31794
478-272-1210, ext. 46233
veterans.georgia.gov/tifton
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

VALDOSTA

Valdosta VA Community Based
Outpatient Clinic
348 Enterprise Drive
Valdosta, GA 31601
229-316-2970
veterans.georgia.gov/valdosta
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

WARNER ROBINS - VECTR

Georgia Veterans Education Career Transition
Resource Center (VECTR)
1001 South Armed Forces Blvd.
Warner Robins, GA 31088
478-218-3906
veterans.georgia.gov/warner-robins
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

WAYCROSS

415 Lott St.
Waycross, GA 31501
912-285-6340
veterans.georgia.gov/waycross
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

WAYNESBORO

Burke County Office Park, Room 107
715 West Sixth St.
Waynesboro, GA 30830-0093
706-554-3874
veterans.georgia.gov/waynesboro
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

ZEBULON

Pike County VA Outpatient Clinic
9528 US Highway 19 North
Zebulon, GA 30295
770-567-7511
veterans.georgia.gov/zebulon
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday



A photograph of the Colorado State Capitol building, featuring a prominent gold-domed cupola. The building is a large, light-colored stone structure with many windows. In the foreground, there are green trees and a statue on a pedestal to the left. A large white rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the title text.

OTHER STATE AGENCIES ASSISTING VETERANS

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Besides the GDVS, there are several state agencies with interests in assisting veterans.

Many are members of the Returning Veterans Task Force (RVTF), an intra-state task force that investigates how Georgia's state government agencies can coordinate services to better assist service members transitioning from active duty back into society.

For more information on RVTF agencies and the services they provide, visit veterans.georgia.gov/rvtf.

For general information on other Georgia state government agencies, call 1-800-GEORGIA or visit georgia.gov/agencies.

COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES OF GEORGIA

Assists in the development of veterans treatment courts.

404-656-2613

gaaccountabilitycourts.org

including the Georgia Army National Guard, the Georgia Air National Guard, the Georgia State Defense Force, and Youth Challenge Academies.

678-569-3911

ga.ng.mil

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Provides treatment and support services to people with mental health challenges and substance use disorders and assists individuals who live with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

404-657-2252

dbhdd.georgia.gov

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF DRIVER SERVICES

Offers commercial and regular passenger vehicle driver's licenses, driver's permits, and state identification cards.

404-657-9300

dds.georgia.gov

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

Provides Georgians with access to affordable, quality health care through effective planning, purchasing, and oversight.

404-656-4507

dch.georgia.gov

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Protects, conserves and enhances the state's natural, historic and cultural resources for present and future generations.

404-656-3500

gadnr.org

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Coordinates and supervises all agencies and functions of the Georgia National Guard,

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Offers information about taxes for individuals, corporations, and tax professionals.

855-406-5221

dor.georgia.gov



OTHER STATE AGENCIES ASSISTING VETERANS

GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE

- Engages veterans in the elections process as members of the electorate and volunteers at the polls.
- Assists veterans in navigating the processes of applying for business, corporate, and other professional licensing.

404-656-2881

sos.georgia.gov

GEORGIA VETERANS EDUCATION CAREER TRANSITION RESOURCE CENTER (VECTR)

- Offers career counseling, educational coaching, and workforce training for veterans entering Georgia's public postsecondary educational systems and workforce.

478-218-3900

gavectr.org

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

- Provides support for veterans pursuing education

404-679-1667

tcsg.edu/about-tcsg/system-office-services/military-veterans-and-families

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

- Provides support for veterans pursuing education

404-962-3110

usg.edu/student_affairs/military

WORKSOURCE GEORGIA

- Aids job-seeking veterans and their families, including job search workshops, résumé and cover letter assistance, and resources for transitioning into the civilian workforce.

404-232-3527

tcsg.edu/worksource/resources-for-practitioners/worksource-vets

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

- Delivers a wide range of human services designed to promote self-sufficiency, safety, and well-being for all Georgians.
- Services include Adult Protective Services, Public Guardianship, Home & Community Based Services Program, Medicare Assistance, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), Child Support Establishment and Enforcement, Parental Accountability Courts, Fatherhood Initiatives, Child Protective Services, Adoption, Foster Care, and SNAP, TANF, and Medicaid public assistance programs.

844-694-2347

dhs.georgia.gov



Georgia Department
of Human Services

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST TO GEORGIA VETERANS



MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

Are you a veteran?
A veteran's family member?
A veteran's caregiver?
Are you in need of assistance with:

Employment

Housing

Food

Something else?



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We can help you find and access **social resources** in your community!

Please use your camera phone to access the Assistance Request form.

Someone from Unite Georgia will contact you within 48 business hours of submission.

You can also access the form at:
<https://gaveteransfoundation.org/get-help/>



GEORGIA LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

gls.georgialibraries.org

Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (GLS) is a free library service for Georgia residents of any age who are unable to read standard print due to a visual, physical, or reading disability. Services are delivered through a network including our walk-in library and our distribution center.

Phone: 800-248-6701

Email: gls@georgialibraries.org



OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST TO GEORGIA VETERANS



MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

SHEPHERD CENTER SHARE MILITARY INITIATIVE

www.shepherd.org/share



Shepherd Center
SHARE Military Initiative

SHARE provides evidence-based rehabilitation for military veterans, service members, and first responders who are ready to accept help and healing for their daily struggle with traumatic brain injuries. This is available at no cost so they can embark on an individualized and impactful path to renewed relationships, purpose, and life.

Email: shareadmissions@shepherd.org

Phone: (404) 603-4314

AMES RESEARCH CENTER AT KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

kennesaw.edu/research/centers-facilities/ames-center



**KENNESAW STATE
UNIVERSITY**
CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF MILITARY AND EMERGENCY
SERVICES RESEARCH

The Center for the Advancement of Military and Emergency Services (AMES) Research at Kennesaw State University strives to be a national model of excellence in research, developing innovative, comprehensive solutions for the health, well-being, and performance of the military and emergency services communities.

EMORY

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Veterans Program

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The Emory Healthcare Veterans Program offers accelerated, highly effective, evidence-based mental health care in a two-week format. The zero-cost treatment is for post-9/11 veterans and service members.

We treat Posttraumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury, Military Sexual Trauma, anxiety, depression, and related conditions.

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ZERO COST. Transportation, lodging, food, activities, and treatment costs are fully covered. You will not receive a bill.

CONFIDENTIAL. Your care is confidential, and you do not need a diagnosis or referral. When you're ready, we're here to help.

<https://emoryhealthcare.org/gavets>

888-514-5345



OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST TO GEORGIA VETERANS



MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH



The Steven A. Cohen
Military Family Clinic
at Aspire Health Partners

MENTAL HEALTH CARE *for* Veterans, Service Members, & Their Families

Cohen Clinics provide confidential therapy to post-9/11 veterans, service members, and their families, including National Guard and Reserves.

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912-456-2010

aspirehealthpartners.com/cohenclinic



Visit our clinic
in **Hinesville, GA**
or via Telehealth
available statewide

HEALING4HEROES

www.healing4heroes.org

Healing4Heroes mission is to help wounded service members experiencing PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury, and other psychological and physical “wounds of war,” as well as children of veterans with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Diabetes, Neurological Disorders, and even physical impairments. The mission is accomplished by providing an ADA compliant service dog and intensive training, at no cost for veterans, active service members, and their family members.





OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST TO GEORGIA VETERANS

FACILITIES/ORGANIZATIONS

GEORGIA MILITARY VETERANS' HALL OF FAME

www.gmvhof.org

Georgia Military Veterans' Hall of Fame (GMVHOF) exists for the purposes of:

- Honoring Georgia Veterans;
- Educating the youth and citizens of Georgia about real Heroes;
- Preparing future Leaders for America through the GMVHOF ROTC Scholarship Program.
- Nomination Categories: VALOR, ACHIEVEMENT, SERVICE

Location: 1st Floor, Georgia Capitol Building
678-427-0915



VIETNAM BLACK SOLDIERS PORTRAIT PROJECT

www.vietnamblacksoldiersportraitproject.com

The mission of the project is to educate Americans about the Black men and women in their community who served, suffered, and died, fighting for democracy and civil rights on behalf of the people in South Vietnam, even though they did not have the same rights as Americans.

Phone: 770-621-5006
Email: Jcrawfordajc@gmail.com





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This year the VFW enters its 125th year of service to America's veterans. We are honoring the impacts and achievements that will continue to positively impact the lives of all future generations of veterans, forever. We are Celebrating the Legacy.



georgiavfw.org





OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST TO GEORGIA VETERANS

FACILITIES/ORGANIZATIONS

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GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD

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- Visit our web-site to find information on joining the Georgia Army National Guard, Air National Guard, or State Defense Force



Phone: 678-569-3931

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST TO GEORGIA VETERANS



WORKFORCE/NETWORKING

ATLVETS

www.atlvets.org

ATLVets is a professional development organization dedicated to empowering mid-management and executive-level veterans. Through workshops, retreats, and networking events, ATLVets provides veterans with the resources, mentorship, and community needed to succeed in civilian leadership roles, while fostering personal growth and community impact.



THE HOME DEPOT

www.homedepot.com/military

Tens of thousands of veterans and military spouses wear our orange apron, so we value serving those who served us all. Visit homedepot.com/military to learn more about customized benefits and discounts, career support for veterans and military spouses, and The Home Depot Foundation's \$750 million commitment to veteran housing initiatives.



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MERGING VETS AND PLAYERS (MVP)

vetsandplayers.org

MVP empowers military, veterans, and professional athletes to thrive when the uniform comes off, through fitness, health, and wellness programs. To create a world where every military member, veteran, and professional athlete transitions from service or sport to a purposeful life, empowered by a community that champions their well-being and success.



Email: contact@vetsandplayers.org



OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST TO GEORGIA VETERANS

WORKFORCE/NETWORKING

WORKSOURCE COBB

www.worksourcecobb.org

Worksource Cobb/Cobbworks is a federally funded workforce agency dedicated to advancing literacy, education, skill training, and employment opportunities for youth and adults. We envision thriving communities where individuals and businesses are equipped to achieve economic success, growth, and resiliency bringing talent to opportunity.

- Specialized Training
- Employment Assistance
- GED/ESL Classes
- Job Skills Training
- Workbased Learning Paid Internships (Youth)



Since 2012, United Military Care, a Georgia 501(c)3 nonprofit, has assisted over 25,000 Veterans and their families through emergency assistance, homelessness programs, hunger relief, benefit and resource assistance, and the Georgia Veterans Network.

Through statewide collaboration, education and service, we strive to make Georgia the place where all who served receive the benefits they earned and the respect they deserve.

Learn more at unitedmilitarycare.org or call 770-973-0014.

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LIGHTING THE PATH FOR GEORGIA VETERANS

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100,000.

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hireheroesusa.org



APPENDIX: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

VIETNAM

THIS MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED TO THOSE GEORGIANS WHO FOUGHT, DIED AND ARE STILL MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THEY ANSWERED THEIR COUNTRY'S CALL TO DUTY WITH COURAGE AND SACRIFICE AND THEY SHALL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

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RECORDS



How do I obtain a copy of my DD Form 214?

If your Home of Record is listed as Georgia, the Georgia Department of Veterans Service may have a copy of your DD Form 214 on file.

Contact the GDVS at 404-656-5940 to request a copy.

You may also file a request via the National Archives: archives.gov/veterans.

If you are requesting a DD Form 214 for a deceased family member, the request must be filed via the National Archives.

How do I obtain military medals from service?

You will need to complete a Standard Form 180 (SF 180), sign and mail it to the Military Records section of the National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, MO.

For assistance, you may contact any GDVS Veterans Field Service Office, call the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at 800-827-1000, or visit archives.gov/veterans/replace-medals

How do I obtain a Vietnam War Certificate of Honor?

As part of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, the State of Georgia and the GDVS wants to honor every Vietnam War veteran in the state.

The Vietnam War Certificate of Honor is available to every Georgia veteran with honorable service during the Vietnam War. This includes veterans with service in country and those who served in other capacities. Each certificate is personalized with the Vietnam War veteran's name, rank, branch of service, and dates of service printed over the Seal of the State of Georgia and includes the official U.S. Department of Defense's Vietnam War Commemorative Partner logo.

To learn more or apply for a certificate, contact GDVS External Affairs and Communications at gavetsvc@vs.state.ga.us or 404-656-5933.

What is a Veteran Identification Card? How do I get one?

The Veterans Identification Card Act 2015 (Public Law 114-31) was enacted on July 20, 2015. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is responsible for administering this program. It does not replace your Veteran Health Identification Card or your Department of Defense ID Card.

As of July 1, 2018, VA is issuing the Veterans Identification Card (VIC) to veterans who apply online at va.gov/records or speak to a representative at a VA Medical Center or CBOC near you. Call 800- 827-1000 for more details.

Can the GDVS help me apply for federal veterans benefits?

Absolutely. GDVS personnel are certified to counsel veterans on their eligibility for federal veterans benefits and assist them in applying.

Find an office near you by visiting veterans.georgia.gov/field-offices or review the list of field offices included in this guide.

I have been advised to apply to VA for compensation. What is compensation, and how do I apply?

Compensation is a tax-free benefit program that evaluates a disability presumed to have been caused by active-duty military service. Generally, the degree of disability specified is also designed to compensate for considerable loss of working time from exacerbations or illnesses. The GDVS is happy to assist with the application process.

Find an office near you by visiting veterans.georgia.gov/field-offices or review the list of field offices included in this guide.

For additional information, see the compensation topic at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website, va.gov.

My spouse died of a service-connected disability. What benefits am I entitled to, and how do I apply?

The entitlement is referred to as Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). This benefit pays a monthly payment to a surviving spouse, child, or parent of a veteran whose death was determined to be service connected. The GDVS is happy to assist with the application process. Find an office near you by visiting veterans.georgia.gov/field-offices. For additional information, see the DIC topic at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website, va.gov.

I had an emergency and went to a non-VA facility. What do I do now?

During medical or mental health emergency, veterans are encouraged to seek immediate medical attention without delay. They do not need to check with VA before calling an ambulance or going to an emergency department. Veterans are eligible to receive VA-authorized emergency care at an in-network facility if VA is notified within 72 hours of the start of care.

Providers should report your emergency treatment through VA's Emergency Care Reporting (ECR) portal, <https://emergencycarereporting/communitycare.va.gov> or by calling 844-724-7842. They also need to contact the local VA medical center to coordinate follow-on care and transfer activities, if necessary.

VETERANS IN GEORGIA

How many veterans live in Georgia?

As of April 2023, the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics estimated 678,304 veterans living in Georgia.

For more in-depth figures, including county-by-county breakdowns, visit the NCVAS website: va.gov/vetdata.

Can I have a list of all the veterans in an area?

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service does not maintain a list of all veterans living in Georgia. While we do maintain lists of veterans receiving services or assistance, that information is confidential and is not available to the public.

How do I locate a veteran?

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Georgia Department of Veterans Service are limited, by law, to the extent they can help locate a veteran. VA will try to forward a letter to a veteran, but it is up to the veteran to contact the sender of the letter.

The proper procedure is to write a letter to the veteran and place it in an unsealed envelope, bearing the veteran's name, with sufficient postage to cover mailing costs. Forward that letter and envelope to VA. Include a cover letter detailing as much identifying information about the veteran as possible: full name, date of birth, last known address, service serial number, VA claim number, Social Security number, last military address, rank, and date of discharge.

Mail the request to:

VA Regional Office-Atlanta
Attention: Privacy Act Office (211D)
1700 Clairmont Road
Decatur, GA 30330

VA will forward the letter to the veteran's address if it is known. If the address is unknown or if the letter is returned undeliverable, VA will return the writer's original letter.



How do I find a job with the GDVS?

As vacancies occur within the GDVS, they are announced and recruited via the Team Georgia Careers website: team.georgia.gov/careers. This is the primary recruiting site for job vacancies in Georgia state government agencies.

What other job resources are available from the state?

The Technical College System of Georgia's Office Workforce Development offers assistance to job-seeking veterans and their families through WorkSource Georgia. Job search workshops, résumé and cover letter assistance, and resources for transitioning into the civilian workforce are a few of the services provided for veterans.

Find more information on WorkSource Vets:
[tcsg.edu/worksource/ resources-for-practitioners/ worksource-vets/](https://tcsg.edu/worksource/resources-for-practitioners/worksource-vets/)

How can I provide feedback?

If you would like to report a problem, make a suggestion, give a compliment, or otherwise convey feedback on your experience with GDVS Veterans Field Service Office personnel, please use the form at veterans.georgia.gov/feedback.

For any other issue, questions, or concerns, please direct your comments to GDVS External Affairs and Communications at gavetsvc@vs.state.ga.us. Your feedback will be forwarded to the appropriate office.



O.C.G.A REFERENCES

The following are references to the specific sections of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated wherein the relevant law may be found: e.g., the law pertaining to Veterans Driving Licenses is found in Title 40, Chapter 5, Article 2, abbreviated as: O.C.G.A.40-5-36.

HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTIONS

Disabled Veterans

O.C.G.A. 48-5-48

O.C.G.A. 48-5-380

Standard Homestead Exemption

O.C.G.A. 48-5-44

10-Acre Exemption for 65 and Older

O.C.G.A. 48-5-48.3

\$4,000 Exemption for 65 and Older

O.C.G.A. 48-5-47

Educational Purposes Exemption for 62 and Older

O.C.G.A. 48-5-52

Floating Inflation-Proof Exemption for 62 and Older

O.C.G.A. 48-5-47.1

OTHER TAX EXEMPTIONS

Abatement of State Income Taxes

O.C.G.A. 48-7-37

Ad Valorem Tax on Vehicles

O.C.G.A. 40-2-69

Business Certificate of Exemption

O.C.G.A. 43-12-1

O.C.G.A. 43-12-2

Military Retirement Income Tax Exemption

O.C.G.A. 48-7-27

Sales Tax on Vehicles

O.C.G.A. 48-8-3

State Income Tax

O.C.G.A. 40-7-36

DRIVING LICENSES/ID CARDS

Veteran's Driver's License

O.C.G.A. 40-5-36

Veteran's ID Card

O.C.G.A. 40-5-103

LICENSE PLATES

Veteran

O.C.G.A. 40-2-85.1

Woman Veteran

O.C.G.A. 40-2-85.1

Retired Military

O.C.G.A. 40-2-85.1

Commemorative Service

O.C.G.A. 40-2-85.1

Military Medal

O.C.G.A. 40-2-85.1

Purple Heart

O.C.G.A. 40-2-84

O.C.G.A. 48-5-478.2

Medal of Honor

O.C.G.A. 40-2-68

Reserve Component

O.C.G.A. 40-2-6



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