



# Benefits for Members of U.S. Armed Forces

## AID AND ATTENDANCE

Wartime Veterans, regardless of combat, and non-remarried surviving spouses may be eligible for significant financial assistance to pay for help with activities of daily living provided by a long term care facility, nursing home, or in home care provided by a family member, friend, or an entity. Eligibility is based on income, assets, and need for assistance.

## BLINDNESS

**Federal:** Veterans receiving compensation for service-connected disability and are blind in both eyes or are in receipt of Aid and Attendance may qualify. Blindness need not be service-connected. Guide Dogs, electronic and mechanical aids are available.

**State:** A New York State Blind Annuity is available to legally blind wartime Veterans or their unremarried surviving spouses, who reside and are domiciled in New York State. Blindness does not need to be service-connected.

## BURIAL

**Federal:** Financial assistance for burial and plot expenses available for eligible survivors of qualified Veterans. Burial in National Cemeteries available to certain Veterans and family members. Claim must be filed within two years after permanent interment. The VA provides headstones or grave markers for unmarked burial sites. An American flag is available to drape the casket and be given to next of kin.

**State:** Payments authorized by counties for indigent NYS Veterans and certain family members; purchase of headstone also authorized.

**State:** A supplemental burial allowance of up to \$6,000 is authorized for certain military personnel killed in combat or dying from combat wounds.

## CIVIL SERVICE

**Federal:** Ten-point preference for eligible disabled Veterans in competitive exams only. Certain requirements waived and special priority given in certain job categories. Unremarried widow(er)s, certain spouses and mothers of disabled Veterans also are eligible for preference. Five-point preference for wartime Veterans honorably discharged.

**State:** Qualified disabled Veterans eligible for appointment to non-competitive State employment positions under Sections 55-c of the New York State Civil Service Law.

Information on jobs with New York State agencies is available at [www.cs.ny.gov](http://www.cs.ny.gov) by email at [pio@cs.ny.gov](mailto:pio@cs.ny.gov) by calling 1-877-NYS-JOBS (1-877-697-5627)

**State and Local:** Ten-point additional credit preference toward original and future appointment for disabled wartime Veterans; five-points for wartime service; and two and a half points for competitive promotional exams. Job retention rights applicable to Veterans and spouses of totally disabled Veterans.

## DISABILITY BENEFITS

**VA Compensation:** Veterans with a disability or disease incurred or exacerbated during active service are entitled to monthly compensation payments determined by the severity of the condition or loss of earning power. Application may be made for the benefit anytime during the Veteran's lifetime. Additional monetary allowances for dependents of Veterans with 30 percent or greater disability rating.

## EDUCATION

**Federal:** The VA administers basic education programs for Veterans and service persons seeking assistance for education or training, which may be non-contributory, contributory, or training for unemployed Veterans.

**Children of Veterans (Federal):** If Veteran's death or total disability is service-connected or if the disability is granted to certain service members still on active duty, the children may pursue approved courses in schools and colleges under the Dependents Education Assistance program. Orphans generally ages 18-26, receive a financial stipend for up to 45 months schooling. Certain children beginning at age 14, may be eligible for special restorative training.

**Widow(er)s and Spouses (Federal):** Educational benefits and financial stipends are also available to widow(er)s and spouses of certain Veterans who died of service-connected disability or who are disabled 100% from service-connected causes or for certain service members who are granted the disability while still on active duty.

**State: G.I. Bill** – Veterans who are not New York State residents can attend State University of New York or City University of New York colleges on the G.I. Bill and still receive the in-state tuition rate.

**State: Veterans Tuition Award** – Under Education Law Section 669-a, NY residents who are "combat Veterans" of the Vietnam, Persian Gulf, and Afghanistan conflicts, or who have received an Expeditionary Medal, may be eligible to receive the NYS Veterans' award per semester will equal to the amount of undergraduate tuition charged by SUNY to NYS residents or actual tuition, whichever is less.

**State: Child of a Veteran Award** provides eligible children of deceased Veterans, or those service-connected disabled of 40% or greater, or those classified as former prisoners of war, or as missing in action, a non-competitive award of \$450 a year.

**State: Military Service Recognition Scholarship (MSRS)** Available to certain dependents of military personnel killed, severely disabled or missing in action while serving in combat or a combat zone of operation since Aug. 2, 1990.

## EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

As guaranteed by the New York State Veterans Bill of Rights for Employment Services, Veterans are entitled to priority service at all New York State Department as for employment counseling, vocational testing and other services. Veterans receive special priority for all services and training funded by the Workforce Investment Act. For more information call 1-800-342-3358 or contact your nearest State Labor office.

## GOLD STAR PARENTS ANNUITY

New York State provides an annuity payment of \$500 per parent, up to \$1000 per deceased Veteran for Gold Star Parents (as defined in 10 USC 1126) who reside and are domiciled in New York State.

## HEALTH CARE

**Hospitalization:** VA facilities give the highest priority for medical care to those Veterans who are: rated service-connected disabled; retired by disability from active duty; were awarded the Purple Heart; in receipt of VA pension; are eligible for Medicaid; are former POW's; in need of care for a condition related to exposure to dioxin or other toxic substance (Agent Orange) or Gulf War diseases, or exposure to ionizing radiation while on active duty. Non-service connected Veterans may be treated if facility resources allow, and may be subject to a test of financial means and a co-payment.

Veterans who served in combat locations since Nov. 11, 1998 are eligible for free health care for five years following discharge for conditions potentially related to combat service.

**Outpatient Medical Treatment:** VA provides medical services to eligible Veterans on an outpatient basis within the limits of the facilities.

## HOMES (STATE) FOR VETERANS

low interest rate mortgage programs and additional benefits to qualified Veterans making homeownership more attainable for Veterans by relaxing eligibility requirements, eliminating fees, and providing closing cost assistance. Co-Op's eligible.

## HOME LOAN GUARANTY

**Federal:** Certain Veterans and spouses are eligible for GI loans for homes, condominiums and manufactured homes. Participating financial institutions receive a guarantee from the VA covering part of the loan in the event of default on repayment. Applicants must apply for a certificate of eligibility.

## INSURANCE

Holders of USGLI, NSLI and VSLI policies can obtain information concerning conversion, beneficiary changes, loans and disability riders from their local State Veteran Counseling Center. Service-members with SGLI have 120 days following separation from service to convert to a permanent insurance plan.

## LICENSES & PERMITS

Veterans with a 40% or greater disability rating are eligible for low-cost hunting and fishing licenses, and free use of state parks, historic sites and recreation sites.

## NURSING HOME CARE

**Nursing Home (Domiciliary) Care (Federal):** Admission limited to eligible Veterans who are disabled, unable to earn a living and in need of medical treatment and full care other than hospitalization. Nursing home care can be authorized for a limited period on referral from VA medical centers.

**State Veterans Homes:** The New York State Department of Health operates four state Veterans homes for Veterans, spouses and certain parents: a 242-bed Veterans home at Oxford, Chenango County, a 250-bed Home at St. Albans, Queens; a 126-bed Home in Batavia, Genesee County; and a 250-bed home at Montrose, Westchester County. A 350-bed Veterans Home on the campus of SUNY at Stony Brook, Long Island is operated by the University's Health Sciences Center. Health care and skilled nursing services are available at all facilities.

## PENSION BENEFITS

**VA Disability Pension (Non-Service Connected):** A monthly pension is payable to eligible wartime Veterans, or surviving spouses, with limited income and non-service-connected disabilities that are permanent and totally disabling. Veterans must be determined to be permanently and totally disabled for pension purposes. Payments based on annual income.

## PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Partial exemption from real property taxes is based on wartime or "Cold War era" service, combat and expeditionary duty, and degree of service-connected disability. Applications must be filed before the local Taxable Status Day. Qualifying surviving spouses may file for benefit based on their spouse's military service. Gold Star parents may be eligible, subject to local statute. Exemption applies to local and county property taxes and may apply to school taxes.

## RE-EMPLOYMENT

Application to former employer for restoration to pre-military position, other than temporary employment, should be made within 90 days of separation. Job reinstatement is for like seniority, status and pay. Reservists after initial training must seek reinstatement within 31 days.

## REVIEW OF DISCHARGE

Military Boards of Review have authority to correct and upgrade most discharges based on facts presented for consideration.

## SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOMES

**Federal:** Certain seriously disabled or blinded Veterans may be eligible for a grant to build or adapt their home to meet the wheelchair needs or other adaptations for the Veteran's disability.

**State:** Seriously disabled Veterans who are eligible to receive federal funds to adapt their homes are exempt from local property taxes, including school taxes and special charges.

## SURVIVORS' BENEFITS

**VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC):** DIC payments are payable to eligible spouses, unmarried children under 18, certain children pursuing higher education, certain helpless children, and dependent parents of Veterans whose death was service-connected. Benefits are discontinued upon remarriage. Annual income of parents is an eligibility factor for parental DIC.

**VA Surviving Spouse Pension (Non- Service-Connected Death):** Certain surviving spouses and children of a deceased wartime Veteran may be eligible for a death pension. Amount depends on monthly income and, in some instances, net worth. Minor children may be eligible even though spouse remarries.

## VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

**Federal:** Entitlement to vocational rehabilitation benefits — including institutions of higher education, trade schools, apprenticeship programs and on- the-job training are available for eligible Veterans with service-connected disabilities.

**State:** The Adult Career and Continuing disabled Veterans a program of vocational evaluation, consultation and training.

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# FACILITIES IN NEW YORK

## Veterans Health Administration – VISN Offices

Station ID	Facility	Address	Phone
10N2	<a href="#">VISN 2: NY/NJ VA Health Care Network</a>	130 W. Kingsbridge Road, Building 16 Bronx, NY 10468	718-741-4134

## Veterans Health Administration – VISN 2: NY/NJ VA Health Care Network

Station ID	Facility	Address	Phone
620	<a href="#">VA Hudson Valley Health Care System</a>	2094 Albany Post Rd. Montrose, NY 10548	914-737-4400
630	<a href="#">VA NY Harbor Healthcare System</a>	423 East 23rd Street New York, NY 10010	
528	<a href="#">VA Western New York Healthcare System</a>	3495 Bailey Avenue Buffalo, NY 14215	716-834-9200 Or 716-834-9200
528A8	<a href="#">Albany VA Medical Center: Samuel S. Stratton</a>	113 Holland Avenue Albany, NY 12208	518-626-5000 Or 518-626-5000
528A6	<a href="#">Bath VA Medical Center</a>	76 Veterans Avenue Bath, NY 14810	607-664-4000 Or 607-664-4000
630A4	<a href="#">Brooklyn Campus of the VA NY Harbor Healthcare</a>	800 Poly Place Brooklyn, NY 11209	718-836-6600
528A5	<a href="#">Canandaigua VA Medical Center</a>	400 Fort Hill Avenue Canandaigua, NY 14424	585-394-2000 Or 585-394-2000
620A4	<a href="#">Castle Point Campus of the VA Hudson Valley Health</a>	41 Castle Point Road Wappingers Falls, NY 12590	845-831-2000
620	<a href="#">Franklin Delano Roosevelt Campus of the VA</a>	2094 Albany Post Rd. Montrose, NY 10548	914-737-4400
526	<a href="#">James J. Peters VA Medical Center (Bronx, NY)</a>	130 West Kingsbridge Road Bronx, NY 10468	718-584-9000
630	<a href="#">Manhattan Campus of the VA NY Harbor Healthcare</a>	423 East 23rd Street New York, NY 10010	212-686-7500
632	<a href="#">Northport VA Medical Center</a>	79 Middleville Road Northport, NY 11768	631-261-4400 Or 631-261-4400
528A7	<a href="#">Syracuse VA Medical Center</a>	800 Irving Avenue Syracuse, NY 13210	315-425-4400 Or 315-425-4400
528A4	<a href="#">VA Western New York Healthcare System at Batavia</a>	222 Richmond Avenue Batavia, NY 14020	585-297-1000
528	<a href="#">VA Western New York Healthcare System at Buffalo</a>	3495 Bailey Avenue Buffalo, NY 14215	716-834-9200 Or 716-834-9200
630A5	<a href="#">St. Albans Community Living Center</a>	179-00 Linden Blvd. & 179 Street Jamaica, NY 11425	718-526-1000
528	<a href="#">Behavioral Health Facility</a>	620 Erie Blvd West Syracuse, NY 13204	315-425-4400 X 53463
528G5	<a href="#">Auburn VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	17 Lansing Street Auburn, NY 13021	315-255-7002
528G3	<a href="#">Bainbridge VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	109 North Main Street Bainbridge, NY 13733	607-967-8590
632HC	<a href="#">Bay Shore Clinic</a>	132 East Main Street Bay Shore, NY 11706	631-754-7978
528GN	<a href="#">Binghamton VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	Garvin Building, 425 Robinson St. Binghamton, NY 13901	607-772-9100

528	<a href="#">CANI</a>	Watertown Center Watertown, NY 13601	315-782-0067
620GB	<a href="#">Carmel Community Clinic/Putnam County</a>	1875 Route 6, Provident Bank, (2nd Floor) Carmel, NY 10512	845-228-5291
528G7	<a href="#">Catskill VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	Columbia Greene Medical Arts Building, Suite D305, 159 Jefferson Hgts Catskill, NY 12414	518-943-7515
528GY	<a href="#">Clifton Park VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	963 Route 146 Clifton Park, NY 12065	518-383-8506
528GC	<a href="#">Dunkirk VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	166 East 4th Street Dunkirk, NY 14048	716-203-6474
632GA	<a href="#">East Meadow Clinic</a>	2201 Hempstead Turnpike, Building Q East Meadow, NY 11554	631-754-7978
620GH	<a href="#">Eastern Dutchess Pine Plains Community Clinic</a>	2881 Church St, Rt 199 Pine Plains, NY 12567	518-398-9240
528G4	<a href="#">Elmira VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	1316 College Avenue Elmira, NY 14901	877-845-3247
528G6	<a href="#">Fonda VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	2623 State Highway 30A Fonda, NY 12068	518-853-1247
528GT	<a href="#">Glens Falls VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	84 Broad St. Glens Falls, NY 12801	518-798-6066
620GD	<a href="#">Goshen Community Clinic</a>	30 Hatfield Lane, Suite 204 Goshen, NY 10924	845-294-6927
630GA	<a href="#">Harlem Community Clinic</a>	55 West 125th Street New York, NY 10027	646-273-8125
528GB	<a href="#">Jamestown VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	608 West 3rd Street Jamestown, NY 14701	716-338-1511
528GZ	<a href="#">Kingston VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	324 Plaza Road Kingston, NY 12401	845-331-8322
528GQ	<a href="#">Lackawanna VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	1234 Abbott Road Lackawanna, NY 14218	716-821-7815
528GK	<a href="#">Lockport VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	5883 Snyder Drive Lockport, NY 14094	716-438-3890
528G1	<a href="#">Malone VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	3372 State Route 11, Main Street Malone, NY 12953	518-483-1529
528GL	<a href="#">Massena VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	6100 St. Lawrence Centre Massena, NY 13662	315-705-6666
620GF	<a href="#">Monticello Community Clinic</a>	55 Sturgis Road Monticello, NY 12701	845-791-4936
620GA	<a href="#">New City Community Clinic</a>	345 North Main Street, Upper Level New City, NY 10956	845-634-8942
528GD	<a href="#">Niagara Falls VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	2201 Pine Avenue Niagara Falls, NY 14301-2300	716-862-8580
528GR	<a href="#">Olean VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	VA Outpatient Clinic, 465 North Union Street Olean, NY 14760-2658	716-373-7709
528GP	<a href="#">Oswego VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	437 State Route 104 E Oswego, NY 13126	315-207-0120
632HD	<a href="#">Patchogue Community Clinic</a>	4 Phyllis Drive Patchogue, NY 11772	631-754-7978
528GV	<a href="#">Plattsburgh VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	80 Sharron Avenue Plattsburgh, NY 12901	518-561-6247

620GE	<a href="#">Port Jervis Community Clinic</a>	150 Pike St. Port Jervis, NY 12771	845-856-5396
620GG	<a href="#">Poughkeepsie Community Clinic</a>	488 Freedom Plains Rd., Suite 120 Poughkeepsie, NY 12603	845-452-5151
632HX	<a href="#">Riverhead Clinic</a>	300 Center Drive Riverhead, NY 11901	631-754-7978
528GE	<a href="#">Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	465 Westfall Road Rochester, NY 14620	585-463-2600
528GM	<a href="#">Rome - Donald J. Mitchell VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	125 Brookley Road, Building 510 Rome, NY 13441	315-334-7100
528G2	<a href="#">Saranac Lake</a>	33 Depot St. Saranac Lake, NY 12983	518-626-5237
528GW	<a href="#">Schenectady VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	1346 Gerling Street, Sheridan Plaza Schenectady, NY 12308	518-346-3334
528GQ	<a href="#">Springville</a>	15 Commerce Drive Springville, NY 14141	716-592-2409
132V	<a href="#">Staten Island Community Clinic</a>	1150 South Ave, 3rd Floor, Suite 301 Staten Island, NY 10314	718-761-2973
526GD	<a href="#">Thomas B. Noonan Community Clinic (Queens)</a>	47-01 Queens Blvd, Room 301 Sunnyside, NY 11104	718-741-4800
528G9	<a href="#">Tompkins/Cortland County</a>	1451 Dryden Road Freeville, NY 13068	607-347-4101
528GX	<a href="#">Troy VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	295 River Street Troy, NY 12180	518-274-7707
632HA	<a href="#">Valley Stream Clinic</a>	99 South Central Avenue Valley Stream, NY 11580	631-754-7978
528	<a href="#">Watertown VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	144 Eastern Blvd. Watertown, NY 13601	315-221-7026 Or 315-221-7026
528	<a href="#">Wellsville VA Outpatient Clinic</a>	3458 Riverside Drive, Route 19 Wellsville, NY 14895	607-664-4660 Or 607-664-4660
528G2	<a href="#">Westport</a>	7426 NYS Route 9N Westport, NY 12993	518-626-5236
526GA	<a href="#">White Plains Community Clinic</a>	23 South Broadway White Plains, NY 10601	914-421-1951 X 4300
526GB	<a href="#">Yonkers Community Clinic</a>	124 New Main St. Yonkers, NY 10701	914-375-8055 X 4400
111	<a href="#">Albany Vet Center</a>	17 Computer Drive West Albany, NY 12205	518-626-5130 Or 877-927-8387
120	<a href="#">Babylon Vet Center</a>	100 West Main Street Babylon, NY 11702	631-661-3930 Or 877-927-8387
137	<a href="#">Binghamton Vet Center</a>	53 Chenango Street Binghamton, NY 13901	607-722-2393 Or 607-722-2393
110	<a href="#">Bronx Vet Center</a>	2471 Morris Ave., Suite 1A Bronx, NY 10468	718-367-3500 Or 718-367-3500
0105V	<a href="#">Brooklyn Vet Center</a>	25 Chapel St. Suite 604 Brooklyn, NY 11201	718-630-2830 Or 877-927-8387
0107V	<a href="#">Buffalo Vet Center</a>	2372 Sweet Home Road, Suite 1 Buffalo, NY 14228	716-862-7350 Or 716-862-7350
133	<a href="#">Harlem Vet Center</a>	2279 - 3rd Avenue, 2nd Floor New York, NY 10035	646-273-8139 Or 877-927-8387
106	<a href="#">Manhattan Vet Center</a>	32 Broadway 2nd Floor - Suite 200 New York, NY 10004	212-951-6866 Or 212-951-6866

139	<a href="#">Middletown Vet Center</a>	726 East Main Street, Suite 203 Middletown, NY 10940	845-342-9917 Or 845-342-9917
0138V	<a href="#">Nassau Vet Center</a>	970 South Broadway Hicksville, NY 11801	516-348-0088 Or 516-348-0088
109	<a href="#">Queens Vet Center</a>	75-10B 91 Avenue Woodhaven, NY 11421	718-296-2871 Or 877-927-8387
124	<a href="#">Rochester Vet Center</a>	2000 S. Winton Road, Bldg 5, Ste. 201 Rochester, NY 14618	585-232-5040 Or 585-232-5040
132	<a href="#">Staten Island Vet Center</a>	60 Bay Street Staten Island, NY 10301	718-816-4499 Or 718-816-4499
131	<a href="#">Syracuse Vet Center</a>	109 Pine Street, Suite 101 Syracuse, NY 13210	315-478-7127 Or 877-927-8387
135	<a href="#">Watertown Vet Center</a>	210 Court Street, Suite 20 Watertown, NY 13601	315-782-5479 Or 315-782-5479
123	<a href="#">White Plains Vet Center</a>	300 Hamilton Ave. Suite C White Plains, NY 10601	914-682-6250 Or 914-682-6250

### Veterans Benefits Administration – North Atlantic District

Station ID	Facility	Address	Phone
306	<a href="#">New York Regional Benefit Office</a>	245 W Houston St. New York, NY 10014	800-827-1000
307	<a href="#">Buffalo Regional Benefit Office</a>	130 S. Elmwood Avenue Buffalo, NY 14202-2478	800-827-1000
307	<a href="#">Intake Site At Fort Drum</a>	Fort Drum Outbased Office/ Dept of VA Fort Drum, NY 13602	
88	<a href="#">Albany Rural Cemetery Soldiers' Lot</a>	Cemetery Avenue Albany, NY 12204	518-581-9128
803	<a href="#">Bath National Cemetery</a>	VA Medical Center, San Juan Avenue Bath, NY 14810	607-664-4853
805	<a href="#">Calverton National Cemetery</a>	210 Princeton Boulevard Calverton, NY 11933	631-727-5410
808	<a href="#">Cypress Hills National Cemetery</a>	625 Jamaica Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11208	631-454-4949
917	<a href="#">Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery</a>	200 Duell Road Schuylerville, NY 12871-1721	518-581-9128
815	<a href="#">Long Island National Cemetery</a>	2040 Wellwood Avenue Farmingdale, NY 11735-1211	631-454-4949
824	<a href="#">Woodlawn National Cemetery</a>	1825 Davis Street Elmira, NY 14901	607-732-5411