

OREGON VETERANS' BENEFITS



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ABOUT YOUR BENEFITS ...

ALL MUST BE APPLIED FOR

As a veteran, you have certain benefits you earned as a result of your service to your state and country. Survivors and dependents of veterans may also have benefits available; however, these benefits are there for you only if you apply for them.

Because the laws covering veterans' benefits are very complex, you are urged to get help in applying for them. The necessity for personal assistance to veterans in filing and pursuing claims results from the legal principle that **NO** veterans' benefits are awarded automatically.

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs and most counties provide free benefits counseling and claims service to veterans, survivors, and dependents. These veterans' advocates can help you obtain all your entitlements due.

When it comes to federal benefits, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs cannot prosecute claims against itself. Therefore, veterans' service organizations or the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs will represent your claim for you before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. There is no fee for this service, and it is a good way to be certain you receive all the benefits you earned.

Your first step is to visit or call your county veterans' service officer or the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

VETERANS' BENEFITS CHECKLIST

OREGON BENEFITS

- OREGON VETERANS' HOME THE DALLES, OREGON – The purpose of this facility is to provide a home for veterans who have honorably served our country, and for veterans' spouses, surviving spouses, and certain gold-star parents who are now in need of nursing home and/or Alzheimer's Disease care. Toll free information number 1-800-846-8460.
- ORVET LOANS Loans for the acquisition of homes and home improvements to qualified Oregon veterans may be available, contact ODVA for more information. Toll free information number 1-888-673-8387.
- STATE EDUCATIONAL AID Up to \$150 per month to qualified veterans (*see Oregon Educational Aid for Veterans pamphlet 431-M*).
- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA A school district may issue diplomas to veterans who did not graduate from a high school because they were serving in the Armed Forces.
- PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION Exemptions of a portion of the value from property tax for veterans with disabilities of 40% or more.
- GAME LICENSES Free permanent hunting and angling licenses to veterans disabled 25% or more. Active members of the Armed Forces or veterans who retired from the Armed Forces within 12 months of the date of application, may apply to the Oregon Military Department for reimbursement for the cost of a resident annual hunting and angling licenses.
- STATE PARKS Veterans with service-related disabilities and active duty military personnel on leave have free day-use parking and free overnight rental of RV and tent campsites for up to 5 consecutive days and no more than 10 days total in a calendar month.
- REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS Entitlement to old job, seniority, and pay with accrued status upon release from service. Enforced under Federal Statutes.
- PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT Veterans' preference in public employment. Additional preference for disabled veterans.
- EMERGENCY FUNDS This program is for veterans and their immediate families who are in need of emergency financial assistance.
- CONSERVATORSHIP Estate management for certain veterans and dependents (*see pamphlet 432-M*).
- RECORDS Help in obtaining free certified copies of public records of marriage, death, divorce, and birth for claims purposes.
- AUTO LICENSE REGISTRATION One-time registration fee for motor vehicle registration for certain seriously disabled veterans.
- VETERAN LICENSE PLATES Former POWs, members of the active Oregon National Guard, branch of service and certain veteran service organization names are available on license plates.
- VETERAN RECOGNITION PLATES A portion of the fee goes to the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles.
- AGENT ORANGE Toll free information number 1-800-692-9666.

FEDERAL BENEFITS

- COMPENSATION Monthly payments for service-incurred or service-aggravated disabilities. Military retirees should apply and choose the greater benefit.
- PENSION Monthly benefits with rates according to other income, for disabilities not due to military service.
- HOUSEBOUND and A&A Special additional benefits for seriously disabled pensioners and those requiring nursing home care or special care at home.
- OUTPATIENT TREATMENT Doctor's services and medicines at federal VA expense for veterans rated 10% - 100% service-connected disabled. Other veterans who are enrolled for VA health care will be billed by the VA for a co-payment.
- DEPENDENTS' MEDICAL Spouses and children of 100% service-connected disabled veterans entitled to doctor, medicine, and hospital benefits.

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FEDERAL BENEFITS (*Continued*)

- HOSPITAL CARE Priority for service-connected disabled veterans entitled to doctor, medicine, and hospital benefits. Other veterans who are enrolled for VA health care will be billed by the VA for a co-payment.
- DOMICILIARY CARE Care and rehabilitation programs for unemployable disabled veterans whose disabilities do not prevent some self care.
- VETERANS' EDUCATION College, vocational school, apprenticeship, monthly GI Bill benefits, or the special vocational rehabilitation program for disabled veterans.
- DEPENDENTS' EDUCATION Benefits for spouses and children of veterans of certain 100% service-disabled veterans and surviving spouses and children of veterans who died while on active duty for college or vocational subjects.
- GI INSURANCE Special GI insurance for service-disabled veterans. Also, conversion, beneficiary changes, policy loans, dividends, and new "insurance additions."
- GI LOANS VA guaranteed home loans are made by private lenders to eligible veterans for the purchase of a home which must be for their own personal occupancy. There is no deadline for application.

SURVIVORS' BENEFITS

- OREGON VETERANS' HOME THE DALLES, OREGON – In addition to providing nursing home care for veterans, this facility provides nursing home care for the veteran's spouse/surviving spouse, and certain gold-star parents who are now in need of nursing home and/or Alzheimer's Disease care. Toll free information number 1-800-846-8460.
- DIC Dependency and Indemnity Compensation payable to surviving spouses, children, and dependent parents for service-connected death.
- DEATH PENSION Monthly benefits to surviving spouses and children for death not service-connected.
- AID and ATTENDANCE Additional benefits to dependents requiring nursing home care or special care at home.
- SURVIVORS' MEDICAL Entitlement to medical care for surviving spouses and children of veterans who died of service-connected causes, if the survivors are not eligible for CHAMPUS.
- EDUCATION BENEFITS Benefits for surviving spouses and children of veterans who died while on active duty, died of service disabilities, or are rated 100% disabled.
- EMERGENCY FUNDS This program is for veterans and their immediate families who are in need of emergency financial assistance.
- HOME LOANS Federal loans to surviving spouses of veterans who died of service-connected disabilities. State loans to unremarried surviving spouses of eligible veterans who died in service or were POW or MIA.
- BURIAL BENEFITS A burial allowance (*if receiving or entitled to receive federal DVA benefits at time of death*), burial flag, grave marker and, if desired, burial in a national cemetery. A spouse and dependent children are eligible for national cemetery burial.
- INSURANCE CLAIMS Government life insurance. Mortgage insurance benefits for borrowers under the state veterans' loan program.
- PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION Exemption of a portion of the value from property tax for surviving spouses of deceased wartime veterans.
- EMPLOYMENT Preference for surviving spouses of service-disabled veterans in federal employment.
- SOCIAL SECURITY Possible increase in benefits for survivors, due to service credits. Also, supplemental benefits for low-income persons.
- PUBLIC RECORDS Help in obtaining copies of records necessary for veterans' benefits claims.

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) intends to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (*The ADA*), PL101-336. The ADA provides that no qualified person with a disability shall be kept from participation in (*or be denied a benefit of*) the services, programs, or activities of ODVA because of that disability. For additional information or how to file a complaint, please contact ODVA's ADA coordinator. at 503-373-2380.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This information is based on applicable federal and state laws, administrative rules, and policies and procedures of ODVA. The conditions and requirements described are current at the time of printing, but subject to change. If such change should take place after the pamphlet is printed the statements in the pamphlet are not binding on ODVA.

SURVIVOR INFORMATION SHEET

Please keep this information for your records—DO NOT submit to ODVA.

Name of Veteran (<i>Last, First, Middle</i>)		Social Security Number of Veteran			
Birthplace of Veteran (<i>City, State, County</i>)		Birth Date of Veteran			
VA Claim Number C-	GI Insurance File Number	Service Serial Number			
Place Veteran Entered Active Duty (<i>City, State</i>)		Date Veteran Entered Active Duty			
Branch of Service	Place of Separation From Service	Date of Separation			
Discharge or Form DD214 Recorded	City	County	State	Volume	Page
Spouse's Name at Time of Marriage (<i>Last, First, Middle</i>)		Place Married		Date Married	

PREVIOUS MARRIAGES OF VETERAN

Name of Previous Spouse	How Marriage Ended	Date Ended	Place Marriage Ended
	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment		
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PREVIOUS MARRIAGES OF SPOUSE

Name of Previous Spouse	How Marriage Ended	Date Ended	Place Marriage Ended
	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment		

CHILDREN OF VETERAN

Name of Child	Place Born (<i>City/State</i>)	Date Born	Father/Mother

NOTE: It is important that all previous marriages of you and your present spouse be listed. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs must have proof that your marriage to the veteran was legal. If possible attach a copy of the veteran's discharge to your file.

This information is also available in alternate formats, upon request.