

Veteran Benefits: Are You Missing Out?

Did you or a loved one serve in the military? Do you need help obtaining services such as health care, in-home care, or financial assistance? Call 1-833-604-0885 to speak with an Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) trained Veteran Volunteer today. These services are free to veterans and their families.

Veterans and their spouses or dependents, are not always aware of the Veterans' Affairs (VA) benefits they may be entitled to, which could include:

- Burial benefits for veterans and their spouses
- Caregiver benefits for family caregivers providing personal care services to disabled veterans in their own home
- Health care provided by the Veterans Health Administration
- Tax-free pension benefits for wartime veterans and survivors with limited or no income or high medical expenses
- Tax-free compensation benefits for veterans with an injury or illness incurred during, made worse by, or as a direct result of military service

If you've explored your benefits in the past and were denied, you should know that federal laws governing VA issued benefits continue to change. **You may be eligible for benefits that you were previously denied.** For example, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 has extended the presumption of herbicide exposure, like Agent Orange, to veterans who served within 12 nautical miles of the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975.

If you currently receive VA benefits, you may still be eligible for additional benefits. This could include an increase in your disability compensation due to the worsening of your service-connected conditions, or special monthly compensation if you require aid and attendance due to your service-connected disability.

Other benefits that veterans and their families may be eligible for:

- Oregon property tax exemptions
- License plate and parking placards for disabled veterans
- Oregon State Parks Special Access Pass and Golden Access Federal Park Pass

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