# Military Services Program Reaching Out to Service Members and Veterans Around the World

Department of Veterans Affairs

# Overseas Military Services Program Presented by Veterans Benefits Administration

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## Welcome

to the Department of Veterans Affairs

## **Transition Assistance Program**

Where you will learn about your VA benefit entitlements.

## VA Zenefit Programs

- Compensation
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Education
- Loan Guaranty
- Medical & Dental
- Insurance
- Burial
- Survivors

## VA Military Services

- Transition Assistance Program
- Disabled Transition Assistance Program
- Separation Briefings
- Retirement Briefings
- Reserve & National Guard Briefings
- Overseas Military Services Program

## **Education Assistance Programs**

Benefits that assist you in advancing your education and improving your job skills

# Education & Training

- Degree & Certificate programs
- Independent study programs
- Cooperative courses
- Apprenticeship & OJT
- Flight training
- Work-Study program
- Tutorial assistance



## Veterans Educational Assistance Program

- Contributory program service between 1/1/77 & 6/30/85
- Payments up to \$8,100 + DoD kickers
- Up to 36 months of entitlement
- Benefit entitlement amount based on contributions
- Personal contributions MAY be refunded

## **Active Duty**

- Up to 36 months of entitlement available
- 4 categories of eligibility
- Must have HONORABLE Discharge
- Payroll deductions are not refundable to veteran

## **Active Duty**

Eligibility for Category 1

First entered service after June 30, 1985

\$1,200 pay reduction while on Active Duty

## **Active Duty**

**Eligibility for Category 2** 

- First entered service prior to January 1, 1977
- Must have remaining entitlement under old GI Bill (Chapter 34, Title 38 USC)
- Served on AD from 6/30/85 to 6/30/88
- No pay reduction for this category

## **Active Duty**

#### **Eligibility for Category 3**

- Includes VEAP participants & Commissioned Officers
- Must have elected MGIB before separation & have pay reduced by \$1,200
- Voluntarily separated under SSB/VSI after 12-4-1991
- Involuntarily separated after 2-2-1991

## **Active Duty**

#### **Eligibility for Category 4**

- Member must have been on Active Duty on 9-30-1990 AND was
- Involuntarily separated after 2-2-1991, or
- Involuntary separated effective 11-30-1993, or
- Voluntarily separated under SSB/VSI after 12-4-1991

# Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves

Applicant must have 6 yr. obligation after 6/30/85
High school equivalency & complete IADT
Satisfactory participation in reserve unit

Up to 36 months of entitlement available

#### **Vocational Rehabilitation**

- **#Education & training for service-**disabled veterans
- **#10%+ with serious employment** handicap
- **\*\*Assists in overcoming employment handicap subsistence allowance**

#### Vocational Rehabilitation

- **#Professional counseling, testing & monitoring**
- **#Pays all required school costs & provides monthly subsistence allowance**

## Want to buy a Home?

VA can help you move into your home with little or no cash outlay.



## Home Loan Guaranty

- Guaranty for purchase, refinance, construction, or improvement
- **VA does not loan money**
- ↓ VA guarantees up to \$50,750
- No maximum loan set by VA
- Must qualify with private lender
- Property must be in U. S.

## Home Loan Guaranty

- Interest rates are negotiable between lender & veteran
- No funding fee if veteran is service-connected disabled 10%+
- Available to certain reservists or National Guard members with a higher funding fee

Are you leaving service with a disability?

**Disability benefits** and priority heath care may be available to you for disabilities that are related to your military service.

## Service-Connected Disability Compensation

- Monthly benefits for service disabled veterans
- Additional allowances for dependents
- Special benefits for seriously disabled
- Offset for certain DoD payments

## Other Benefits for Service-Connected Disabled Veterans

- Special Adaptive Housing Grant
- Automobile Grant
- Automobile-Adaptive Equipment
- Clothing Allowance

#### Civilian Health & Medical Program

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- ◆ Eligibility based on veteran's rating of service -connected permanent & total disability or service related death
- ◆ VA helps pay for civilian medical care for eligible dependents

#### Non Service-Connected Pension

- Monthly benefit for non-service connected disabled veterans
- Must have wartime service
- Must be permanently & totally disabled
- Eligibility is subject to income limitations (offset)

#### **VA Healthcare Enrollment**

- The Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996 required many changes to be made in VA Health Care Eligibility.
- □One of the provisions of this Act required VA to establish an enrollment process to help VA manage health care to its growing veteran population.

#### **Priority Group 1**

Veterans with a service-connected conditions rated 50% or more disabling.

#### **Priority Group 2**

Veterans with service-connected conditions rated 30 or 40 % disabling

#### **Priority Group 3**

Veterans who are former POWs.

Veterans with s/c conditions rated 10 or 20% disabling.

Veterans discharged from active duty for compensable conditions.

Veterans awarded special eligibility classification

(38 USC, Section 1151)

#### **Priority Group 4**

Veterans who are receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits.

Veterans who have been determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled.

#### **Priority Group 5**

Non-service connected veterans and service-connected veterans rated zero percent disabled, whose income and net worth are below the established dollar thresholds.

#### **Priority Group 6**

All other eligible veterans who are not required to make copayments for their care including:

substance or environmental hazards while in service.

Compensable zero percent service-connected veterans.

#### **Priority Group 7**

Nonservice-connected veterans and noncompensable zero percent service-connected veterans with income and net worth above the statutory threshold and who agree to pay specified copayments.

## VA Strives to Provide Quality Health Care

- Nursing Home & Domiciliary care
- Outpatient medical treatment
- Prosthetic services
- Services & benefits for blind veterans
- Home Improvements for the disabled
- Alcohol & drug treatment
- Outpatient pharmacy services
- Dental care

## Medical Care

Two Categories of Eligibility

- **Mandatory**
- **Discretionary**

## **Inpatient & Nursing Home Care**

#### **Mandatory Care**

Service-connected disabled veterans

Certain Viet Nam & Persian Gulf War veterans

Non Service-connected veterans within specific income limits

Certain others (WWI, Former POWs, etc.)

#### **Inpatient & Nursing Home Care**

#### **Discretionary Care**

Non service-connected veterans with income above income limits

Veterans who agree to pay deductible

### Outpatient Care

- VA SHALL provide care to veterans for service-connected disabilities rated 50% or more for any condition:
  - -to prevent or prepare for hospitalization
  - -to complete care after hospitalization

## Outpatient Care

## VA MAY provide care to veterans in VA Vocational Rehabilitation

- in receipt of VA pension
- in other categories, under certain conditions

#### Dental

- One-time treatment upon separation
- Not available if necessary treatment provided 90 days prior to separation
- Veteran must apply for treatment within 90 days of separation

#### Dental

#### Available to

- Veterans rated 100% serviceconnected disabled
- Veterans in VA Vocational Rehabilitation
- Certain patients in a VAMC
- Former POWs (confined for 90+ days)

## Life Insurance Planning for the Future

## VA has programs that can assist you in planning for your beneficiaries and their future

#### Insurance

Servicemembers Group Life Insurance

- Coverage up to \$200,000
- Can convert to Veterans' Group Life or commercial insurance

#### Insurance

#### Veterans' Group Life Insurance

- Low cost 5-year renewable term
- Amount of coverage cannot exceed SGLI





## **Burial Benefits**

VA remembers our veterans with dignity and honor...

#### **Burial Entitlements**

#### **Burial in a VA National Cemetery**

- American flag to drape the casket
- Headstone or marker
- Presidential Memorial Certificate for family members, next of kin and friends

### **Burial Benefits**

#### Service-connected

\$1,500 reimbursement toward burial cost

#### Non service-connected

- \$300 reimbursement toward cost of burial
- \$150 reimbursement toward purchase of plot

## **Burial/Plot Allowance Eligibility Non Service-Connected Death**

#### Veteran must have

- Been in receipt of or entitled to receive VA Disability Compensation and/or Pension
- Died in a VA medical center or while hospitalized under VA contract

Transportation costs MAY be paid in certain cases

# Programs for Your Survivors

- Dependency & Indemnity Compensation
- Death Pension
- Dependents' Education
- **Home Loan Guaranty**
- Montgomery GI Bill Death Benefit

## Dependency & Indemnity Compensation

Monthly payments for spouses, children & certain parents for service related deaths

Offset by Survivors' Benefit Payments

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	counseling	
Assistance	available	
Survivors' Benefits	<ul> <li>Work-study</li> </ul>	
Survivors' Benefits	program	
Survivors' Benefits	<ul> <li>Tutorial assistance</li> </ul>	
Survivors' Benefit		

- Monthly payments for certain survivors
- Veteran must have had wartime service
- Eligibility subject to income limitations

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Other federal and state programs may be available to you because of your service in the military.

### Employment Assistance

Job Finding Assistance

Federal Employment Preference

Re-employment Rights

#### Other Benefits - Local



Real Estate Property Tax Exemption
Disabled veterans' automobile tags
Waiver of Hunting & Fishing License
Fees

Benefits vary by state