SERVICE-CONNECTED

"Means, with respect to disability or death, that such disability was incurred or aggravated, or that the death resulted from a disability incurred or aggravated, in line of duty in the active Military, Naval, or Air Service."

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED PENSION

Pension is available for wartime veterans who are permanently and totally disabled from disabilities not related with service. Veterans age 65 or older, do not need to prove permanent and total disability. Pension is also available for surviving spouses and/or children based on income.

A CLAIM PACKET MUST INCLUDE

VA Form 21-526 DD Form 214 VA Form 21-22 Military and/or private medical records Marriage Certificate* Children(s) Birth Certificate* Divorce Decrees* Dependent's SSA Number*/SSA Award Letter** *Applicable if married and/or with dependents

MISSION OF TCVSO

The mission of the Travis County Veterans Service Office is to ensure that Travis County Veterans and their families receive all the rights and entitlements provided for Veterans by Federal and State laws.

The Travis County Veterans Service Office is the advocate for veterans, their families and their survivors and must achieve the highest quality in assisting veterans.

VSO DUTIES

An officer shall aid any county resident who served in the armed forces or nurses corps of the United States, and any orphan or dependent of the person, to prepare, submit, and present any claim against the United States or a state for benefits to which the person may be entitled under United States or state law. The officer shall defeat all unjust claims that come to the officer's attention.

Helpful Numbers

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| VA Regional Office | 800-827-1000 |
| VA Home Loan Guaranty | 888-232-2571 |
| VA Direct Deposit | 877-838-2778 |
| VA Education Benefits | 888-442-4551 |
| TRICARE | 866-363-3932 |
| DFAS | 800-321-1080 |
| VA Austin OP Clinic | 512-389-1010 |
| VA Mental Health Clinic | 512-433-2020 |
| VA Cedar Park OP Clinic | 512-260-1368 |
| Govt. Insurance | 800-669-8477 |
| DEERS | 800-538-9552 |
| Camp Mabry I.D. Section | 512-782-6841 |
| Military One Source 24 hrs. | 800-342-9647 |
| VA Hospital, Temple, TX | |
| VA Rx refills & Appointments | 800-423-2111 |
| Texas Veterans Commission | 1-800-252- |
| 512-463-6564 | VETS (8387) |
| T.C. Emergency Assist. | 512-854-4120 |
| T.C. Property Tax | 512-854-9473 |
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Some programs listed maybe referred to other governmental agencies.

Our goal is to process and provide access to benefits for all eligible veterans and their dependents.

Pray for our Men and Woman in uniform and God Bless our Veterans

Our office does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or providing services.



Travis County Veterans Service Office 100 N. IH 35 Austin, Texas 78701 512-854-9340 Fax: 512-854-4453 Hours: 8-12 & 1-5 M-F Closed 12-1pm (9-15-09)

TRAVIS COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE AUSTIN, TX



PROUDLY SERVING MILITARY VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS IN TRAVIS COUNTY "ONE VETERANS AT A TIME"

9-15-09 Benefits Programs

- Eligibility
- Benefits Overview
- Compensation or Pension
- Aid and Attendance (A&A)

Disabled Benefits

- Auto or other benefits:
- Blind Aid and Services
- Clothing Allowances
- Specially Adapted Homes
- Unemployability Compensation (IU)

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Educational Benefits 1-888-442-4551 TX – 877-898-3833 Local 512-463-3168

- Montgomery G. I. Bill
- GI Bill for selected reserves
- Non-Contributory G. I. Bill
- Special program for unemployable vets
- Special training program for vets receiving pension
- Veterans Educational Assistance Program
- Veterans Job Training
- Dependants of permanent 100% Vets

Insurance 1-800-699-8477

- Service-Disabled Insurance
- Modified life
- Dividends
- Servicemans Group Life Insurance
- Veterans Group Life Insurance
- Veterans Mortgage Life Ins.
- Pensions & Improved Pension Rates

Death Benefits

- Service Connected Veterans burial allowance
- Burial in National Cemeteries
- Burial Flags
- Memorial Markers/Headstones
- Memorial Plots
- Presidential Memorial Certificates

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Survivors Benefits

- Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC)
- Reinstated Entitlement Survivors
 Program
- Death Compensation referring to before January 1, 1957
- Non-Service Connected Death
 Pension/Burial
- DIC Education Benefits

Health Care Temple 1-800-423-2111

- Agent Orange & Nuclear exposure treatment
- Alcohol, Drug, & PTSD Treatment
- Domiciliary care
- Hospitalization/Outpatient Care Center
- Prosthetic appliances
- Vet Centers

Other Federal Benefits

- VA Home Loan
- Small Business Administration

Texas Veterans Commission <u>www.tvc.state.tx.us</u> 800-252-vets (8387), Local 463-5538

State Benefits Assistance Employment Assistance Education State Benefits

- Disabled Veterans Outreach Program
- Preference points for employment in the Federal Government
- Job placement assistance thru TWC
- Job Training Partnership Act
- Re-employment

ALSO Provided by: Texas Workforce Solutions www.ctwc.org



Texas Veterans Land Board www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb

1-800-252-VETS (8387)

- Loans for Land
- Home Improvements
- State Veterans' Homes

Do you know how to get your VA benefits? These guys do.