

# State of Mississippi

## State Benefits for Mississippi Veterans, Dependents and Survivors



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## **STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD**

In 1924 the Mississippi Legislature recognized that World War I Veterans needed assistance to obtain Veterans' benefits, this resulted in legislation which created and funded the office of State Service Commissioner. The duties and functions of this office were to aid all residents of Mississippi who served in the military forces of the United States during any war and their dependents and beneficiaries so that they would receive all benefits to which they were entitled under the laws of the United States.

The State Service Commissioner's office was not adequately staffed to provide the level of casework assistance necessary for the five-fold increase in the population of Veterans brought on by World War II. In 1948, the Legislature changed the State Service Commission to the State Veterans Affairs Board (SVAB) to provide additional manpower and assistance for the increasing number of Veterans and dependents.

The State Veterans Affairs Board is charged with assisting former and current members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their dependents in securing any benefits or privileges to which they are entitled, with operation of the State Veterans Memorial Cemetery, operation of the four Mississippi State Veterans Nursing Homes, approval of programs and institutions of education and training under the GI Bill, and with advising the governor and legislature on Veterans' affairs.

## **STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD**

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[www.vab.ms.gov](http://www.vab.ms.gov)

SVAB electronically stores copies of military discharges (DD 214) for individuals recently released from military service who list Mississippi as their home of record on the DD 214. SVAB can access Mississippi Draft cards from WW II through post Korea and can access some records pertaining to World War II and Korean War discharges. SVAB provides speakers for meetings and works with the legislature, governor and Veterans organizations regarding Veterans issues.

## **STATE VETERANS CLAIMS DIVISION**

1600 East Woodrow Wilson  
Room 116  
Jackson, MS 39216  
601-364-7182, 7183, 7184  
Fax: 601-364-7226

Claims Division Veterans Service Officers provide free advice and guidance to Veterans and dependents regarding VA claims, casework, hearings, appeals, and discharge upgrades. These Service Officers are also responsible for the training of County Veterans Service Officers. Claims Division employees represent the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board and are accredited representatives for the Ex Prisoners of War, American Legion, American Red Cross, Fleet Reserve Association, Non Commissioned Officers Association, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

### **STATE VA HOSPITAL SERVICE OFFICES**

Biloxi VA Hospital Bldg. 3, Rm. 146 Veterans Ave. Biloxi, MS 39531 228-523-5253 228-523-5092 (f)	Jackson VA Hospital Rm. 2262 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) 1500 E. Woodrow Wilson Dr. Jackson, MS 39216 601-364-1451	Memphis South Clinic Rm. 173 1056 East Raines Rd. Memphis, TN 38116 901-271-4919 901-346-6722 (f)
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State VA Hospital Service Offices provide free advice and guidance to Veterans and dependents with VA claims, with VA medical care and treatment problems, hospitalization and nursing home placement issues. Our hospital service officers provide free representation to Veterans on issues of disagreement and at personal hearings held in the VA Hospitals in Biloxi, Jackson and Memphis.

### **STATE VETERANS NURSING HOMES**

State Veterans Home 3261 Hwy 49 Collins, MS 39248 601-765-0403	State Veterans Home 310 Autumn Ridge Dr. Kosciusko, MS 39090 662-289-7044
State Veterans Home 4607 Lindbergh Dr. Jackson, MS 39209 601-353-6142	State Veterans Home 120 Veterans Blvd. Oxford, MS 38655 662-236-7641

Each of the four State Veterans Nursing Homes has 150 beds and provides skilled nursing home care for eligible Veterans and spouses. Eligibility for admission to the Homes requires that a serviceman/woman be or have been a Mississippi resident, have qualifying military service, have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions, or be the spouse of a Veteran who resides in one of the Veterans Homes. Out of state Veterans may be admitted to the Homes if there are no Mississippi residents waiting to accept a bed. Applicants must have a medical need for nursing home care and must be able to pay the applicable daily charge for care in the Home. Applications for admission to the Veterans Homes can be obtained from any of our offices and from many hospital social work departments. Indigent Veterans can request assistance with the expense of care in the facilities.

## **STATE APPROVING AGENCY**

P.O. Box 5947  
3466 Highway 80  
Pearl, MS 39288  
601-576-4867  
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The State Approving Agency inspects and approves new programs of education and training at universities, community colleges, vo-tech schools, flight schools, on-the-job-training programs, etc., for GI Bill educational eligibility. If you have questions concerning a school or a training program being approved to teach Veterans under the GI Bill, contact the State Approving Agency.

## **STATE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY**

248 Honor Circle  
Newton, MS 39345  
601-683-2959  
Fax 601-683-2958

The Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery is open for in-ground burials and accepts cremains for both in-ground or columbarium interment. The cemetery is located approximately three (3) miles east of Newton on Highway 80. Veterans, their spouses and eligible dependent children can be buried in the Cemetery.

Burial for Veterans is at no cost unless the burial involves re-internment from another cemetery and the VA burial allowance has previously been paid. A fee must be paid to bury non-Veteran spouses and eligible dependent children. VA provides a free grave marker and perpetual care is provided at no cost. Contact your funeral director or the cemetery office for information.

## **MISSISSIPPI VETERANS HOME PURCHASE BOARD**

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The Veterans Home Purchase Board provides low interest mortgage loans in amounts up to \$225,000.00 for eligible Veterans and unmarried surviving spouses to purchase an existing single family home or to construct a new home. Eligibility requires that the Veteran be a Mississippi resident prior to entering military service or be a resident for two (2) consecutive years prior to applying for the loan. The Veteran must have or obtain a Certificate of Eligibility for Home Loan Guaranty from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and be discharged from extended active duty under honorable conditions. Contact the Veterans Home Purchase Board for information and applications.

## **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY**

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Post Office Box 571  
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601-576-6850  
[www.mdah.state.ms.us](http://www.mdah.state.ms.us)

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History maintains historical records and a reference library concerning Mississippi residents and units which served during the Civil War, the Spanish American War and World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

## **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY**

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Veterans seeking assistance regarding employment or unemployment insurance benefits should contact the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for assistance. MS Employment Security offices and WIN Centers are located in many areas of the state and may be listed in your local telephone book. Veterans may also obtain assistance through the MDES web site at [www.mdes.ms.gov](http://www.mdes.ms.gov) or by calling the call center at 1-888-844-3577.

## **STATE PERSONNEL BOARD**

210 East Capitol St  
Suite 800  
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601-359-1406  
[www.mspb.ms.gov](http://www.mspb.ms.gov)

Applications for state employment are processed by the State Personnel Board (**SPB**). **SPB's** web site lists state jobs which are currently on recruitment and for which they are accepting applications. The SPB web site also provides job descriptions and minimum qualifications for the positions on recruitment.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

1900 E. Woodrow Wilson  
Jackson, MS 39216  
601-987-1212  
[www.dps.state.ms.us](http://www.dps.state.ms.us)

The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to provide the new, renewal or duplicate driver's license, temporary driving permit, intermediate license or commercial driver's license to any honorably discharged Veteran as defined by federal law and such license or permit shall exhibit the letters "Vet" or any other mark identifying the person as a veteran. The veteran requesting the "Vet" designation shall present his DD-214 or equivalent document that includes a notation from the State Veterans Affairs Board that the applicant is a Veteran.

**MISSISSIPPI MILITARY DEPARTMENT  
(Army & Air National Guard)**

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[www.ngms.state.ms.us](http://www.ngms.state.ms.us)

The Mississippi Military Department maintains personnel and military discharge records for members of the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard. Contact the Mississippi Military Department to request copies of those records.

**COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER**

The majority of counties in Mississippi employ a County Veteran Service Officer who is to assist county residents with VA claims. County Veteran Service Officers can answer questions concerning applying for VA benefits, they can contact the VA for claim status, assist in completing paperwork and provide advice and assistance to Veterans and dependents. County Veterans Service Officers are required to attend training courses each year and they are required to pass an annual test concerning VA benefits.

Mississippi law requires that a County Veterans Service Officer be an honorably discharged Veteran with wartime or police action military service or be the surviving spouse or child of such Veteran. The County Veterans Service Officer listing below changes from time to time. Check for your County Veterans Service Officers telephone number in the County Government section of the telephone book, or contact the Chancery Clerk or Board of Supervisors in your county for additional information.



<b>ADAMS</b>	<b>Erle Drane</b>  115 South Pearl St. P. O. Box 57 Natchez, MS 39121	Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Office: (601) 445-8706 Cell: (601) 807-4448 Home: (601) 446-5284 Fax: (601) 442-2536 Email: <a href="mailto:veterans@natchez.ms.us">veterans@natchez.ms.us</a>
<b>ALCORN</b>	<b>Pat Ray Bill Parker Sherry Flanders</b>  Court House P.O. Box 158 Corinth, MS 38835	Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closed 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Office: (662) 286-7744 Fax: (662) 284-4922 Email: <a href="mailto:Pray@co.alcorn.ms.us">Pray@co.alcorn.ms.us</a>
<b>AMITE</b>	<b>Jim Sterling</b>  185 Irene St. P.O. Box 103 Liberty, MS 39645	Mon. 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Office: (601) 657-4197 Email: <a href="mailto:amitevso@bellsouth.net">amitevso@bellsouth.net</a>
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<i>(Kosciusko State Veterans Home)</i>	<b>Shawn Hardin (KSVNH)</b>  Kosciusko Nursing Home 310 Autumn Ridge Kosciusko, MS 39090	Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Office: (662) 289-7809 or (662)-289-7044 ext.34 Fax: (662) 289-7824 Email: <a href="mailto:shardin@vab.ms.gov">shardin@vab.ms.gov</a>
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**MISSISSIPPI LAWS CONCERNING VETERANS BENEFITS****County Veterans Service Officers**

Counties may employ a County Veterans Service Officer who shall be (a) honorably discharged or honorably released Veteran of any war or police action in which the Armed Forces of the United States have been, are or shall be committed for action; (b) the surviving spouse or child of any such deceased Veteran; or (c) any person employed as a County Veterans Service Officer in any county of the State of Mississippi on March 30, 1990.

County Veterans Service Officers must be certified by the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board which requires that they (a) attend at least one (1) of the two (2) annual training programs provided each year and successfully complete a written examination each year on the duties and responsibilities of and assistance available to such officers and Veterans. No County Veterans Service Officer shall be entitled to any compensation for their service unless they are annually certified by the State Veterans Affairs Board.

## **Property Ad Valorem Tax**

Service-connected, totally disabled (100%) American Veterans who were honorably discharged from military service are exempt from all ad valorem taxes on homesteads of \$7,500.00 or less in assessed value. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §27-33-67

## **Documents**

The Mississippi Dept. of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics is to furnish, without charge, copies of birth and death certificates when they are needed to establish claims for dependency, disability, or survivors benefits for any Veterans who are legal residents of the State of Mississippi or their claimants.

**Miss. Code Ann.**, §35-3-9

The State Bureau of Vital Statistics is to furnish, at no expense, and immediately upon application a certified copy of birth certificates for any person volunteering for service in one of the armed forces of the United States. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §41-57-25

Chancery and Circuit Clerks are to furnish, without charge, copies of marriage licenses, divorce decrees, adoption decrees and any and all other records when the same are needed to establish claims for dependency, disability or survivors benefits for any Veterans who are legal residents of the State of Mississippi or their claimants. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §35-3-11

Chancery Clerks shall record, without cost whatsoever to any person of the Armed Forces of the United States residing in the same county, all honorable discharges and all certificates of service of any and all members of the Armed Forces of the United States. Certified copies will be furnished free without cost to the soldier, sailor, marine, coast guardsman, or nurse. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §35-3-13

## **Educational Assistance**

Children of any member of the armed services whose official home of record and residence is within the State of Mississippi and who is officially reported as being either a prisoner of war or missing in action can receive an eight semester scholarship, without cost, exclusive of books, food, school supplies, materials and dues or fees for extracurricular activities at any state supported college or university within the State. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §37-108-1

The Adjutant General of Mississippi is authorized to pay the tuition for certain members of the active Mississippi National Guard who are enrolled within the State of Mississippi in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational education school or junior college. **Miss. Code Ann.**, 33-7-405 and §33-7-407

Military personnel stationed in Mississippi are classified as state residents for the purposes of payment of tuition at state colleges and universities. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §37-103-17

## **Hunting and Fishing Licenses**

Veterans who have a total service-connected disability from the Veterans Administration are not required to purchase hunting or fishing license, but must have on their person proof of age, residency and disability status while engaged in hunting or fishing. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §49-7-5

## **Employment Preference**

The State Personnel Board designates the veteran or disabled veteran status of applicants on the lists of eligible applicants for job vacancies within state service. These lists are sent to the agencies seeking to fill vacancies.

In state layoffs, veterans are granted preference and additional preference is given disabled veterans. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §25-0-303

## **Privilege Tax**

Persons who are 65 or older, blind, deaf, dumb, or with loss of hand or foot, or loss of use of the hand or foot or who can provide documentation that they are 50% disabled to perform physical labor and whose annual gross income is \$900.00 or less are exempt from payment of privilege tax for specified businesses. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §27-15-227

## **State Retirement**

Members of the State Public Employees Retirement System who served in the Armed Forces of the United States or who served in Maritime Service during periods of hostility in WWII shall be entitled to up to four (4) years credit for active duty in the Armed Forces or in such Maritime Service, provided they entered State Service after discharge from the Armed Forces or after completion of such Maritime Service. Credit may be extended beyond four (4) years for those persons who can provide positive proof that they were retained in the Armed Forces or such Maritime Service during WWII by causes beyond his control and without opportunity for discharge. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §25-11-109

## **Re-employment**

Any person who is a member of any reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States who, in order to perform duties or receive training with the Armed Forces of the United States or of the State of Mississippi leaves a position, other than a temporary position, in the employ of any employer, and who shall give evidence of the Satisfactory completion of such duty or training, and who is still qualified to perform the duties of such position, shall be entitled to be restored to his previous or a similar position, in the same status, pay, and seniority. Such period of absence for military duty or training shall be construed as an absence with leave but may be without pay. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §33-1-19

## **Motor Vehicle License Plates**

Photos of Mississippi Veteran and military license plates can be viewed on the web site for the Mississippi Department of Revenue [www.dor.ms.gov](http://www.dor.ms.gov).

Once you enter the Dept. of Revenue web site click on Tag/Titles, then click on Special Plates and then click on Available License Plates. Color photos of available specialty plates will be displayed.

## **HONORING VETERANS**

Any owner of a passenger vehicle, pickup truck or noncommercial motor vehicle can purchase the Honoring Veterans license plate. The plate costs an additional \$31.00 over regular license plate fees and \$24.00 of that fee goes to support indigent Veterans residing the State Veterans Nursing Homes and the State Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

## **VETERAN**

In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by Mississippians who are honorably discharged Veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces, any such person is privileged to obtain distinctive motor vehicle license plates or tags for each motor vehicle registered in his name identifying his status as a Veteran. In addition, decals indicating branch and period of military service are to be affixed to the license tags. An additional annual tag fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) shall be collected for such license plates for the benefit of indigent Veterans who are residents of the State Veterans Nursing Homes.

## **UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**

In recognition of the patriotic services rendered, any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States may purchase the United States Armed Forces license plate for an additional fee of \$30, \$24 of which benefits the maintenance, operation and administration of the State Veterans Nursing Homes.

## **UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIAL FORCES**

In recognition of the patriotic services rendered, any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is on active duty with the United States Army Special Forces, may purchase a license plate or tag identifying the resident as an active duty member of the United States Army Special Forces for an additional fee of \$30, \$24 of which benefits the maintenance, operation and administration of the State Veterans Nursing Homes.



### **AFGHANISTAN VETERAN**

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a Veteran and served in the Afghanistan theater of operations and was awarded either the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, for service in, or in support of operations in Afghanistan may purchase the Afghanistan Veteran license plate for an additional fee of \$31.00, \$24 of which will benefit the State Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the State Veterans Nursing Homes.

### **IRAQ VETERAN**

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a Veteran and served in the Iraq theater of operations and was awarded either the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, for service in, or in support of operations in Iraq may obtain the Iraq Veteran license plate for an additional fee of \$31.00, \$24 of which will benefit the State Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the State Veterans Nursing Homes.

### **VIETNAM VETERAN**

In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by a legal resident of Mississippi who is an honorably discharged Veteran who served in the United State Armed Forces during the Vietnam Conflict and was awarded a Vietnam Service Ribbon, may obtain the Vietnam Veteran license plate or tag for an additional fee of \$30, which shall benefit indigent Veterans residing in the State Veterans Nursing Home.

### **CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR**

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor and the unmarried surviving spouse of such person is privileged to obtain annually, one (1) motor vehicle license plate or tag for a private passenger motor vehicle or pickup truck in the county of his residence. The CMH license plate or tag is exempt from all motor vehicle registration fees and privilege taxes.

### **DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN**

Any legal Veteran resident of the State of Mississippi with a 100% permanent service-connected disability rating by the Veterans Administration, and the unmarried surviving spouse of such person, is privileged to purchase annually one (1) motor vehicle license plate or tag for a private passenger motor vehicle or pickup truck in his or her county of residence for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) in total cost.

### **DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS & AIR MEDAL**

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross or Air Medal while in military service may purchase a special license plate recognizing that award. The applicant must present Satisfactory proof of award of the medal and pay an additional \$30 tag fee.

### **EX-PRISONER OF WAR**

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who was a prisoner of war, and the unmarried surviving spouse of such person, is privileged to obtain annually one (1) motor vehicle license plate or tag for a private passenger vehicle or pickup truck in the county of his or her residence. The Ex-POW license plate or tag is exempt from all motor vehicle registration fees and privilege taxes.

### **GOLD STAR FAMILY**

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi and a family member of a service member who has been killed in action or died in a combat zone while serving in the Armed Forces, and was a resident of Mississippi at the time of death, may purchase a Gold Star license tag for an additional \$30, \$24 of which shall benefit indigent veterans residing in the State Veterans Nursing Homes.

### **KILLED ON ACTIVE DUTY**

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is the un-remarried surviving spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a reserve component of the Armed Forces or of the National Guard, who, while on active duty, is killed or dies in time of war or national emergency declared by the President of the United States, or in an area determined by the Secretary of Defense to be of immediate military hazard, is privileged to purchase annually, one (1) motor vehicle license plate or tag for a private passenger vehicle or pickup truck in the county of his or her legal residence, for the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) in total cost. The KIA license plate or tag is exempt from all privilege taxes.

### **NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL**

In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by a legal resident of the State of Mississippi who received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, any such Veteran may obtain a Navy and Marine Corps Medal license plate or tag for an additional \$30, \$24 of which shall benefit indigent Veterans residing at the State Veterans Nursing Homes.

### **PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR**

Any resident of the State of Mississippi who is an honorably discharged former member of one of the Armed Forces of the United States and while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States was present during the attack on the island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, between the hours of 7:55 AM and 9:45 AM, Hawaii time, is privileged to obtain two distinctive motor vehicle license plate for an additional tag fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for use on a private passenger vehicle (to include station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks) registered in the county of his or her legal residence.

### **PURPLE HEART**

Any resident of the State of Mississippi who can provide written proof that while serving in the Armed Forces of the United State he or she was awarded the Purple Heart Medal is privileged to obtain one free distinctive license plate or tag for use on a private passenger vehicle (to include station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks) registered in the county of his or her legal residence.

The unmarried surviving spouse of a deceased person who was issued a Purple Heart Medal license plate or tag may apply for or retain one (1) such license plate or tag which shall be exempt from taxes and fees.

### **SILVER STAR & BRONZE STAR**

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a Veteran and was awarded the Silver Star or Bronze Star medal while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States may obtain special license plates recognizing that award. Applicants must present official written proof of the award of the medal.

The Silver Star plate is exempt from all fees and taxes and may be retained by the un-remarried surviving spouse of the deceased Veteran recipient. Proof of marital status must be provided for the un-remarried spouse to obtain the Silver Star plate.

Bronze Star recipients must pay an additional \$30 tag fee, \$24 of which benefits indigent Veterans residing in the State Veterans Nursing Homes.

### **RESERVE, NATIONAL GUARD, MERCHANT MARINE, RETIRED**

Any resident of the State of Mississippi who has completed an active duty career with the Armed Forces of the United States and active duty and retired members of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, United States Reserves and those United States Merchant Marines in maritime service during the period from December 7, 1941, to August 15, 1945, and their surviving spouses may be issued distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag at no additional cost in the county of his or her legal residence.