

State of Iowa Veterans Benefits

- **Injured Veterans Grant - \$10,000** to members or former members of US military who are residents of Iowa and were seriously injured in theater of operation of Iraq or Afghanistan. To be eligible the individual had to have been evacuated to a hospital outside of combat and remain under some type of medical care for a minimum of 91 days to be eligible for the full \$10,000 grant.
- **Home Ownership Assistance Program/\$5,000 Matching Grant** - to a service member who is a resident of the state of Iowa and is buying a home in the state of Iowa. Member must have served active duty between September 11, 2001, and June 30, 2007 and purchased the home after May 11, 2005. Or contact at www.ifahome.com
- **Property Tax Exemption** - \$1,850 off the assessed value of their home. Must have served anytime during wartime or a minimum of 18 months during peacetime to be eligible.
- **Lifetime Hunting/Fishing License** - for a veteran who is in receipt of a service-connected disability of at least 10% can receive the license for a \$5.50 fee. Must have served a minimum of 90 days during peacetime or anytime during wartime.
- **Tuition Assistance Program** - up to \$5,500 per year at a State Regents university or state community college with a maximum of \$27,500 of educational assistance to a dependent of a former US serviceman who was an Iowa resident who was killed in action in a combat zone on or after Sept 11, 2001. Dependents of those killed prior to Sept 11, 2001 are eligible for \$600 per year with a maximum of \$3,000 lifetime. Residency requirements for the dependent also apply.
- **Veteran's License Plates** - available to honorably discharged veterans; they must be purchased with an additional charge for the specialty plate.
- **Iowa Veterans Home** - is available for honorably discharged veterans as well as their spouses or widows.
- **Veterans Trust Fund** - the State of Iowa is set up with a \$5 million fund. Only the interest can be spent each year to help veterans or their families and to be used for one of the following reasons:
 - Travel expenses for wounded veterans directly related to follow-up medical care.
 - Job training or college tuition assistance for job retraining.
 - Unemployment assistance due to prolonged physical or mental illness or disability resulting from military service.
 - Expenses related to nursing facility or at-home care.
 - Benefits provided to children of disabled or deceased veterans.
 - Individual or family counseling programs.
 - Family support group programs or programs for children of members of the military.
 - Honor Guard services.
- **The Iowa Veterans Cemetery** - in the process of developing a veteran's cemetery in the state of Iowa which will be available to all veterans and their spouses for burial. Our goal is to have completed by late fall of 2007.
- **Tuition Benefit** - for present Iowa National Guard members in good standing provides \$2,700 per semester for full-time students, which equals full-time tuition at Iowa's public universities, and \$196 per semester hour for part-time students. In addition, state schools will refund tuition to mobilized soldiers.