

# BENEFITS AT SEPARATION

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E=Eligible; NE=Not Eligible; TBD=To be determined by the administrative agency

	Honorable <i>DD Form 256A</i>	General Under Honorable Conditions <i>DD Form 257A</i>	OTH <i>See Footnote 5</i>	Bad Conduct	Dishonorable <i>See Footnote 7.</i>	
<b>Army Administered</b>						
						<b>Authority and References <i>See Footnote 1.</i></b>
1. Payment for Accrued Leave	E	E	NE	NE	NE	37 USC 501-503; DODPEM Par. 40401a
2. Death Gratuity (six months pay)	E	E	E	E	NE	10 USC 1480; DODPEM Par. 40501b
3. Wearing of Military Uniform	E	E	NE	NE	NE	10 USC 771a; 772; AR 670-1, par. 30-4.a
4. Burial in Army National Cemeteries <i>See Footnote 10.</i>	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 2402; AR 290-5
5. Burial in Post Cemeteries	E	E	NE	NE	NE	AR 210-190; <i>See Footnote 2.</i>
6. Army Board for Correction of Military Records	E	E	E	E	E	10 USC 1552; DODI 1332.28; AR 15-185; <i>See Footnote 3.</i>
7. Army Discharge Review Board	E	E	E	NE	NE	10 USC 1553; AR 15-180; <i>See Footnote 4.</i>
8. Transportation to Home	E	E	E	E	E	37 USC 404; JFTR par. U5125; par. U7500-7506
9. Transportation of Dependents and their Household Goods to Home <i>See Footnote 8 for OTH, BCD and DD.</i>	E	E	TBD	TBD	TBD	37 USC 406; JFTR par. U5225, par. U5370
<b>Transitional Benefits &amp; Services <i>See Footnote 5.</i></b>						
1. Pre-Separation Counseling	E	E	E	E	E	10 USC 1142
2. Employment Assistance	E	E	E	E	E	10 USC 1143; 1144
3. Health Benefits <i>See Footnote 12.</i>	E	E	E	NE	NE	10 USC 1145
4. Commissary/ Exchange <i>See Footnote 11.</i>	E	E	NE	NE	NE	DODR 1330.17-R
5. Military Family Housing	E	E	NE	NE	NE	DODR 4165.63-M
6. Overseas Relocation Assistance	E	E	NE	NE	NE	10 USC 1148
7. Excess Leave/ Permissive TDY	E	E	NE	NE	NE	10 USC 1149
8. Preference for USAR/ARNG	E	E	NE	NE	NE	10 USC 1150
9. Montgomery GI Bill (Additional Benefits)	E	NE	NE	NE	NE	38 USC 3011
<b>Department of Veterans Affairs <i>See Footnotes 1 &amp; 6.</i></b>						
1. Dependency and Indemnity Compensation	E	E	E	E	NE	38 USC 1310; 38 USC 5303
2. Pension for Non-Service Connected Disability or Death	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 1521; 38 USC 5303
3. Medal of Honor Pension	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 1562; 38 USC 5303
4. Insurance <i>See Footnote 9.</i>	E	E	TBD	TBD	TBD	38 USC 1911; 38 USC 5303
5. Vocational Rehabilitation (For Disabled Veterans)	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 3102, 3103; 38 USC 5303
6. Educational Assistance	E	NE	NE	NE	NE	38 USC 3011; 38 USC 5303
7. Survivors & Dependents Educational Assistance	E	E	E	E	NE	38 USC 3501-3565; 38 USC 5303
8. Home and Other Loans	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 3702; 38 USC 5303
9. Hospitalization & Domiciliary Care	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 1710; 38 USC 5303
10. Medical and Dental Services	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 1712; 38 USC 5303
11. Prosthetic Appliances (For Disabled Veterans)	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 1714; 38 USC 5303
12. Guide Dogs and Equipment for Blindness	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 1714; 38 USC 5303
13. Special Housing (For Disabled Veterans)	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 2101; 38 USC 5303
14. Automobiles (For Disabled Veterans)	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 3901; 38 USC 5303
15. Funeral and Burial Expenses	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 2302; 38 USC 5303
16. Burial Flag	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 2301; 38 USC 5303
17. Burial in National Cemeteries	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 2402; 38 USC 5303
18. Headstone Marker	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 2306; 38 USC 5303
<b>Other Federal Agencies</b>						
1. Preference for Farm Loans (Dept. of Agriculture)	E	E	E	E	NE	7 USC 1983(5)
2. Preference for Farm & Other Rural Housing Loans (Dept. of Agriculture)	E	E	E	E	NE	42 USC 1477
3. Civil Service Preference (Office of Personnel Management)	E	E	NE	NE	NE	5 USC 2108; 3309-3316, 3502, 3504
4. Civil Service Retirement Credit	E	NE	NE	NE	NE	5 USC 8331, 8332
5. Job Counseling & Employment Placement (Dep't of Labor)	E	E	E	E	NE	38 USC 4211-4215
6. Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemembers (Dep't of Labor)	E	E	NE	NE	NE	5 USC 8501, 8521
7. Naturalization Benefits (Dep't of Justice Immigration & Customs Enforcement)	E	E	NE	NE	NE	8 USC 1439; 1440;
8. Old Age Survivors & Disability Insurance (Social Security Administration)	E	E	E	E	E	42 USC 417

General eligibility: The eligibility set forth are not the sole determining factors, but only list the various types of discharge. The states also provide various benefits that will be influenced by the type of discharge. Obtain state information from your state agency.

**Footnotes.**

1. VA Home Page: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov); benefits line 1-800-827-1000.
2. Only if an immediate family member has been interred at an earlier date.
3. AR 185-15, par. 2-4 Applicants [to the ABCMR] must file an application within 3 years after an alleged error or injustice is discovered or reasonably should have been discovered. The time limit may be waived upon a showing of good cause.
4. DODI 1332.28. Procedures. A request for review must be made within 15 years after the date of discharge or dismissal.

5. Transitional benefits and services are available only to soldiers separated involuntarily, under other than adverse conditions.
6. 38 USC 5303. VA benefits are not payable to (1) Anyone receiving a discharge or dismissal by sentence of a general court-martial; (2) Anyone discharged on the ground that such person was a conscientious objector who refused to perform military duty or refused to wear the uniform or otherwise to comply with lawful orders of competent military authority, (3) a deserter; (4) An officer who resigns for the good of the service, or (5) the discharge of any individual during a period of hostilities as an alien, notwithstanding any action subsequent to the date of such discharge by the ADRB. A discharge under dishonorable conditions from one period of service does not constitute a bar to VA benefits if there was another period of qualifying service upon which a claim could be predicated. See Administrator's Decision No. 655 (6-20-45); Op.Sol. 218-51 (6-4-51).

7. Includes any commissioned or warrant officer who receives a dismissal as a result of a court-martial conviction.
8. To be determined by the Secretary of the Army on a case by case basis.
9. Any person found guilty of mutiny, spying, or desertion, or, who because of conscientious objections, refused to perform service in the Armed Forces or refuses to wear the uniform shall forfeit all rights to National Servicemember's Group Life Insurance.
10. Veterans whose discharges are other than dishonorable *may* be buried in a national cemetery.
11. Must have been discharged under honorable conditions and have a 100% disability.
12. Transitional health care for a member who is involuntarily separated shall be available for 180 days beginning on the date on which the member is separated from active duty.