

FEDERAL BENEFITS

Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

DIC payments are payable to eligible spouses, unmarried children under 18, certain children pursuing higher education, certain children with disabilities, and dependent parents of Veterans whose death was service-connected. Benefits are typically discontinued upon remarriage. Annual income of parents is an eligibility factor for parental DIC.

Disability Compensation

Veterans with a disability that was at least as likely as not caused by or worsened by an event or events during their military service are eligible for tax-free monthly compensation payments determined by the severity of the condition. Application may be made for the benefit any time during the Veteran's lifetime. Combat service is not required to obtain this benefit. No income limits exist for Veterans to obtain this benefit. Additional monetary allowances for dependents of Veterans with a disability rating of at least 30%.

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Home Loans Guaranty

VA Home Loans are provided by private lenders. The VA guarantees a portion of the loan, enabling the lender to provide more favorable terms.

VA home loan benefits include:

- No downpayment required
- Low-interest rates
- Limited closing costs

This is a lifetime benefit: it can be used multiple times.

Non-Service-Connected Pension

A VA monthly pension is payable to Veterans who served during a wartime era with limited income and disabilities that are permanent and totally disabling. Combat service is not required for eligibility. The disability does not need to be service-connected. Payments are based on annual income.

Veteran Readiness & Employment

Job skills training and enrollment at institutions of higher education, vocational schools, apprenticeship programs, and on-the-job training — are available for eligible Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated at 10% or higher.



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Blind Annuity

For legally blind wartime Veterans or their un-remarried surviving spouses, who reside and are domiciled in New York. Blindness does not need to be service-connected for the Veteran to qualify. The surviving spouse of a legally blind wartime Veteran does not need to be blind to qualify.

Gold Star Parent Annuity

New York State provides an annuity payment for Gold Star Parents who reside and are domiciled in New York. Membership in a Gold Star Families organization is not required.

Homes for Veterans Program

Offers low-interest rate mortgage programs and additional benefits to qualified Veterans, making homeownership more attainable for Veterans by relaxing eligibility requirements, eliminating fees, and providing closing cost assistance. Co-ops may be eligible.

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Property Tax Exemptions

Partial exemption from real property taxes is based on wartime or “Cold War Era” active duty service, combat and expeditionary duty, and degree of service-connected disability. Qualifying surviving spouses may file for benefit. Gold Star Parents may be eligible, subject to local statute. Exemption applies to local and county real property taxes and may apply to school taxes.

Restoration of Honor

Authorizes the New York State Department of Veterans’ Services to restore access to State Veterans Benefits to Veterans who have an Other-Than-Honorable Discharge or a General Under Honorable Conditions Discharge due to any of the following:

- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Military Sexual Trauma
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Identity

This determination does not change a Veteran’s official character of discharge on their discharge paperwork.

OTHER BENEFITS

- Discharge Upgrade Assistance
- Specially Adapted Homes
- State 55-b/c Employment
- State Hunting & Fishing Licenses
- State Indigent Burial Reimbursement
- State Military Enhanced Recognition Incentive and Tribute (MERIT) Scholarship
- State Regents Award
- State Supplemental Burial Allowance
- State Veterans Homes
- State Veterans Tuition Award
- VA Aid & Attendance
- VA Burial Assistance
- VA Death Pension
- VA Dependents Education Assistance
- VA Healthcare