

MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL

The Department of Defense “Honoring Those Who Served” program provides dignified military funeral honors to veterans. To arrange military funeral honors, contact your local funeral home.

DEATH PENSION

The VA provides pensions to low-income surviving spouses and unmarried children of deceased veterans with wartime service.

REPLACEMENT MEDALS, AWARDS, AND DECORATIONS

Veterans and their families may obtain replacements for lost medals or other decorations awarded to the veteran. Requests can be submitted online at www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/.

EDUCATION BENEFITS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Many State and Federal programs are available for veterans and their families. Information is available at colleges, mass.gov, and va.gov.



CHAPTER 115 BENEFITS

Chapter 115 provides a needs based means tested program of financial and medical assistance for indigent veterans and their dependents. Qualifying veterans and their dependents receive necessary financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies and medical care. These benefits are available for dependents of deceased veterans as well.

ANNUITY

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts provided an annuity to 100% service connected disabled veterans, or to the parents, and or un-remarried spouses (Gold Star) of men and women who gave their lives in the service of their country during wartime. To apply, contact your VSO or visit mass.gov/veterans

BONUSES

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides a one-time Welcome Home bonus to eligible veterans who served during wartime from World War II through OPERATIONS Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Call 617.210.5927 for the Persian Gulf War Bonus. For all other bonuses, contact the Office of the State Treasurer 617.367.3900, ext. 543, or for OEF/OIF ext. 539

MOTOR VEHICLE BENEFITS

The Registry of Motor Vehicles now offers the option of having a “Veteran” designation added to licenses upon renewal. The RMV also provides a variety of veterans’ license plates and a registration exemption for certain veteran. Call 617.351.9222 or see massrmv.com. Certain disabled veterans and former POWs are eligible for motor vehicle sales and excise tax exemptions. Contact the Dept. of Revenue at 617.887.6367.



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The Town of Easton, the Commonwealth and other agencies offer a variety of programs to assist veterans and their dependents regarding entitled benefits. We encourage residents to make use of these programs and to refer family, friends and neighbors who may be eligible.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

There are several types of property tax exemptions available to veterans in Massachusetts. M.G.L. c. 59, s.5, clause 22-22E & M.G.L. c. 58, s.8A provides details on eligibility. For further information, contact your local assessor's office at 508.230.0521 or the Dept. of Revenue at 617.626.2300.

HOUSING SERVICES

Dept. of Veterans' Services (DVS) contracts with a range of nonprofit organizations, which provide housing services to eligible veterans. All required that residents maintain a sober and drug-free environment. Services are available to both male and female veterans. For a complete listing, see mass.gov/veterans. The VA maintains a 24/7 national call center and online chat service for veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless 1.877.424.3838 or www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp.

EMPLOYMENT

Career Works: 34 School St. Brockton Area (DUA) Division Unemployment Assistance Walk-In Center.
James Schmit
Veterans Employment Representative (DVOP)
Job Search Specialist
Direct: 508-513-3422
Fax: 508-513-3498
Email: jschmit@detma.org

MEDICAL CARE AND DEATH

MassHealth pays for health care for certain low and medium income people living in Massachusetts. MassHealth offers health-care benefits directly or by paying part or all of your health-insurance premiums. Call the MassHealth Customer Service Center at 1-800-841-900 (TTY: 1-800-497-4648) to file a Medical Benefit Request (MBR).

THE EASTON VETERANS DISCRETIONARY

FUND is used to sustain daily living for Easton veterans. If you would like to donate or are in need of assistance, please contact the VSO.

DISABILITY COMPENSATION

Federal disability compensation is one of the most common benefits provided by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA). For additional information visit the Compensation and Pension Benefits section of the VA website at: www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/.

Soldiers' Homes

The Soldiers' Homes in Chelsea 617.884.5660 and Holyoke 413.532.9475 provides a variety of services to veterans, such as acute hospital, domiciliary, and long-term care; physical and occupational therapy and more.

VET CENTERS

Vet Centers provide readjustment counseling, outreach, and referral services to veterans and their families in a relaxed, community based setting. Vet Centers also provide counseling for military sexual trauma and bereavement to parents, siblings, and spouses. Locations include Boston, Brockton, Hyannis, Lowell, New Bedford, Springfield, and Worcester. For move information visit: www.vetcenter.va.gov/.

SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides service for veterans in crisis. Call 1.800.273.8255 and press 1 to be connected immediately to VA suicide prevention and mental health professionals. Visit www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

MASSACHUSETTS SAVE PROGRAM

Statewide Advocacy for Veterans' Empowerment (SAVE) program that assists veterans in need of referral services and seeks to prevent suicide and advocate on behalf of Massachusetts' veterans. Toll-free 1.888.844.2838, save@state.ma.us

HOME BASE PROGRAM

Home Base Program is a partnership between the Red Sox Foundation and Mass General Hospital that offers OEF/OIF veterans & their families diagnostic assessments, treatment & referral services To learn more about the program call 617.724.5202 or homebaseprogram@partnership.org

BURIAL AND MEMORIAL BENEFITS

Most veterans are entitled to state and federal burial benefits and other memorial services. To locate the burial site of a veteran use the VA National Gravesite Locator at http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1.

VA OPERATED CEMETERIES

Massachusetts National Cemetery
Bourne, MA 508.563.7113
Woodland Cemetery Soldiers' Lot
Harvard St., Ayer, MA 01432

MARKERS AND HEADSTONES

The VA will provide markers or headstones for eligible veterans buried in private cemeteries at no cost to the veteran or his or her family.