

Nevada State Veteran's Benefits & Discounts

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The state of Nevada provides several veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

- Housing Benefits
- Financial Assistance Benefits
- Employment Benefits
- Other State Veteran Benefits

Nevada Veteran Housing Programs

Nevada Veterans' Home

A State-owned and operated veterans' home is located in Boulder City. The 180 bed home consists of an extended care facility for veterans in need of skilled nursing home care. The cost to stay in a semiprivate room is \$110 per day -- well below the Nevada average of \$216 a day. The cost for a spouse or a Gold Star parent is \$187 a day. Refer to http://issuu.com/news_review/docs/rnr_nsvh_022615 for a publication on the home. Future plans call for a Veterans Home in Northern Nevada. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have a military discharge other than dishonorable
- Be a spouse of a veteran who meets the above requirement or a Gold Star parent, (parent whose children all died during war time service in the Armed Forces of the United States)

- Must be a current resident of Nevada or provide verification of Nevada residency at the time of enlistment in the military.
- Not require care the Home is unable to provide.
- Not exhibit traits that may prove dangerous to the applicant, residents, staff, or visitors



The first step toward admission is the completion of an application packet, accompanied by appropriate documentation, (when applicable). Additionally, to be admitted, applicants must present a current, signed admission order, from a licensed physician, verifying the need for 24-hour skilled nursing care. Applicants must complete all sections of the admission application and provide accurate and current information. This includes the financial section related to all household income and liabilities. Residents must agree to pay a daily per diem and additional ancillary charges, such as physician visits and medications. Charges may vary over time and between residents, depending on each resident's situation. Some residents may be eligible for VA benefits, Medicaid, Medicare, military retirement, and/or Social Security. The Home also accepts private insurance. In addition to the information listed above, applicants' scores on screening tools must fall within ranges deemed suitable for placement. The Admissions Application can be downloaded at <http://veterans.nv.gov/page/nsvh-admissions-policies>.

Visit the Nevada Office of Veterans Services website <http://veterans.nv.gov> for contact information and benefits assistance.

Nevada Financial Assistance Benefits

Veterans Tax Exemption

An annual tax exemption is available to any veteran with wartime service (including in-theater service during the Persian Gulf War, Afghanistan and Iraqi Wars). To obtain this exemption, take a copy of your DD214 or discharge papers to your local County Assessor.

The exemption can be applied to a veteran's vehicle privilege tax or real property tax. The exemption cannot be split between the two. To obtain the exact amount of this benefit, contact your County Assessor. Veterans may also "donate" their exempted tax directly to the Nevada Veterans' Home Account, which will contribute the amount toward the operation of a Veterans' Home in Nevada.

Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption

Nevada offers a property tax exemption to any veteran with a service-connected disability of 60% or more.

The amounts of exemption that are or will be available to disabled veterans varies from \$6,250 to \$20,000 of assessed valuation, depending on the percentage of disability and the year filed. To qualify, the veteran must have an honorable separation from the service and be a resident of Nevada.

The widow or widower of a disabled veteran, who was eligible for this exemption at the time of his or her death, may also be eligible to receive this exemption.

This exemption can be applied to a veteran's vehicle tax or personal property tax. To determine the actual value of this benefit or to obtain further information, contact your local county assessor's office.

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Nevada Employment Benefits

Civil Service Preference

Civil service preference is given to veterans applying for State employment in Nevada. Veterans with service-connected disabilities receive additional preference.

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Other Nevada State Veteran Benefits

Assistance With Claims

Any veteran family member of a veteran, or Nevada resident on Active Duty can receive free assistance in filing a claim with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for a service-connected disability, pension or other benefit program. Assistance includes help in filing claims, representation at local hearings, appeals and discharge upgrades.

Hunting and Fishing License

The State of Nevada Wildlife Division will issue free hunting fishing licenses to any honorably separated veteran who has a service-connected disability of 50% or more.

Guardianship Program

Nevada State Law permits the Nevada Office of Veterans' Services to act as the financial guardian for incompetent veterans, their widows and children.

Veteran Cemetery Plots

Eligible veterans and members of their immediate family may be buried at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley or at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City.

There is no charge for the plot, vault and opening & closing of a gravesite for a Veteran. A \$450 fee (subject to change) is charged for the burial of the spouse or dependent of a veteran. Eligibility criteria for burial at the Northern/Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery is the same used by the National Cemetery System and is based on military service. Dependents of a veteran may also be eligible for burial at the cemetery. A columbarium wall is also available for those veterans and dependents that have been cremated. Both cemeteries are located in quiet, peaceful surroundings, and provide an atmosphere of respect and dignity to those who have served. The cemeteries were established in 1990 and have become the final resting place for over 10,000 veterans and their family members. One plot is allowed for the interment of each eligible veteran and for each member of their immediate family, except where soil conditions or the number of decedents of the family require more than one plot. Specific plots may not be reserved as plots are assigned by the cemetery superintendent. Casket and cremation burials can be accommodated at both cemeteries. For more information concerning dependent eligibility and pre-registration, contact:

- Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 14 Veterans Way, Fernley, Nevada 89408 Tel: (775) 575-4441/5713F.
- Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1900 Buchanan Blvd, Boulder City, NV, 89005 Tel: (702) 486-5920.



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Disabled Parking Privileges

The State of Nevada authorizes special parking permits for physically disabled persons. Applications are available at your local DMV office or can be obtained by contacting the DMV Special Plate Section in Carson City.

Special Veteran License Plates

The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles offers several distinctive license plates for veterans that include:

Ex-Prisoner of War

Disabled Veteran

Purple Heart

Army, Army Airborne, Army National Guard, Navy, Navy Seabee, Air Force National Guard, Marine Corps, or

Coast Guard Veteran

National Guard Active

Pearl Harbor Survivors & Veterans
Congressional Medal of Honor



Applications for special plates can be obtained at your local DMV Office. Initial fee is \$61 with an annual \$30 renewal fee. Personalized plates run \$96 with an annual renewal fee of \$50. A portion of the fees help subsidize veteran causes.

Documents

Veterans or their dependents filing claims for service-connected disabilities may receive a one-time free copy of their birth, divorce, death or marriage certificate from the appropriate county courthouse.

Recording Fees

Discharge certificates are recorded free of charge to eligible veterans by Nevada Count Recorders.

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Veterans Advocacy and Support Team Offices

For information on veterans benefits and services, contact our Veterans Advocacy and Support Teams (VAST) at the following locations:

- VAST Las Vegas: 6900 N. Pecos Rd., Rm. 1C237, North Las Vegas, NV, 89086 (located at the New VA Hospital in North Las Vegas) Tel: (702) 224-6025/6927F OR 791-9000, Ext. 46025
- VAST Reno: 5460 Reno Corporate Dr. Suite 131 Reno, NV 89511 (Located in the VA Regional Office) Tel: (775) 321-4880/1656F
- VAST Fallon: 485 W. B Street, Suite 103 Fallon, NV 89406 (located in the Churchill County Offices) Tel: (775) 428-1177/ FAX (775) 423-9371
- VAST Elko: 762 14th Street, Elko, NV 89801 Tel:(775) 777-1000 /1055F
- VAST Pahrump: 1981 E Calvada Blvd #110 Pahrump, NV 89048 Tel: (775) 751-6372 /6371F
- VAST Rural Outreach Coordinator 5460 Reno Corporate Dr. Suite 131 Reno, NV 89511 Tel: (775) 688-1653/1656F

Rural Outreach/ROVER

Walk-in appointments are welcome, but can only be seen as time permits. To schedule an advanced appointment, contact Josh @ 775 688-1653. Veterans are advised to bring a copy of their DD-214 discharge document, current VA paperwork, medical information and banking account information. If the claim involves dependents, bring birth certificates, current and prior marriage certificates, divorce decrees, and social security numbers. A separate page is available for each month. See the drop down menus above for the month you are looking for at <http://veterans.nv.gov/page/rural-outreach-rover>

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Military Discounts in Nevada

1. MVDC has close to 2000 business locations in Nevada that have discounts for military personnel and veterans. In addition to businesses providing discounts, the state of Nevada also provides discounts for those that have served. To find business discounts, enter your zip code and category in the search box at <http://militaryandveteransdiscounts.com/location/nevada.html>

2. Veterans Designation on drivers license: Honorably-discharged veterans may have a Veteran designator placed on their license. Present your DD-214 at any DMV office. Visit archives.gov to obtain a copy of your DD-214.

3. Discounted Fees and Taxes

- National Guard members may receive hunting and fishing license permits for free

- Eligible veterans with a service-connected disability of 50% or more may be issued a hunting and fishing license permit for free.
- Veterans are eligible for special license plates

4. Property tax

- Any veteran with wartime service can apply an annual tax exemption to the vehicle privilege tax or real property tax. However, the exemption cannot be split between the two. For more information on the exact benefit, contact the county assessor
- Nevada also offers a property tax exemption to eligible veterans with a service-connected disability of 60% or more. The amount varies depending on the percentage of disability and the year filed.
- The widow or widower of the disabled veteran who was eligible at the time of his or her death, may also be eligible to receive this exemption. It is applicable to either the vehicle tax or personal property tax. More information can be obtained through the local county assessor's office.

5. Education Discounts

- 100% tuition waiver for members of the National Guard for fall and spring semester at state schools (including text books, but excluding tech and lab fees)
- 100% of summer semester costs for members of the National Guard subsidized through the Education Encouragement Fund

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