

Nevada State Veteran's Benefits

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

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Veteran Housing Programs

Nevada State 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. 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



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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>. Once the application and additional paperwork is returned it typically takes 48 hrs to receive a response from the admissions office. Pets are allowed to visit once they have been examined by a veterinarian. Pet therapy dogs that have been cleared by a veterinarian are also allowed to visit the home. There are 14 private rooms. The remaining 166 are semi-private.

Northern Nevada Veterans' Home



The design and concept of the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home (NNSVH) is like no other. While it offers the highest level of skilled care, it will never feel like a hospital or institution. The 102,000 square foot facility has 96 beds and features a host of amenities. Veterans have their

own private room and share a den, living room and kitchen with 15 other residents. A “Town Hall” has a restaurant, coffee bistro, sports bar, therapy gym, beauty/barber shop, general commissary store as well as parade grounds for military and patriotic ceremonies. Additionally, the “Town Hall” serves as a gathering place, hub and heart for area Veteran Service Organizations and other Veteran Support or Advocacy groups.

NNSVH is overseen by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services and managed by Avalon Health Care Management. It provides short-term rehabilitation, long-term care, memory care.

- Long Term Care – Assistance with daily living, showering, dressing, meals, personal care. The VA subsidizes the cost of care for eligible Veterans, but not for spouses. The facility also accepts Medicaid and has Medicaid Certified beds available for long term care. Cost includes: private room, skilled nursing care, meals, laundry, housekeeping in room and activities offered by the facility. Please note they do not include medications, physician charges, therapy services or specialized medical equipment or services. Those will be billed to insurance and copay charges will be the veteran's responsibility Long-term care costs are as follows:

Private Pay Daily Rates	Total Cost / Day	30-Day Cost
Veteran	\$173.00	\$5,190
Service-Connected Veteran (70-100%)	Covered at 100% by VA	none
Spouse or Gold Star Parent	\$280.00	\$8,400

- Short-Term Care – Typically follows a hospital stay and may involve Physical, Occupational or Speech Therapy. Care typically follows a hospital stay and is often covered by Medicare benefits.
- Memory Care – Secure community for those with dementia. Alzheimer’s issues, history of wandering without regard for safety. Veterans who have memory concerns or confusion with no wandering issues may be cared for in the long term community

There are an estimated 80,000 veterans living in northern Nevada. This facility allows veterans in need of skilled nursing care to stay closer to home, near their family, friends, community, when they need it most. For a Fact Sheet on the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home [Click here](#). You can also check out the latest video at <https://youtu.be/Rirjte9t664>. If you have any further questions regarding eligibility, admission, or would like to schedule a personalized tour of the facility please feel free to contact the facility main line at 775-827-2955, ask for the admissions department or contact: Northern Nevada State Veterans Home, Attention: Admissions, 36 Battle Born Way, Sparks, NV 89431

Habitat for Humanity

A global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God’s love into action by building homes, communities and hope. Founded in Americus, Georgia in 1976, Habitat for Humanity today operates around the globe and has helped build, renovate, and repair more than 600,000 decent, affordable houses sheltering more than 3 million people

worldwide. The organization is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman, and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all.

- [Truckee Meadows](#) -- All are welcome: Habitat for Humanity Truckee Meadows has an open-door policy: All who believe that everyone needs a decent, affordable place to live are welcome to help with the work, regardless of race, religion, age, gender, political views, or any of the other distinction that too often divide people. In short, Habitat welcomes volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds and also serves people in need of decent housing regardless of race or religion. As a matter of policy, Habitat for Humanity International and its affiliated organizations do not proselytize. This means that Habitat will not offer assistance on the expressed or implied condition that people must either adhere to or convert to a particular faith, or listen and respond to messaging designed to induce conversion to a particular faith.
- [Elko County](#) -- Shelter from rain, wind and sun is a basic human need. Habitat for Humanity provides decent, affordable houses to families in need. Habitat homeowners gain self-respect as they work alongside volunteers to construct their homes. Their purpose is to build homes with families and then to sell the houses at no profit and no interest to families who could not otherwise afford a home. Habitat for Humanity does not give away homes. Instead, a family pays an affordable mortgage with 0% interest. The house payments are used to build more homes with other families. Habitat for Humanity works with families, not for families. To be considered for a home through Elko County Habitat for Humanity, several guidelines must be met such as a housing need (unsafe or unsanitary conditions, spending more than 50% of monthly income for housing, overcrowding, etc.). Elko County Habitat for Humanity is organized and ran by its Board of Directors.
- [Las Vegas](#) -- Established in Clark County, Nevada in 1991 they are a Christian Housing Ministry governed by a Board of Directors made up of local community leaders. They are a 501 (c) 3 private, non-profit organization accredited by the United Way. We are an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International and operate in full compliance with our Covenant and US Operating Agreement.” Their purpose is to revitalize and stabilize neighborhoods in their community that cannot support private development. Sponsors, donors, volunteers and families work together to build homes, settle families and grow a community of neighbors.

[The Habitat Sahara ReStore](#) generates operating revenue by salvaging, recycling and sourcing overstock building materials and selling them to the public at highly discounted prices. It also provides training and employment opportunities.

Home Loan Guaranty

The VA provides a home loan guaranty benefit and other housing-related programs to help you buy, build, repair, retain, or adapt a home for your own personal occupancy. VA Home Loans are provided by private lenders, such as banks and mortgage companies. VA guarantees a portion of the loan, enabling the lender to provide you with more favorable terms. Visit the [VA Home Loan website](#) for more information. [Instructional videos](#) on the Home Loan program are also available.

To be eligible you must have suitable credit, sufficient income, and a valid [Certificate of Eligibility \(COE\)](#) to be eligible for a VA-guaranteed home loan. The home must be for your own personal occupancy. The eligibility requirements to obtain a COE are listed below for Servicemembers and Veterans, spouses, and other eligible beneficiaries. VA home loans can be used to:

- Buy a home, a condominium unit in a VA-approved project
- Build a home
- Simultaneously purchase and improve a home
- Improve a home by installing energy-related features or making energy efficient improvements
- Buy a manufactured home and/or lot.

The spouse of a Veteran can also apply for home loan eligibility under one of the following conditions:

- Unremarried spouse of a Veteran who died while in service or from a service connected disability, or
- Spouse of a Servicemember missing in action or a prisoner of war
- Surviving spouse who remarries on or after attaining age 57, and on or after December 16, 2003

Note: a surviving spouse who remarried before December 16, 2003, and on or after attaining age 57, must have applied no later than December 15, 2004, to establish home loan eligibility. VA must deny applications from surviving spouses who remarried before December 6, 2003 that are received after December 15, 2004) and Surviving Spouses of certain totally disabled veterans whose disability may not have been the cause of death

Refer to <https://veterans.nv.gov/benefits-and-services/home-loan-guaranty> for additional info on Home Loan eligibility and rules.

Homeless Veterans Resources

VA offers a wide array of special programs and initiatives specifically designed to help homeless veterans live as self-sufficiently and independently as possible. In fact, VA is the only Federal agency that provides substantial hands-on assistance directly to homeless persons. Although limited to veterans and their dependents, VA's major homeless-specific programs constitute the largest integrated network of homeless treatment and assistance services in the country. VA's

specialized homeless veterans treatment programs have grown and developed since they were first authorized in 1987. The programs strive to offer a continuum of services that include:

- Aggressive outreach to those veterans living on streets and in shelters who otherwise would not seek assistance;
- Clinical assessment and referral to needed medical treatment for physical and psychiatric disorders, including substance abuse;
- Long-term sheltered transitional assistance, case management, and rehabilitation;
- Employment assistance and linkage with available income supports; and
- Supported permanent housing.

Homeless Female Veterans -- Homelessness among women veterans is expected to rise as increasing numbers of women in the military reintegrate into their communities as veterans. Women currently make up 8% of the total veteran population and 14.6% of the active duty military, increasing to an estimated 16% by 2035. The number of homeless women veterans has doubled from 1,380 in 2006 to 3,328 in 2010. This offers links to several programs for female veterans.

HUD-VA Supportive Housing (VASH) Program -- VASH is a joint effort between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and VA. HUD allocated nearly 38,000 “Housing Choice” Section 8 vouchers across the country. These vouchers allow Veterans and their families to live in market rate rental units while VA provides case management services. A housing subsidy is paid to the landlord on behalf of the participating Veteran. The Veteran then pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program.

Additional Housing Programs Available for Vet use:

- [Homeless Veterans Resources](#)
- [Housing Programs for Disabled Veterans](#)
- [HUD Home Repairs: Nevada](#)
- [Nevada Housing Division](#)
- [Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program \(SSVF\)](#)
- [USDA Rural Development Veterans Resources](#)
- [USDA Rural Repair and Rehabilitation Loans and Grants](#)

Financial Assistance

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.

Hardship Assistance Grant

Key Programs available to veterans under this grant include:

- [Single Family Housing Direct Home Loans](#)
- [Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program](#)
- [Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program](#)
- [Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program](#)
- [Multi-Family Housing Direct Loans](#)
- [Rural Business Development Grants](#)
- [Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants](#)
- [Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy](#)

Nevada USDA RD Programs & Services -- [USDA Rural Development \(USDA RD\)](#) operates over fifty financial assistance programs for a variety of rural applications. Select a category that best describes your situation, and see what RD can do to assist you. A list of programs they offer to applicants is available at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs>.

The Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) – Southern Nevada -- This is a Federal program for assisting low and very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing (that they choose) in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses or apartments. The participant is free to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program. The program also allows its participants to use the voucher after the first year of admissions (if the applicant was not a current resident of Clark County when they applied) anywhere in the Nation. This segment of the program is entitled Portability. The term Section 8 is used to describe the various Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Programs.

The [SNRHA](#) administers 10,149 Housing Choice Vouchers that allow families to rent in the private market and receive a subsidy towards their rent. With this assistance, residents are able to pay approximately 30-40 percent of their annual adjusted income toward rent, while the [SNRHA](#)

pays the remainder. The [SNRHA](#) helps provide housing to approximately 38,000 people under this program.

Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) – Northern Nevada: Reno/Sparks -- The HCVP is designed to allow participants to utilize rental vouchers to find units in whatever neighborhood they wish from private [landlords](#). Many participants take advantage of the [portability](#) feature of the program to transfer to other parts of the country. Families must fill out an application for the [HCVP](#) and return it to [RHA's](#) Admissions Office. Families who meet eligibility and income requirements, which include a criminal history check, are entered on to a wait list based on the preferences they are eligible for and the date of application. As families reach the top of the wait list, they are offered a voucher, based on funding restrictions. With a Housing Choice Voucher, the total amount of assistance to each family for rent and utilities is calculated based on the family's income, composition, unit selected, and [RHA's](#) payment standards. [RHA](#) has a minimum rent of \$75.

Employment

Civil Service Preference

Civil service preference is given to veterans applying for State employment in Nevada. Veterans with service-connected disabilities receive additional preference. Veterans must have another-than-dishonorable discharge. For veterans with disabilities, 10 points will be added to the passing grade achieved on the examination. For non-disabled veterans, and for the surviving spouses of veterans, 5 points will be added to the passing grade achieved on the examination. Nevada National Guard must submit a letter of recommendation from the commanding officer to have 5 points added to the passing grade achieved on the examination. Applicants must declare their intention to request veterans' preference points before the examination. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Veterans Services Employment Opportunities Site

Qualified persons are considered for employment without regard to race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, color, national origin, age, genetic information or disability, as outlined in the State Affirmative Action Plan. For additional employment information please contact our Human Resources Department at: (702) 332-6702 or visit the site at <http://veterans.nv.gov/page/ndvs-employment>. To browse job announcement postings go to:

- [Click here for Employment Opportunities listed on our website](#)
- [Click here for more State of Nevada Employment Opportunities](#)
- [Click here for Nevada System of Higher Education Employment Opportunities](#)

Here you will find information about employment opportunities available in public service within the Nevada Department of Veteran Services (NDVS) and the State of Nevada. The NDVS Human Resources will continue to list all open position(s) associated within the Department on this website for your convenience, and to further assist you at making your job search more user friendly. In addition, NDVS is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Services

Veterans may receive vocational rehabilitation and employment services to help with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job seeking skills coaching. Other services may be provided to assist Veterans in starting their own businesses or independent living services for those who are severely disabled and unable to work in traditional employment. Go to <https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp> to learn more on what is available

VA's [Education and Career Counseling](#) program is a great opportunity for Service members and Veterans to get personalized counseling and support to help guide their career paths, ensure the most effective use of their VA benefits, and achieve their goals.

Volt Military Heroes

The Volt Military Heroes Program is designed to provide returning American military service veterans with access to exceptional employment opportunities at some of America's top corporations. The skills, experience, determination and motivation demonstrated by American service veterans are second to none and represent a natural match for American companies wishing to maintain their competitive edge in global markets.

For veterans returning to civilian life, this program offers a seamless transition back into American businesses. Organizations seeking the most talented, disciplined and productive professional resources will not find a better source for excellence than veteran U.S. servicemen and women. Refer to <http://www.voltmilitary.com/site/8417/index.html> for additional information on this program.

Additional Resources for Employment Related data:

- [Entrepreneurship](#)
- [Veteran's Guide to Starting a Business](#)
- [Job Announcements](#)
- [Job Seeking Resources](#)
- [NV VetNet Employment Listing](#)
- [On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Programs](#)
- [Patriot Employer Program](#)
- [Preference to Veteran-Owned Business](#)
- [Resources for Employers](#)
- [Unemployment Statistics](#)
- [Veterans Advocacy and Support Team \(VAST\)](#)
- [Veterans Preference – Nevada](#)

Education

Waiver of Fees for Members of Nevada National Guard

The University of Nevada system may grant a waiver of registration and laboratory fees for any member of the active Nevada National Guard.

Waiver of Fees for Children and Surviving Spouses of Nevada National Guard

The University of Nevada system may grant a waiver of registration and laboratory fees for any child or surviving spouse of a Nevada National Guard member killed in the line of duty. A child may use a waiver granted for 10 years after they attain the age of 18 years. A surviving spouse may use a waiver granted pursuant to this section for 10 years after the member's date of death.

Grant-In-Aid for the Family of a Member Killed in the Line-of-Duty

Dependents of an active duty member killed in the line of duty while permanently stationed in Nevada may be eligible for a financial grant that does not require repayment.

Operation Recognition - A Program For WWII thru Vietnam Veterans

You can receive your high school diploma through this special program. In 2003, during the 72nd Session of the Nevada Legislature, Assembly Bill 52, Operation Recognition, was passed. This bill provides for Nevada School Districts to issue a standard high school diploma to certain veterans. To receive this high school diploma, a veteran must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during WW II through the Vietnam Era, between the dates of September 16, 1940 and May 7, 1975. A veteran, a guardian of a disabled veteran, or a member of a deceased veteran's family, on behalf of the deceased veteran, may submit an application. Download <https://veterans.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/OPERATION-RECOGNITION-FORMS-WEBSITE-INFO-3-29-17.pdf>. In this package you will find the requirements to qualify and the instructions for submission to the Nevada Office of Veterans Services.

Veteran and Dependent Scholarships

For a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veteran and/or their dependents go to:

- <http://www.veterans.nv.gov/page/Veteran-Scholarships>
- <http://www.veterans.nv.gov/page/Spouse-and-Dependent-Scholarships>

Additional Resources for Educational Information

- [Campus Vet Centers](#)
- [College and University Certifying Officials](#)
- [GI Bill Information](#)
- [On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Programs](#)
- [Other Education Resources](#)
- [Spouse and Dependent Scholarships](#)
- [State Approving Agency](#)
- [Student Complaint Inquiry](#)
- [Veteran Scholarships](#)
- [Veteran/Service Member Resident Status/In-State Tuition Rate](#)
- [Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Service](#)

Recreation

Hunting and Fishing License for Disabled Veterans

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

Active Duty Hunting & Fishing License

The State of Nevada Wildlife Division will issue a discounted combination license to Nevada residents stationed outside of Nevada and home on leave.

State Park Fees

A disabled veterans permit can be issued to a disabled veteran who resides in Nevada who can show proof of a permanent service-connective disability of 10% or more from the Department of Veterans Affairs and was Honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States. The permit provides the holder unlimited entrance to all parks and use of camping and boat launch facilities in the parks for 12 months after the date the permit is used. For renewal an annual administrative fee of \$30.00 is charged. You can now order your Disabled Veterans Permit and receive it through the mail. See overview and view Frequency Asked Questions (FAQs) at http://parks.nv.gov/forms/Overview-Disabled-Vets_3.18.pdf. To download and fill out an application to mail in go to http://parks.nv.gov/forms/DIV-8_Application_for_Annual_Disabled_Veteran_Permit.pdf.

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.

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 Cemeteries

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 \$350 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.



Northern



Southern

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



Personalized versions of these plates are limited to 5 characters for large plates, 4 for small plates. Airborne, Seabees and National Guard are limited to 4 characters for large plates, 3 for small plates.

- Use https://dmvapp.nv.gov/dmv/vr/plateav/plateav_input.aspx to check for available numbers.
- Refer to https://dmvapp.nv.gov/dmv/vr/plateav/plateav_input.aspx for more info on personalizing plates.
- Fees listed are in addition to all other applicable registration fees. - Incomplete, illegible or incorrect applications will be returned.
- For additional info on the above and plates available for handicapped and decorated vets refer to <https://dmv.nv.com/platesveterans.htm>.

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. Honorably-discharged veterans may have a Veteran designation placed on their license. Present evidence of honorable discharge at any DMV office. If you are obtaining the designation only, the fee is \$9.25 for a non-commercial license or ID card or \$13.25 for a commercial license. There is no additional fee if you are renewing your license or completing another license transaction. If you are mailing a license renewal, you may mail a copy of the document. Visit archives.gov to obtain a copy of your DD-214 or other evidence of honorable discharge. 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 County Recorders.

Legal Assistance

The Nevada Attorney General's Office of Military Legal Assistance – [OMLA](#) provides pro bono legal assistance and representation to active duty, reserve and National Guard service members in a wide area of civil law matters. The OMLA also currently provides assistance to veterans with wills and powers of attorney. The OMLA is the first ever, attorney general-led program offering our military communities access to pro bono civil legal services. Additionally, the program seeks to educate Nevada's communities and create policy aimed at addressing issues affecting our state's military families. The OMLA is a comprehensive, statewide program combining the joint efforts of legal aid organizations, private sponsors and the State Bar of Nevada to address the need for affordable legal representation in our military communities.

In order to receive legal assistance from this program, active military and reserve service members should seek referral from their respective Judge Advocate General. Veterans should seek referral from their respective Veterans Service Office. For contact numbers go to <http://nvagomla.nv.gov/Help/HelpHome> For additional information write, call or email 100 North Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701 | (775) 684-1100 | nvagomla@ag.nv.gov.

Veterans Justice Outreach Program (VJO) – Homeless Veterans -- The aim of the [VJO](#) program is to avoid the unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration among Veterans by ensuring that eligible, justice-involved Veterans have timely access to [Veterans Health Administration \(VHA\)](#) services, as clinically indicated. VJO specialists provide direct outreach, assessment and case management for justice-involved Veterans in local courts and jails and liaison with local justice system partners. VA cannot provide legal services. For legal assistance, visit [State Side Legal's help page](#) or contact the nearest [VJO specialist](#), who may know of community legal assistance resources.

Justice For Vets -- This is a professional services division of the [National Association of Drug Court Professionals](#), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Alexandria, VA. Justice for Vets believes that no veteran or military service member should suffer from gaps in service, or the judicial system when they return to their communities. As the stewards of the [Veterans Treatment Court](#) movement, we keep veterans out of jail and connect them to the benefits and treatment they have earned; saving their lives, families, and futures, and saving tax dollars for the American public. Justice For Vets will ensure that the criminal justice system effectively identifies, assesses, and responds to all justice-involved veterans appropriately, and will lead the national effort to establish Veterans Treatment Courts within reach of every veteran in need. As the national leader, Justice For Vets will aggressively advocate for Veterans Treatment Courts and mobilize the public to take action to join us in ensuring that no veteran is left behind.

Many organizations exist to provide programs and services to veterans, however service duplication and lack of coordination have created wide gaps in access. Often, justice-involved veterans are excluded entirely from accessing this help. Justice For Vets helps communities bring together local, state and federal resources to directly serve veterans involved in the justice system due to substance abuse, mental illness, or trauma.

The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program – The Pro Bono Program was created in 1992, with a dual mission: to provide assistance to unrepresented veterans or their family members who have filed appeals at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Court); and to recruit and train attorneys in the then fledgling field of veterans’ law. Each appellant who requests Pro Bono Program assistance receives a thorough review of his or her appeal. An appellant whose case is not accepted by the Program receives substantive legal advice about his or her case and an explanation as to why the Pro Bono Program cannot place the appeal with a volunteer attorney.

For volunteer attorneys, the Consortium teaches a one-day class in veterans law. Every attorney who receives training and accepts a case from the Consortium receives an analysis of the case prepared by the Consortium’s veterans’ law specialists. Each attorney also receives extensive research materials published by LexisNexis (including the latest version of the Veterans Benefits Manual and a CD-ROM with an on-line research capability), as well as the assignment of a mentoring attorney to provide advice and assistance during the course of the appeal.

Food Assistance

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) -- SNAP helps low-income Nevadans meet their nutritional needs. Benefits are issued on EBT cards and can only be used to buy food products at grocers, farmers markets and other USDA-approved vendors. To help determine whether you might qualify for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance benefits, visit the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Welfare and Supportive

Services website <https://dwss.nv.gov>. To apply for SNAP, complete the [Application for Assistance](#) and/or contact your local County Social Service Office.

Meals on Wheels -- This is the most recognized name brand of senior nutrition programs. But other senior meal programs by various names are in many communities in the U.S. and around the world and often go by names other than Meals on Wheels (a generic term generally reserved for home delivered meal programs). While Meals on Wheels programs are delivered to the home, seniors may also find congregate meal programs at local senior centers, churches, or community centers. Many communities have both Meals on Wheels and congregate senior meal programs through senior centers available to local residents. You should always contact your local meal program directly to find out what services are offered. [Search meal program locations](#) to find one near you. If you don't find one exactly in your town, search nearby towns. If you still don't find one, contact us and we will attempt to find one for you. Whether it's a "Meals-on-Wheels" program, a senior nutrition program, a public senior meal program or a private meal program, all are important and contribute to senior nutrition and health.

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program -- The WIC program can provide food support for some supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant women, and to infants and children up to age five. [Learn how to apply for WIC](#). Free and reduced price school meals might also be available to your children. [Learn how to apply for free and reduced price school meals](#).

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) -- Through TEFAP, USDA provides food to State agencies, which in turn provide the food to local agencies – such as food banks, food pantries, and soup kitchens. Veterans who are undergoing difficult economic times may qualify to receive TEFAP foods for household distribution, and may certainly receive meals in congregate settings.

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) -- Veterans who live on Indian reservations or other approved areas may be eligible to participate in FDPIR. If interested, contact your Indian Tribal Organization or State agency.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) -- CSFP works to improve the health of low-income seniors 60 years of age and older, as well as pregnant and breastfeeding women, other new mothers up to one year postpartum, infants, and children up to age six, by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA foods. Veterans may qualify for CSFP foods, if the program is available in their area. Note: Individuals may not participate in CSFP and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children at the same time.

The National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs – These provide nutritious low cost or free meals to children attending participating schools and snacks at certain afterschool care programs. For all Service Members:

- Any in-kind benefit, such as base housing, is not considered income.
- Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) – By law, the FSSA is not counted as income in determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals.
- Department of Defense overseas schools are eligible to participate in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs; this extends the availability for free and reduced-price meals to children in families stationed overseas.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

During the school year, many children receive free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch through the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs. What happens when schools let out? The SFSP is designed to feed children breakfast and/or lunch during the summer at feeding sites that can include schools, churches, community centers, summer camps, Indian reservations, and more.

Other Resources

- <http://www.feedourvets.org/>
- <http://www.foodpantries.org/st/nevada>

VA's Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program

HCHV offers outreach, exams, treatment, referrals, and case management to Veterans who are homeless and dealing with mental health issues, including substance use. At more than 135 HCHV sites, trained, caring VA specialists provide tools and support necessary for Veterans to get their lives on a better track. Call 1-877-222-VETS (8387) or contact: Capital Hill Building Veterans Outreach Center, 350 Capital Hill Ave, Reno, NV 89502 Tel: 775-324-6600

Dental Program

The mission of the Homeless Veteran Dental Program is to increase the accessibility of quality dental care to homeless Veteran patients and to help assure success in VA-sponsored and VA partnership homeless rehabilitation programs throughout the United States. Refer to <https://www.va.gov/homeless/dental.asp> for additional info.

Outreach Programs

The following are available to active duty military, veterans, and their families:

- [Childcare Assistance and Caregiver Support](#)
- [Family Assistance Centers](#)
- [Military Outreach Specialists](#)
- [Military Warriors Support Foundation](#)
- [Our Military Kids](#)
- [Project New Hope](#)
- [Rural Outreach for Veterans Enrichment and Resources \(ROVER\) Program](#)
- [Silver Star Families](#)
- [Soldiers' Angels](#)
- [TAPS Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors](#)
- [Vet Centers](#)

Governor's State Flag Program

This program allows for family members, friends, and supporters to request from the Nevada Department of Veterans Services a Nevada State Flag that has been authenticated to have been flown over the Nevada State Capitol to be shipped to a Nevada service member or unit deployed abroad. At https://veterans.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Governor_s-Flag-Program-Form-12-4-18.jpg you can download the form and mail it to the address on the form.

South Korea Veterans Ambassador for Peace Medal

If you served in Korean War, you may be eligible for the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal. This commemorative medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to American service men and women who served in the Korean War. The Ambassador for Peace Medal began to be presented to veterans as a special memento for those of who returned to South Korea through the 'Revisit Program'. The honor has since expanded to veterans who cannot travel long journey to Korea. Criteria:

- To be eligible, the veterans must have served during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. It is also available for the veterans who have participated in UN peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955.
- The commemorative medals may be awarded posthumously. However, please understand that the highest priority for presenting the medal is given to veterans who are currently surviving in Canada. The next of kin, such as the spouse or descendants may apply for the medal on behalf of a deceased veteran.
- In order to apply for this commemorative medal, veterans or their family members have to complete the application form which can be downloaded for completion and mailing at <http://www.veterans.nv.gov/ContentLibrary/Korean%20Ambassador%20For%20Peace%20Medal%20Application%20Form.pdf>. Veterans need to provide a copy of the Veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty along with their application form for verification purpose.
- Please send your completed application form to South Korean Consulate-Chicago: 455 North City Front Plaza Dr. NBC Tower Suite 2700 Chicago, IL 60611 Tel: (312) 822-9485 Fax: (312) 822-9849



Nevada State Veterans Memorial

In honor or memory of a Nevada Veteran through the "Buy A Brick, Give A Brick Program" bricks can be sponsored and purchased for installation in the memorial. To order online go to <https://veterans.nv.gov/benefits-and-services/buy-a-brick-gift-a-brick>, complete test to go on brick, and make credit card payment. Bricks cost \$250 to \$550 depending on size and what is to be inscribed on the brick.



All pre-ordered bricks are installed at the memorial in the order sponsorship forms were received, on a quarterly basis. Brick sponsors will be notified when we receive their order, and when their brick has been placed.

Nevada State Veteran Services Contact Information

Department of Veterans Services - Main Administrative Office

- (775) 688-1653
- FAX (775) 688-1656
- 6630 S. McCarran Blvd. Building C, Suite 204. Reno, NV 89509

Veterans Advocacy and Support Team (VAST) Offices

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

VAST Las Vegas

- (702) 224-6025 OR 791-9000, Ext. 46025
- FAX (702) 486-5268
- 6900 N. Pecos Rd., Rm. 1C237, North Las Vegas, NV, 89086 (located at the New VA Hospital in North Las Vegas)

VAST Reno

- (775) 321-4880
- FAX (775) 321-4884
- 5460 Reno Corporate Dr. Suite 131 Reno, NV 89511 (located in the VA's Reno Regional Office)

VAST Fallon

- (775) 428-1177
- FAX (775) 423-9371
- 485 W. B Street, Suite 103 Fallon, NV 89406 (located in the Churchill County Offices)

VAST Elko

- (775) 777-1000
- FAX (775) 777-1055
- 1500 College Parkway – McMullen Hall, Room 114. Elko, NV 89801

VAST Rural Outreach Coordinator

- Janel Gibson
- (702) 486-5627
- 6900 N. Pecos Dr. Room 1C238. N. Las Vegas, NV 89086

Nevada State Veterans Home (Boulder City)

For information on our high quality skilled nursing care with an emphasis on maintaining resident dignity in a home-like environment.

- (702) 332-6784
- FAX (702) 332-6762
- 100 Veterans Memorial Dr. Boulder City, NV 89005

Northern Nevada State Veterans Home (Sparks)

For information contact Sandi TenBoer:

- (775) 418-5010
- FAX (775) 327-4892
- Sandra.tenboer@nnsvh.com
- 36 Battle Born Way, Sparks, NV 89431

S. Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (Boulder City)

- (702) 486-5920
- FAX (702) 486-5923
- 1900 Veterans Memorial Dr., Boulder City, NV 89005

N. Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (Fernley)

- (775) 575-4441
- FAX (775) 575-5713
- 14 Veterans Way, Fernley, NV 89408

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