Veterans Administration
SYSTEM NAVIGATION
for
Peer Specialists

Benefits and Services Available
VA provides a wide range of benefits including, Disability, Education and Training, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, Home Loan Guaranty, Dependent and Survivor Benefits, Medical Treatment, Life Insurance and Burial Benefits.
This site is a storehouse of facility and key staff information within 1875 VA facilities, maintained on a regular basis by editors and administrators nationwide throughout the VA network. Designed for ease-of-use, this site categorizes information for browsing by state and administration, as well as by viewing through an interactive map of the United States.

Links to various VA services and policies are also available.
WHY WE EXIST
CIVIL WAR
WORLD WAR I American Troops in London
VIET NAM
Afghanistan
Needs Assessment

Veteran suicides: 22 per day
Homelessness: 1 in 4 are veterans
PTSD: 1 in 5 veterans
Substance abuse/mental health: 40% co-occurring
• Veterans Treatment Court
• Sheriff’s Office Outreach
• Community Agency referrals
• Veterans Service Center
• Military Service Organizations
Disability Benefits
Compensation. VA can pay you monthly compensation if you are at least 10% disabled as a result of your military service.

Pension.
VA can pay you a pension if you are a wartime veteran with limited income and you are permanently and totally disabled or are 65 or older.
Education and Training

**Montgomery GI Bill.** Persons who first entered active duty after June 30, 1985, and contributed to an education fund are generally eligible. Some Vietnam Era veterans and certain veteran separated under special programs are also eligible. The bill also includes a program for certain reservist and National Guard members.

**Reserve Educational Assistance Program** (REAP/Chapter 1607) is available to persons who were activated under Federal authority for a contingency operation and served 90 continuous days or more after September 1, 2001.
Post-9/11 GI Bill.
Available to those who served on or after September 11, 2001. It pays tuition and fees up to the most expensive, public, in-state undergraduate program rate, provides a monthly housing allowance, and a stipend for books and supplies. It also provides an option for service members to transfer benefits to a spouse or child.
The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service provides outreach, motivation, evaluation, counseling, training, employment, and other rehabilitation services to service-connected disabled veterans. Vocational and educational counseling, as well as the evaluation of abilities, aptitudes, and interest are provided to veterans and servicepersons. Counseling, assessment, education programs and, in some cases, rehabilitation services are available to the spouse and children of totally and permanently disabled veterans as well as to the surviving spouse and children of certain veterans. Vocational training and rehabilitation services are available to children with spina bifida having one or both parents who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War, or served in certain military units, in or near the demilitarized zone in Korea, between September 1, 1967, and August 31, 1971.
Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (cont.)

Home Loan Guaranty
Dependents’ and Survivors’ Benefits
Medical Treatment
LIFE INSURANCE
  Service members’ Group Life Insurance (SGLI)
Traumatic Injury Protection under Service members’ Group Life Insurance (TSGLI)
  Veterans’ Group Life Insurance (VGLI)
  Family Service members’ Group Life Insurance (FGLI)
  Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance,
  Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance (VMLI)
BURIAL BENEFITS

**Headstone or Marker** - VA can furnish a monument to mark the grave of an eligible veteran.

**Presidential Memorial Certificate** - (PMC). VA can provide a PMC for eligible recipients.

**Burial Flag** - VA can provide an American flag to drape an eligible veteran's casket.

**Reimbursement for Burial Expense** - Generally, VA can pay a burial allowance of $2,000 for veterans who died of a service-related cause. For certain other veterans, VA can pay $300 for burial and funeral expense and $300 for a plot.

**Burial in a VA National Cemetery** - Most veterans and some dependents may be buried in a VA national cemetery.
Connects Wounded Warriors, Service Members, Veterans, Their Families and Caregivers with Those Who Support Them.

https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/nrd
Effective Engagement

Veterans Understand The Principles And Strategy Of Peer Support Like A Wing Man Or Battle Buddy.
Peer Support

Unique Bond From Similar experience, Background And culture
We have to remind a veteran; that not everybody who served was in combat, but the potential for combat was there for everyone who served.
Valuable References

http://www.va.gov/vso/

https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/nrd

http://www.va.gov/about_va/vahistory.asp

http://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/

https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/nrd
Email your suggestions for improving the National Veterans Peer Specialist Coalition

ksecertified@msn.com