

Resources for veterans and their families

Support through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS)

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) has offices across the state with trained professionals who support veterans and their families. **They help you apply for VA and state benefits, understand hospice eligibility, and access services such as skilled nursing care, veterans' cemeteries, and the Virginia War Memorial. They also provide support for family members and caregivers, including assistance with burial and memorial benefits.**

Veterans are encouraged to work with a DVS Veterans Service Representative, who can guide you step by step and ensure all paperwork is completed correctly.

Why contact DVS first

Reaching out to DVS early can help prevent delays and ensure you are connected to the right services as soon as possible. They can assist with enrolling in VA health care, understanding burial and memorial benefits, and explaining both federal and Virginia-specific programs.

Begin by contacting DVS or a local Veterans Service Officer. Ask for a hospice eligibility review to understand what the VA may cover and whether additional benefits are available. You can also request information about burial and memorial benefits. It is helpful to gather important documents ahead of time, including the veteran's DD-214 (military discharge papers) and any relevant medical records.

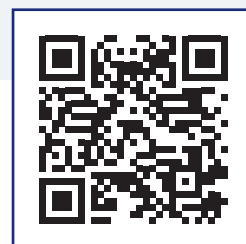


Who may be eligible

Eligibility for most federal and state veterans benefits is based on:

- Discharge from active military service under conditions other than dishonorable
- Full-time service in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard
- Commissioned officer service in the Public Health Service, Environmental Services Administration, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Certain Reserve and National Guard service (in some cases)

Final eligibility determinations are made by the VA. To learn more, visit the Veterans Benefits Administration website at: **Benefits.VA.gov**



Not sure where to start?

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) offers free assistance to help you understand and apply for these benefits.

- Contact a local Virginia DVS office and ask for a hospice eligibility review, or information about burial and memorial benefits.
- Gather important documents, such as the DD-214 (military discharge papers) and any medical records.

If you are unsure about which benefits might be good for you, DVS can help review your situation and explain what benefits may be available to support your needs.

Missing a DD-214?

You can request a copy through the National Archives using Standard Form 180.

Find the form on the Request Pertaining to Military Records | GSA website at:

[GSA.gov/Reference/Forms/Request-Pertaining-to-Military-Records](https://www.gsa.gov/Reference/forms/Request-Pertaining-to-Military-Records)



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