



# VETERANS STATE BENEFITS & SERVICES GUIDE

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***A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY***

Dear Maryland Veterans and Families:

On behalf of the citizens of Maryland, I would like to thank you for your service to our nation. You have been there for our State and Country in times of need and we are committed to now serving you. Lieutenant Governor Brown and I encourage you to pursue federal and state benefits to which you may be entitled. Whether you are transitioning to civilian life or if you previously separated from service, there many resources, including employment, housing, and claims representation support, designed to assist you and your family.

Thanks to the Veteran's Full Employment Act of 2013, veterans and eligible military spouses can now apply for expedited processing of certain occupational and professional licenses in Maryland. This Act removed barriers to employment that service members and their families sometimes experience when transitioning from military service to the civilian workforce. The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation also serves veterans through the Maryland Workforce Exchange and One Stop Career Centers throughout the State.

Working with our community partners, we are taking action to ensure our most vulnerable veterans have a place to call home. The State is actively engaged with programs designed to support stable housing for veterans and their families.

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs is available to assist you with any questions you may have. The State greatly appreciates the dedication of our brave men and women in uniform as well as the sacrifice of their families. Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

Governor



## Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs

### Office of the Secretary

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Greetings to our Veterans and Families:

On behalf of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA), thank you for your service to Maryland and our Nation. It is because of the sacrifice and commitment of our military personnel and their families that we enjoy freedom in our Country. The MDVA has a service mission to support and advocate for our veteran community and we accomplish this goal in a variety of ways.

The Department provides representation to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and our dedicated service officers are here to assist you with U.S. VA claim preparation and submission. The MDVA manages and operates five state veterans' cemeteries, cares for a number of veteran memorials, manages the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and operates an outreach and advocacy program.

In support of veteran employment, the MDVA partners with the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation and Business and Economic Development to support businesses as they hire veterans. The Department also works with Maryland higher education institutions to assist in their support of student veterans on campus.

There are approximately 435,000 veterans residing in Maryland. Whether you are newly transitioned or retired from the military, our Department encourages you to take advantage of resources detailed in this guide. Visit our website as well, [veterans.maryland.gov](http://veterans.maryland.gov), to learn of additional services currently supporting veterans in Maryland.

Our Department strives to ensure we are meeting the needs of all Maryland veterans and their families. We look forward to serving you as you so selflessly served us. Thank you!

Respectfully,

Edward Chow, Jr.  
Secretary



# INTRODUCTION

## MARYLAND STATE BENEFITS AND SERVICE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### VETERAN DEFINED

To qualify for most Veterans' benefits, programs or services, you must first establish eligibility. A Veteran is defined by Title 38 U.S.C. §101 as the following:

- A person who served on full time active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, other than active duty for training, and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.
- An individual who died while serving on active duty, or was disabled or died from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty while performing active duty for training or inactive duty training.
- Certain members of a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- Certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (formerly the Coast and Geodetic Survey) and the regular or reserve Corps of the Public Health Service.

Note: \*There are various state programs, benefits and resource providers that define veteran as "someone who has served" and/or those that may have additional requirements. We encourage you to ask rather than assume that you are ineligible.

\*Spouses and dependents of deceased veterans may also qualify for certain programs and services.

### DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY

Whenever a veteran requests benefits and services, a copy of the individual's discharge papers are required to verify eligibility. This form is called Form DD214. To obtain a copy you may exercise one of the following options:

- World War II Veterans, who were Maryland residents at the time of entry into the service, and veterans who were discharged after October 15, 1979 and had a Maryland address at the time of discharge, can contact our Baltimore Veterans Service Office at 800-446-4926 x6450 to determine if we have a copy of their DD214.
- Veterans and their next of kin can also request a copy of the service member's DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty from the National Archives at [www.archives.gov/veterans/](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/) or [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov) (Access My Documents).
- If you do not have access to the Internet, you may contact the National Archives at **The National Archives & Records Administration**, 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740-6001, 1-866-272-6272. You may also contact one of our Veterans Benefits Specialist (See pages 7-9).

# VETERANS SERVICE DEPARTMENT MARYLAND BENEFITS AND SERVICE PROGRAM

Statistics indicates that veterans represented by accredited organizations receive significantly greater disability benefits than their non-represented counterparts. Our U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs certified Service Officers honor and assist veterans, their dependents and survivors with all aspects of their Federal and State benefits. The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs has 10 Service Offices and 14 Satellite Outreach Offices throughout the state ensuring quality representation in the community.

## Baltimore: Regional Office

Rose Bean, Veterans Benefit Specialist  
Gary Brown, Veterans Benefit Specialist  
31 Hopkins Plaza, Room 3020  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
800-446-4926, ext. 6450

## Bel Air

Russ Biondo, Veterans Service Officer  
State Office Building  
Bel Air, MD 21014  
410-836-4900

## Camp Springs

Clayton Smith, Veterans Service Officer  
Harriet Hunter Building, 6420 Allentown Road  
Camp Springs, MD 20748  
301-248-0463

## Charlotte Hall

Nora Bachelder, Veterans Service Officer  
29431 Charlotte Hall Road, Room 211  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622  
301-884-8171 extension 7155

## Cumberland

Aaron Clark, Veterans Service Officer  
12501 Willowbrook Road, Room 2-014  
Cumberland, MD 21502  
301-759-5251/5252

## Easton

Janet C. Thomas, Area Supervisor  
11 South Harrison Street  
P.O. Box 1148 (mailing address)  
Easton, MD 21601  
410-690-7181

## Frederick

George Kauffman, Area Supervisor  
Multi-Service Center  
100 West Patrick Street, Rm 2120  
Frederick, MD 21701  
301-600-2155

## Hagerstown - District Court

James Lichtinger, Veterans Service Officer  
33 W. Washington Street, Room 201  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
301-791-0356

## Montgomery College

Marlon Brown, Veterans Service Officer  
Montgomery College, Counseling & Advising Bldg,  
Room CB103  
51 Mannakee Street  
Rockville, MD 20850  
240-567-5405, 240-567-4361

## Salisbury

Michelle Licata, Veterans Service Officer  
201 Baptist Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801  
410-713-3482

## Westminster

Jeff Collins, County Veteran Service Officer  
Carroll County Service Center  
125 Stoner Avenue, Room 107  
Westminster, MD. 21157  
410-386-3812

# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## SERVICE OUTREACH LOCATIONS

Call the Annapolis VET Center to schedule an appointment (410-605-7826) at this location:

- Annapolis Vet Center, Annapolis Street, Suite 102, Annapolis, MD

Call the Baltimore Regional Office (800-446-4926, ext. 6450) to schedule an appointment at these locations:

- Baltimore VA Medical Center, 10 North Greene Street, Baltimore, MD
- Ft. Meade VA Community Outpatient Clinic, 2479 5th Street, Ft. Meade, MD
- VA Loch Raven Community Living and Rehabilitation Center, 3901 The Alameda, Baltimore, MD

Call the Bel Air Full Time Office (410-836-4900) to schedule an appointment at these locations:

- Aberdeen Proving Ground, 4305 Susquehanna Avenue, Aberdeen, MD
- Aberdeen Vet Center, 223 W. Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen, MD
- Elkton Vet Center, 103 Chesapeake Blvd., Suite A, Elkton, MD
- Perry Point VA Medical Center, Perry Point, MD

Call the Cumberland Full Time Office (301-759-5251/5252) to schedule an appointment at this location:

- American Legion Home, 423 Memorial Drive, Oakland, MD

Call the Easton Full Time Office (410-690-7181) to schedule an appointment at these locations:

- County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Room 101, Cambridge, MD
- Queen Anne's County Senior Citizen's Center, 4802 Main Street, Gransonville, MD

Call the Hagerstown Full Time Office (301-791-0356) to schedule an appointment at this location:

- Carroll County Business and Education Resource Center, 224 N. Center Street, Westminster, MD

Call the Rockville Full Time Office (240-567-5405) to schedule an appointment at these locations:

- Silver Spring VET Center, 2900 Linden Lane, Silver Spring MD
- Montgomery Works One Stop Center, DLLR, 1002 Veirs Mill Road, Wheaton MD

Call the Salisbury Full Time Office (410-713-3482) to schedule an appointment at these locations:

- Ocean Pines Library, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, MD
- Snow Hill Library, 307 N. Washington Street, Pocomoke, MD

### **ADDITIONAL VETERANS' SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING CLAIMS ASSISTANCE**

American Legion 410-230-4420

AMVETS (American Veterans) 410-230-4430

Disabled American Veterans 410-230-4440

Military Order of the Purple Heart 410-230-4460

Veterans of Foreign Wars 410-230-4480

Paralyzed Veterans of America 410-230-4470

*For information on Federal Benefits visit [http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits\\_book.asp](http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp)*



*Chesapeake & Ohio Canal-Great Falls, Potomac, Maryland*

Similar to members of the Armed Forces, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) knows the importance of hard work and planning for the future. Our employees, along with our partners and sister agencies, are trailblazers in their fields, working together to manage our natural and living resources for the long-term in ever-increasingly innovative ways. We encourage military families, particularly our Wounded Warriors, to visit some of the serene natural and living resource areas located right here in Maryland. For additional information about DNR events, activities and other items of interest, visit <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/newsletter/newsletter.asp>.  
dnr.maryland.gov

– Secretary Joseph Gill, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

# CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS HOME

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home meets the needs of those veterans who are looking for Assisted Living, Skilled or Long-term Care, Alzheimer's Care, or a Rehabilitation Program. Located on 125 acres of beautifully maintained lush green landscaping, Maryland's Veterans Home provides continuum of care from its 168-bed Assisted Living Unit to a higher level of care in its 266-bed Nursing Home. Charlotte Hall Veterans Home also offers specialized care for those suffering from Alzheimer's and other related dementias in a 42-bed secured unit. In 2012, a special 16-bed women's nursing care unit was opened to accommodate the growing female veteran population.

## ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM

- Admission assessment and regular interval post-admission assessments
- Attending physician with 24 hours a day availability
- Private or Semi-Private living spaces
- Well-balanced meals with a variety of menu choices
- Housekeeping services
- Onsite religious service
- Onsite Social Worker, Mental Health Counselor, and Psychiatrist
- Sobriety Maintenance Program
- Onsite Outpatient VA Clinic and/or transportation to DC VA Medical Center at no additional cost
- Pharmacy cost included

## SKILLED NURSING

- Medical Director provides medical oversight and contracts with a Dentist, Optometrist, and Podiatrist to provide care to our Residents
- Diagnostic, psychiatric, dental, podiatry, optometry, laboratory and radiology furnished to residents by outside providers
- On-site rehabilitation services including Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy
- A complete range of clinical services under the direction of physicians and other licensed healthcare professionals, for 24 hour care, seven days a week.
- The largest Rehab gym in the area with state-of-the-art equipment
- Design safety and security features for Dementia Unit

## PRELIMINARY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Honorably discharged Maryland State Veterans, and their legal non-veteran spouse, may be eligible for admission. You must be at least 62 years of age or older to apply, with the exception of Veterans deemed disabled by either the Social Security Administration or the Veterans Administration. Veterans are not required to be ambulatory or capable of sustaining intensive multidisciplinary daily therapy to be admitted. For health, safety or welfare reasons Charlotte Hall Veterans Home may decline to accept an applicant. For additional admission requirements and/or an application, please contact the Admissions Office at 301-884-8171 Ext. 409.



## MARYLAND CEMETERIES AND MEMORIAL PROGRAMS

# MARYLAND VETERANS CEMETERIES

**T**he Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs' Cemetery Program is the largest State Veterans Cemetery Program in the nation and provides a dignified and compassionate interment for veterans and their dependents. Interment services are conducted Monday through Friday, excluding State holidays and weekends. Cemeteries are open to visitors daily from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The gates close at 4:45 p.m. to allow visitors to exit the cemetery; however, on Memorial Day (the date of State observance) the cemetery remains open until 8:00 p.m.

Honorably discharged veterans, who meet the state residency requirements may choose one of five State Veterans Cemeteries as their final resting place. There is no cost associated with the Veteran's burial plot, opening/closing, headstone and state liner (if used); however, eligible dependents have a minimal opening/closing cost and a direct cost for state liner (if used). Plots are available on a first come, first-served basis. Veterans have the option of participating in the Pre-interment Program which allows the eligible veteran to select their preferred Veteran Cemetery and verify their eligibility for burial in advance. To obtain an application or for additional information call one of the cemeteries listed below or visit [www.veterans.maryland.gov](http://www.veterans.maryland.gov).

### **Allegany County, Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery**

14205 Pleasant Valley Road, NE  
Flintstone, MD 21530  
301-777-2185

### **Anne Arundel County, Crownsville Veterans Cemetery**

1122 Sunrise Beach Road  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
410-987-6320

### **Baltimore County, Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery**

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD 21117  
410-363-6090

### **Dorchester County, Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery**

6827 East New Market Ellwood Road  
Hurlock, MD 21643  
410-943-3420

### **Prince George's County, Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery**

11301 Crain Highway  
Cheltenham, MD 20623  
301-372-6398

### **Washington Confederate Cemetery**

Closed to new burials  
(located in Rose Hill Cemetery)  
600 South Potomac Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

The rendering of Military Funeral Honors is the ceremonial paying of respect and the final demonstration of our country's gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our nation. Military Funeral Honors are provided at no cost to veterans. To request the well-trained Maryland National Guard Honor Guard (MDNGHG) you may contact them at 410-576-6133 or visit their website at <http://www.mdmildep.org/FuneralProgram>.

# MARYLAND VETERANS MEMORIALS

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs manages three Veterans Memorials—the Maryland World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial and the Maryland Veterans Vietnam Memorial. The Department also shares joint responsibility with the City of Baltimore for the War Memorial Building.

## **Maryland World War II Memorial**

Route 450 at Naval Academy Bridge  
1920 Ritchie Highway  
Annapolis, MD 21401

## **Korean War Memorial**

Canton Water Park  
2903 Boston Street  
Baltimore, MD 21224

## **Maryland Veterans Vietnam Memorial**

Middle Branch Park  
2825 South Hanover Street  
Baltimore, MD 21225

## **War Memorial Building**

101 North Gay Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201



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*Sinepuxent Bay Wildlife Management Area*

# OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM

**T**he Outreach & Advocacy Program's mission is to develop innovative ways to seek out and inform Maryland's veterans about federal, state and local benefits and services that are available, as well as solicit feedback from veterans regarding their requests and needs for additional services. In addition, the Outreach and Advocacy Program conducts veteran and dependent briefings on Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs programs and benefits. If you are interested in having our office provide educational and outreach materials at your community event, please contact the Director of Outreach and Advocacy at 410.260.3842.

## EDUCATION

A number of scholarships are available to veterans, military personnel, and dependents in Maryland. The requirements and availability of funds vary. Below we have listed two such scholarships; however, to get the most up-to-date information and eligibility requirements please visit Maryland Higher Education Commission's website at <http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialaid/descriptions.asp>.

### Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship

The veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial assistance to United States Armed Forces personnel who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq Campaigns. The sons, daughters, or spouses of veterans enrolled in an eligible accredited Maryland post-secondary institution may also be eligible.

### Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship

The Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship is designed to provide veterans, and their family members, with tuition assistance and financial aid for other educational expenses, if they are attending a Maryland post-secondary institution.

## EMPLOYMENT

### Expedited Professional Licensing & College Credits

The Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013 was signed by Governor Martin O'Malley on April 17, 2013. The Act, which went into effect on July 1, 2013, is part

of the Governor's effort to achieve full employment for Maryland veterans by the end of 2015. It helps veterans acquire professional credentials, earn college credits, and makes it easier for military spouses to continue their careers as they transfer to the state. Servicemembers, veterans and their spouses who are licensed in another state will see expedited licensing procedures, including the issuance of temporary licenses, if they relocate to Maryland and meet our requirements for reciprocity. For additional information visit <http://dllr.maryland.gov/license/opvetlic.shtml>.

### Employment Assistance

As a Veteran of the Armed Services, you are a valued member of Maryland's civilian workforce with the skills, training, and character to meet the toughest challenges faced by today's employers. The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) provides grant funds to the State of Maryland providing employment and training services to eligible residents and workers. As a condition to receiving those funds, Priority of Service (POS) is given to qualified veterans when referring individuals to job openings, USDOL funded training programs and related services. Veterans' services representatives, specifically Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialists and Local Veterans Employment Representatives, commonly referred to as DVOPs and LVERs, provide specialized employment services to veterans. For additional information and to locate your community DVOP or LVER visit <http://dllr.maryland.gov/employment/vetsposbrochure.pdf>.

## Employment Opportunities

Veteran Friendly Businesses submit employment vacancies targeting veteran job seekers and their dependents. The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs forwards announcements bi-weekly to subscribers. To become a subscriber send an email to [mdveteransinfo@maryland.gov](mailto:mdveteransinfo@maryland.gov). If you are interested in posting a vacancy please contact the Outreach Director at 410-260-3838.

## WOMEN VETERANS

### The Women's Veterans Call Center

The VA Women Veterans hotline—1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636)—is an incoming call center that receives and responds to questions from women veterans, their families, and caregivers across the nation about available VA services and resources. Callers are informed about eligibility, benefits, health care and other services, and can route calls within VA when needed. Agents are also trained to respond to crisis situations such as suicidal behavior, homelessness, sexual trauma, and domestic violence. Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## MILITARY PERSONNEL AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS NO-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM

The State of Maryland supports Veterans who have served our country, as well as the small businesses that employ them. The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED), in consultation with the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, provides no-interest financial assistance to small businesses that fall within one of the listed categories of businesses:

- A small business owned by a military reservist or a National Guard member called to active duty
- A small business that employs a military reservist or National Guard member called to active duty
- A veteran small business owner or a veteran seeking to start a small business
- A small business that employs a service disabled veteran

No interest loans range from \$1,000 to \$50,000. For more information about the program, eligibility requirements, or to acquire an application please contact us at 410-260-3838.

## MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND

Legislation establishing the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund was passed during the 2009 Session of the Maryland General Assembly and signed into law by Governor O'Malley on May 19, 2009. The legislation authorizes the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs to receive donations, and then make grants and loans to veterans and their family members who are in dire financial situations, or to private organizations that help veterans (homeless programs, substance abuse programs, etc.).

Applications for grants/loans from the Trust Fund are reviewed by the Maryland Trust Fund Review Committee, which consists of the Deputy Secretary, MDVA Directors, and representatives from the Maryland Veterans Commission and the Maryland Veterans Home Commission. Recommendations are made to the Secretary or designee, who makes the final decision on whether or not an application is approved.

For more information, and/or to request an application please contact the MDVA Grant Administrator, at 410-260-3838.

## VOTING

Absentee Voting Service members and their spouses who are citizens of the State of Maryland are eligible to vote in their local jurisdiction by absentee ballot. Call your county Board of Election or 800-222-8683.

## TAX BENEFITS

### Property Tax Exemption

A property tax exemption is available to the following individuals, for their primary residence located in the State of Maryland:

- Veterans who are 100 percent disabled for service-connected causes. The exemption passes to the veteran's spouse upon their death.

- Surviving spouse of active duty military personnel who died in the line of duty
- Surviving spouse of a 100% disabled veteran

You may also contact your county's tax assessor's office, or go to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation website at [www.dat.state.md.us/](http://www.dat.state.md.us/).

### Military Retired Pay Income Tax Exemption

Military retirees are exempt from Maryland income tax on the first \$5000 of their retirement income. The retirement income must have been received as a result of any of the following military service:

- Induction into the U.S. Armed forces for training and service under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 or a subsequent Act of similar nature
- Membership in a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces
- Membership in an active component of the U.S. armed forces
- Membership in the Maryland National Guard

The benefit also applies to persons separated from active duty employment with the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

### Maryland Pension Exclusion

If you are 65 or older, totally disabled, or your spouse is totally disabled, you may qualify for Maryland's maximum pension exclusion of \$27,100 based on instruction 13 of the Maryland resident tax booklet. If you're eligible, you may be able to subtract some of your taxable pension and retirement annuity income from your federal adjusted gross income. This subtraction applies only if:

- You were 65 or older or totally disabled, or your spouse was totally disabled, on the last day of the tax year; and
- You included on your federal return income received as a pension, annuity or endowment from an "employee retirement system." A traditional IRA, a Roth IRA, a simplified employee plan (SEP), a Keogh Plan or an ineligible deferred compensation plan does not qualify.

To speak with the Maryland Taxpayer Service call 410-260-7980 (Central Maryland) or 1-800-MD-TAXES (all other areas of Maryland).

### Vessel Excise Tax

A member of the active-duty Armed Services residing in Maryland is exempt from the 5% vessel excise tax for one year. This exemption applies only to vessels currently registered elsewhere and brought into Maryland because of a permanent duty station change. New purchases are not exempt.

For more information on the vessel excise tax credit visit the Department of Natural Resources website at <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/boating/registration/>.

### Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Exemption for Returning Military Members

As a new resident of Maryland, you must title your vehicle within 60 days of moving to Maryland. Proof of military status (i.e. military ID or equivalent) must be submitted to be eligible for an excise tax credit.

Active duty military personnel who are residents of Maryland seeking to register an out-of-state vehicle may not be required to pay the full Maryland excise tax if they apply for a transfer of title and tags to Maryland within one year of becoming a Maryland resident or within a year of returning from deployment.

For more information on titling an out-of-state vehicle in Maryland visit the Motor Vehicle Administration website. Visit [www.mva.maryland.gov](http://www.mva.maryland.gov) for more information.

## LICENSING, GAMING LICENSING, STATE PARKS

A number of services and benefits designed to enhance living are available to veterans in Maryland. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources and State Parks offers various benefits. Visit [veterans.maryland.gov](http://veterans.maryland.gov), Living in Maryland for additional details.

### State Park Admission

Active duty military, may enter free of charge by showing military I.D. For visitors with a disability, you may apply for a universal disability pass which is a free lifetime pass. For visitors over the age of 62, you may apply for a Golden Age Pass. This pass has a one-time \$10 administrative fee.

## Hunting

Maryland residents serving in the United States Armed Forces and stationed in Maryland must purchase a Resident Hunting License before hunting, unless they are on official leave and possess a copy of their official leave orders. Maryland residents serving in the United States Armed Forces, while hunting during official leave in Maryland, do not need to purchase a hunting license, deer stamps, or DNR Managed Hunt Permit; however, they must purchase a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp, a federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, and a Furbearer Permit.

Any nonresident serving in the United States Armed Forces whose duty station is in Maryland must purchase a Resident Hunting License before hunting. Any non-resident serving in the United States Armed Forces who is on leave in Maryland, but not stationed in Maryland, must purchase a Nonresident Hunting License before hunting.

A complimentary lifetime hunting license is available to Maryland residents certified as a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American veteran (Veterans Administration documentation required). The lifetime license is available only at DNR Licensing and Registration Service Centers and includes the bow stamp, muzzleloader stamp, and furbearer permit.

## Department of Natural Resources Wounded Warrior and Veteran Outreach Program

The Maryland Park Service offers recreational opportunities for wounded warriors, veterans and their families to enjoy. The Wounded Warrior and Veteran Outreach Program is designed to provide Maryland's servicemen and women with unique opportunities to work, learn, volunteer and relax in the rich natural habitats of Maryland. To learn more visit the Wounded Warrior and Veteran Outreach Program website. To speak with someone regarding the Wounded Warrior and Veteran Outreach Program call Christina Holden at 1-800-830-3974.

## LEGAL REFERRALS

Many veterans are confronted with legal problems and are denied access to justice because they cannot afford legal representation. The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs is committed to serving veterans in need of legal assistance.

To minimize veterans' frustration in obtaining advice and representation on civil legal matters, we are proud to serve as a gateway to pro bono (free) legal assistance programs, income-based legal aid, and/or web-based legal resource for self-represented veterans. Eligibility requirements are established by each respective program. To view the list of resource providers visit our website, [www.veterans.maryland.gov](http://www.veterans.maryland.gov).

## HOMELESS VETERANS RESOURCES

No Veteran should ever go without a safe place to call home. We are committed to assisting the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to eradicate Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015. Within the State of Maryland there are a number of state agencies, organizations, and non-profits that are an integral part in providing services and coordinating resources for homeless veterans or those that are at-risk of becoming homeless. Available resources include healthcare, housing assistance, mental health referrals, and employment/job training. If you need assistance or would like to coordinate assistance for another veteran, please call the Help For Homeless Veterans Hotline, a 24/7 VA services access line, at 877-424-3838; or contact our office at 410-260-3838.

## Mental Health Assistance

**Maryland Commitment to Veterans** (MCV) assists Veterans and their families with coordinating behavioral health services, including mental health and substance abuse, with either the VA or Maryland's public health system. MCV also coordinates transportation to behavioral health appointments. Call 1-877-770-4801, 24hrs/7days a week.

## The Maryland Crisis Line

For state-wide 24-hour crisis intervention and supportive counseling call 800-422-0009.

## Military One Source

Military One Source is a Department of Defense-funded program providing comprehensive information on every aspect of military life at no cost to active duty, Guard and reserve service members, and their families. This personalized support is available 24/7 no matter where you live or serve. To speak with a Military One Source consultant call 800-342-9647. To learn more visit [www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil).

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTERS

### Baltimore VA Medical Center

10 North Greene Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
410-605-7000

### Martinsburg VA Medical Center

510 Butler Avenue  
Martinsburg, WV 25405  
304-263-0811

### Perry Point VA Medical Center

VA Medical Center  
Perry Point, MD 21902  
410-642-2411

### Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center

3900 Loch Raven Blvd  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
410-605-7000

### Washington DC VA Medical Center

50 Irving Street NW  
Washington, DC 20422  
202-745-8000

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMUNITY BASED OUTPATIENT CLINICS

### Cambridge

830 Chesapeake Drive  
Cambridge, MD 21613  
410-228-6243

### Charlotte Hall

29431 Charlotte Hall Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622  
301-884-7102

### Cumberland

200 Glenn Street  
Cumberland, MD 21502  
301-724-0061

### Fort Detrick

1433 Porter Street  
Frederick, MD 21702  
301-624-1200

### Fort Howard

9600 North Point Road  
Ft. Howard, MD 21052  
410-477-1800

### Fort Meade

2479 5th Street  
Ft. Meade, MD 20755  
410-305-5300

### Glen Burnie

808 Landmark Drive, Suite 128  
Glen Burnie, MD 21061  
410-590-4140

### Greenbelt

7525 Greenway Center Dr.  
Greenway East Professional Center, Suite T-4  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2463

### Hagerstown

1101 Opal Court  
Hub Plaza Bldg.  
Hagerstown, MD 21742  
301-665-1462

### Loch Raven VA Outpatient Clinic

3901 The Alameda  
Loch Raven (Baltimore), MD 21218  
410-605-7650

### Pocomoke City

1701 Market Street, Unit 211  
Pocomoke, MD 21851  
410-605-7650

### Southern Prince George's County

820 Chesapeake Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20032  
202-745-8685

### Southeast Washington DC

820 Chesapeake Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20032  
202-745-8685

### Community Resource and Referral Center

1500 Franklin Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20018  
202-636-7660

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VET CENTERS

### Aberdeen Vet Center Outstation

223 W. Bel Air Avenue  
Aberdeen, MD 21001  
410-272-6771

### Annapolis Vet Center

100 Annapolis Street, Suite 102  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
410-605-7826

### Baltimore County – Dundalk Vet Center

1553 Merritt Blvd.  
Dundalk, MD 21222  
410-282-6144

### Baltimore Vet Center

1777 Reisterstown Road, Suite 199  
Baltimore, MD 21208  
410-764-9400

### Elkton Vet Center

103 Chesapeake Blvd., Suite A  
Elkton, MD 21921  
410-392-4485

### Prince George's County Vet Center

7905 Malcolm Road, Suite 101  
Clinton, MD 20735  
301-856-7173

### Salisbury Vet Center Outstation

926 Snowhill Road, Bldg.3  
Salisbury, MD 21804  
443-257-1487

### Silver Spring Vet Center

2900 Linden Lane  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
301-589-1073

### Washington DC Vet Center

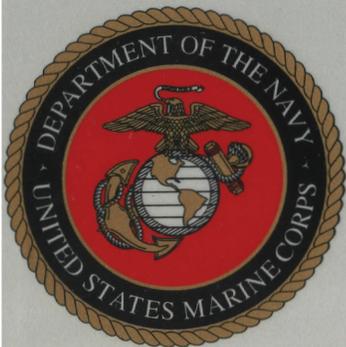
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# VETERAN DESIGNATION ON MARYLAND DRIVER'S LICENSES

**M**aryland residents can now have 'veteran' designated on driver's licenses. Please request this designation at renewal time at no cost to you; or, you may request the veteran designation before your license is up for renewal at the cost of \$20. Please take a copy of your DD214 with you to your local Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) Branch Office.

# VETERAN DESIGNATION ON MARYLAND LICENSE PLATES

**T**he Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) has branch of service license plates available for veterans who wish to convey their sense of pride in having served in the U.S. Military. Honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces are eligible to apply for one of the license plates which display the logos of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, or Navy.

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in partnership with the MVA is proud to announce its newest license plate honoring women Veterans (displayed at left). The population of Women Veterans numbered 2,271,222, as of September 30, 2013. Maryland is home to more than 64,000 women Veterans who have served honorably. It is will great pride that we honor them in this way.

You may request your branch of service license plate at your local Motor Vehicle Administration Branch Office. Please take a copy of your DD214 with you. For additional information please visit [mva.maryland.gov](http://mva.maryland.gov).

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