Veterans Benefits Overview

As of August 2015
Topics to be covered

State vs Federal Structure
Definition of a Veteran
Veterans Benefits Advisors
State/Federal Benefits
Contact information
Questions
United States Department of Veterans Affairs

- Secretary Robert A McDonald
- Access Nationally
- Veterans Benefits Administration
  - Compensation
  - Education and Training
  - Home Loans
  - Vocational Rehabilitation

- Veterans Cemetery Administration
  - Burial Benefits
  - Headstones, Markers and Medallions

- Veterans Health Administration
  - Hospitals and Clinics
  - Pharmacy
  - Medical Care/Affordable Care Act

New York State Division of Veterans Affairs

- Director Eric Hesse
- New York State Only
- 50 VBA
- Over 70 office in NYS
- Connect Veterans to the benefits they have earned
What is a Veteran?

Different organizations may define Veteran in different ways.

No one ID card for all Veterans that makes it clear.

As defined by United States Code 38.

The term “Veteran” means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released there from under conditions other than dishonorable.

Validation: DD214
What is a NYS Veterans Benefits Advisor?

Accredited employee of the state

Why should a Veteran meet with one?

Can assist in identifying and applying for the benefits earned
Request a copy of military records
Pay nothing for these services

How do I find one?

Veterans.ny.gov
1-888-838-7697
- Veteran’s Mark on Driver’s License
- Veterans Property Tax exemption
- Blind Annuity
- Gold Star Parent Annuity
- State Veterans Homes
- Civil Service Exams
- Free/reduced hunting and fishing licenses
- Life time liberty pass

- Health Care
- Disability benefits
- Home Loan Guaranty
- Pension
- Aid and Attendance
- Burial Honors
- GI Bill
- Veterans Tuition Award
- Operation Recognition
- Yellow Ribbon Benefit
A few things to keep in mind:

- Military Cultural Competency
- Women Veterans
- OJT
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