



**Division of
Veterans' Affairs**

Veterans Benefits Overview

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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 way

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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