



A GUIDEBOOK FOR
**LOUISIANA
VETERANS**
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At the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, we serve all generations of veterans with dignity and respect while striving to provide the highest-quality programs and services alongside our federal, state and local partners to make Louisiana a veteran-friendly state.

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ABOUT LDVA

Mission, Vision & Programs



PART 01

About LDVA: Who We Are, What We Do.

Mission, Vision & Programs



From the Secretary

To my fellow Louisiana veterans and the families who stand beside them, welcome. This guidebook is meant to be a practical companion: a plain-language introduction to the benefits you have earned and the people across the state who are here to help you claim them.

Our mission at LDVA is simple: to relentlessly advocate for Louisiana's veterans and their families. Eight hundred and fifty strong, our staff, many veterans themselves, serve in every parish, in five veterans homes, five veterans cemeteries, on college campuses and in communities from Shreveport to the Gulf.

Whether you are transitioning home, seeking education benefits, looking for long-term care for a loved one, or simply wondering where to start, reach out. A local veterans assistance counselor is ready to listen. Louisiana is proud of you, and we are honored to serve.

With respect and gratitude,

Charlton J. Meginley

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Col (USAF, Retired)

Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs

About LDVA

Mission

Relentlessly advocating for Louisiana veterans and their families to ensure they receive superior customer service and support by connecting them to the benefits they have earned in service to our country, while meeting the economic, educational and employment needs of transitioning service members looking to make Louisiana their home.

Vision

Louisiana will be the most veteran-friendly state in the nation. LDVA will help lead the state to better times through new ideas and programs aimed at harnessing the economic, educational and military experiences of veterans.

Brand Pillars

Respect

We serve all generations of veterans with dignity and respect while striving to provide the highest-quality programs and services alongside our federal, state and local partners to make Louisiana a veteran-friendly state.

Service Oriented

Quality service and support for education, disability benefits, long-term care and veterans cemeteries. At every turn, we're here.

People First

LDVA aids residents who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during any war, combat or peacetime period, along with their dependents and beneficiaries.

850	250K	\$102.2M	64
LDVA Staff Statewide	Louisiana Veterans Served	Annual Operating Budget	Parishes Covered

LDVA Leadership

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Veterans Affairs Commission

The Veterans Affairs Commission advises LDVA and is made up of representatives from veterans service organizations across the state.

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What LDVA Does

- Veterans assistance counselors serving every parish
- Five veterans homes providing long-term residential care
- Five veterans cemeteries providing dignified final resting places
- GI Bill® approvals for education and on-the-job training
- LaVetCorps student veteran centers on college campuses
- Military Family Assistance Fund for unexpected financial hardships
- Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal for honorably discharged veterans
- Outreach for homelessness, suicide prevention and community engagement
- Blue Star and Gold Star family programming and support
- Advocacy for veteran-friendly legislation
- Support to National Guard, Reserve and active-duty military service members and their families

Get Help

*Start with your local parish office. Call **225.219.5000** or visit **vetaffairs.la.gov** to find the veterans assistance counselor in your parish. New here? See the quick guide on the facing page.*



How to Use This Guidebook

This guidebook is organized around the moments in a veteran's life when help is needed most, not just around agency programs. Find the situation below that sounds most like yours, and turn straight to the page that has your answer. If more than one applies, start with the first one listed.

What's Next?

I just got out of the military. What's next?

- Turn to the Parish Directory (page 22) to find the veterans assistance counselor nearest you.
- Turn to Education Benefits (page 31) to review your GI Bill® options and Louisiana In-State Tuition.
- Turn to Employment & Business Resources (page 38) for job search, apprenticeship and career help.
- Turn to LaVetCorps (page 35) if you're headed to a Louisiana college or university campus.
- Turn to Resources (page 69) for Military OneSource and other resources available to you. You and your family can use Military OneSource for a full year after you separate.

I need to find a job. What's next?

- Turn to Employment & Business Resources (page 38) for the LA Business & Career Solution Centers, Veteran Readiness & Employment and federal hiring preference.
- Turn to the Military Family Assistance Fund (page 45) if you're facing a financial hardship in the meantime.
- Turn to Parish Veterans Service Offices (page 21) to talk with a counselor about all the benefits available to you.

I need help with a VA claim, rating or appeal.

- Turn to Parish Veterans Service Offices (page 21) to work with a veterans assistance counselor at no cost.
- Turn to Appeals Office (page 30) if you want to appeal a recent VA decision.

I have a VA disability rating of 50% or higher and need to apply for state veterans' benefits.

- Turn to Parish Veterans Service Offices (page 21) to apply for all state benefits available to you.
- Turn to Benefits (page 29) for more information about state benefits.

I'm facing a financial hardship.

- Turn to the Military Family Assistance Fund (page 45) for help with housing, utilities and other essential expenses.
- Turn to the Parish Directory (page 22) to find your local counselor.

I want to go back to school.

- Turn to Education Benefits (page 31) for the GI Bill®, Yellow Ribbon Program, Title 29 and Louisiana In-State Tuition.
- Turn to LaVetCorps (page 35) to find a student veteran center on your campus.

I'm looking for long-term care for myself or a veteran in my family.

- Turn to Louisiana Veterans Homes (page 47) for eligibility, fees and how to apply.

I need to plan a burial or memorial service.

- Turn to Louisiana Veterans Cemeteries (page 51) for eligibility, cost and how to make arrangements.
- Turn to “Need a DD-214?” (page 72) for help requesting a DD-214.

I’m struggling emotionally, or a veteran I know is in crisis.

- Call or text the 988 Veterans Crisis Line right away: dial 988 then press 1, text 838255 or chat at [va.gov](https://www.va.gov).
- Turn to Suicide Prevention (page 60) and Veterans Treatment Court (page 63) in Veterans Outreach for resources.

I’m a woman veteran looking for community and resources.

- Turn to Women Veterans Outreach (page 61) for resources and the annual Health Care Symposium.

I’m a Gold Star or Blue Star family member.

- Turn to Veterans Outreach (page 59) for Gold Star and Blue Star family programming, and Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal (page 46).

I want to start or grow a business.

- Turn to Business Owner Resources (page 39) for the Louisiana Veterans First Business Initiative, PAVE, LAVETBIZ and geauxBIZ.
- Turn to Veterans’ Economic Impact (page 39) to see how veteran-owned businesses contribute to Louisiana.

I'm experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

- Turn to Veteran Homelessness (page 60) for housing, rent and utility assistance programs.
- Turn to the Military Family Assistance Fund (page 45) for emergency financial support.

I need a copy of my DD-214 or other military records.

- Turn to "Need a DD-214?" (page 72) for the fastest ways to request one.

I honestly don't know where to start.

- Turn to Parish Veterans Service Offices (page 21) and call or visit your local office. That's what your veterans assistance counselor is there for.



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PARISH SERVICE OFFICES

Your First Call, In Every Parish





Get help close to home, in every Louisiana parish.

Parish Veterans Service Offices

LDVA maintains parish veterans service offices across the state so veterans and their families can get help right in their local community.

Offices are staffed by LDVA veterans assistance counselors (VACs) who are trained and accredited through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to assist with all aspects of state and federal benefits.

VACs are usually a veteran's first point of contact for benefits and eligibility questions. All information remains strictly confidential.

BY THE NUMBERS: BENEFITS

- LDVA veterans assistance counselors helped deliver more than **\$2.1 billion** in compensation and pensions to veterans and their dependents in FY24.
- VACs had **200,860 contacts** with veterans and their dependents regarding state and federal benefits in FY25.
- The Appeals Office returned more than **\$4.43 million** in back pay to veterans and their dependents from appealing VA decisions in FY25.
- The Appeals Office also secured **\$72,640** in recurring monthly payments for veterans and their dependents in 2025.

Q: What is the role of LDVA veterans assistance counselors?

The role of LDVA's veterans assistance counselors is to assist the veteran and their family through advocacy and the navigation of the process of applying for benefits from the federal and state VA. VACs also connect veterans to many resources in areas such as employment, entrepreneurship, housing, mental health and financial assistance.

Parish Directory: A to L

Parish veterans service offices are staffed by accredited LDVA counselors. Call first to confirm hours.



Acadia - Crowley	337.788.7539
Allen - Oberlin	337.639.4370
Ascension - Gonzales	225.644.7475
Ascension - Donaldsonville	225.474.2012
Assumption - Napoleonville	985.369.6335
Avoyelles - Marksville	318.739.0147
Beauregard - DeRidder	337.463.7305
Bienville - Arcadia	318.263.7419
Bossier - Bossier City	318.741.8391
Caddo - Shreveport	318.676.7540
Calcasieu - Lake Charles	337.491.2312
Caldwell - Columbia	318.649.2552
Cameron - Lake Charles	337.491.2312
Catahoula - Harrisonburg	318.744.0021
Claiborne - Homer	318.927.3077
Concordia - Ferriday	318.757.4952
DeSoto - Mansfield	318.872.4325
East Baton Rouge - Baton Rouge	225.342.5248

East Carroll - Lake Providence	318.559.4887
East/West Feliciana - Jackson	225.634.4348
Evangeline - Ville Platte	337.363.3862
Franklin - Winnsboro	318.435.2141
Grant - Colfax	318.627.3023
Iberia - New Iberia	337.373.0001
Iberville - Plaquemine	225.687.2714
Jackson - Jonesboro	318.259.2100
Jefferson - Jefferson (Eastbank)	504.731.4580
Jefferson - Marrero (Westbank)	504.349.5937
Jeff Davis - Fairgrounds, Jennings	337.824.7301
Lafayette - Lafayette	337.262.5628
Lafourche - Thibodaux	985.242.2014
Lafourche - Raceland	985.537.7603
LaSalle - Jena	318.992.2259
Lincoln - Ruston	318.251.4142
Livingston - Livingston	225.686.3295

Parish Directory: M to W

Parish veterans service offices are staffed by accredited LDVA counselors. Call first to confirm hours.

Madison - Tallulah	318.574.3870
Morehouse - Bastrop	318.283.0841
Natchitoches - Natchitoches	318.357.3106
Orleans - New Orleans	504.658.2930
Ouachita - West Monroe	318.362.5137
Plaquemines - Belle Chasse	504.934.6110
Pointe Coupee - New Roads	225.638.5535
Rapides - Alexandria	318.487.5743
Red River - Coushatta	318.932.4911
Richland - Rayville	318.728.2472
Sabine - Many	318.256.4131
St. Bernard - Chalmette	504.324.7982
St. Charles - Hahnville	985.783.2221
St. Helena - Greensburg	225.222.6202
St. James - Litcher	225.869.3643
St. John the Baptist - Reserve	985.479.4080
St. Landry - Opelousas	337.948.0238
St. Landry - Eunice	337.546.4056
St. Martin - Breaux Bridge	337.332.8316

St. Mary - Franklin	337.828.5047
St. Tammany - Slidell	985.645.3500
St. Tammany - Covington	985.893.6201
Tangipahoa - Hammond	985.602.9085
Tangipahoa - Kentwood	985.229.3451
Tensas - St. Joseph	318.766.3542
Terrebonne - Houma	985.262.2310
Union - Farmerville	318.368.3271
Vermilion - Abbeville	337.893.2072
Vernon - Leesville	337.238.6401
Washington - Bogalusa	985.732.6607
Washington - Franklinton	985.839.3497
Webster - Minden	318.371.3045
Webster - Springhill (<i>Closed until further notice</i>)	318.539.5681
West Baton Rouge - Port Allen	225.342.6686
West Carroll - Oak Grove	318.428.2671
Winn - Winnfield	318.628.4584

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BENEFITS

Education • Employment • State



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The benefits you have earned, and how to claim them.

For help with any of these benefits, reach out to a veterans assistance counselor at your local parish veterans service office.

State of Louisiana Veterans Benefits

Louisiana has a long tradition of supporting its military, veterans and their families. These are some of the benefits that honor that tradition.

Tax Benefits

Military Retiree Pay

Louisiana state taxation exempts military retirement benefits.

Combat Pay

Military pay exempt from federal taxation (combat pay, hazardous duty pay) is also exempt from Louisiana state taxation.

Homestead Exemption

Veterans with a 50 percent or higher service-connected rating may receive an additional property tax exemption on their primary residence. One hundred percent rated veterans are exempt from all ad valorem taxation, except certain municipal assessments. Veterans rated 50 to 69 percent may qualify for a \$2,500 exemption, and veterans rated 70 to 99 percent may qualify for a \$4,500 exemption. Visit your local parish Assessor's Office to learn more.

Other State Benefits

Veteran Designation on ID

A “VETERAN” designation is available on Louisiana driver’s licenses and IDs. Proof of status required.

License & ID Fee Waivers

Disabled Louisiana veterans may qualify for fee waivers on drivers’ licenses and IDs.

Specialty License Plates

“Support Our Veterans” plates (\$25 one-time) and “Support Our Troops” plates (\$25 annual) fund the Military Family Assistance Fund. Additional specialty plates are available, including Disabled Veteran, Military Honors and 100% DAV plates.

Disabled Veteran Airport Parking

Free parking at Louisiana airports for veterans with a 50 percent or higher service-connected rating. Requirements vary by airport.

Port of New Orleans Cruise Parking

Seven days of free parking at the cruise terminal for veterans with a 50 percent or higher service-connected rating.

Hunting, Fishing & State Parks

Discounts and fee waivers for hunting and fishing licenses and entry to Louisiana state parks. Certain qualifications apply.

Appeals Office

The Appeals Office assists veterans through the federal VA appeals process, including representing them at hearings conducted by judges from the Board of Veterans Appeals, at VA Higher Level Review informal conferences and at VA hearings on proposed reductions to disability evaluations. Appeals Office staff also review recent VA rating decisions to find and correct any errors.

Veterans seeking help filing an appeal, or looking for information about an appeal already filed, should contact their local veterans assistance counselor, who will then contact the Appeals Office on their behalf.

Education Benefits

LDVA's State Approving Agency helps make the GI Bill® work. The SAA promotes and safeguards quality education and training programs for veterans and eligible individuals, protecting the integrity of the GI Bill® and expanding opportunities for those who served.

Post-9/11 GI Bill®

Education benefits for service members and veterans who served on active duty after Sept. 10, 2001. Benefits payable for training pursued after Aug. 1, 2009.

Forever GI Bill®

The Harry W. Colmery Act allows GI Bill® benefits to continue “forever” for eligible veterans discharged after Jan. 1, 2013, and affects dependents and Guard/Reserve members too.

Yellow Ribbon Program

Helps cover higher out-of-state, private school or graduate tuition that the Post-9/11 GI Bill® doesn't cover.

Montgomery GI Bill®

Educational benefits usable while on active duty or after separation with a fully honorable discharge. Eligibility requirements apply.

Apprenticeship & OJT

An alternative way to use GI Bill® benefits through on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs.

Licensing & Certification

GI Bill® reimbursement for tests that open doors to professional licenses: mechanic, medical technician, attorney and more.

Chapter 35

Education and training for dependents of veterans permanently and totally disabled from service, or who died from a service-related condition.

The GI Bill® helps veterans pay for school tuition and fees to further their educational journey. To locate schools actively accepting the GI Bill® in Louisiana, use the GI Bill® comparison tool, which allows searching by name and location and shows how many GI Bill® students currently attend a given school, along with programs offered, estimated benefits and contact information.

For help applying for any of these education benefits, contact your local parish veterans service office and speak with a veterans assistance counselor.

BY THE NUMBERS: GI BILL® IN LOUISIANA

- **259 educational facilities** certified to actively accept the GI Bill® in Louisiana.
- **91 facilities** offer academic degree programs; **133 facilities** offer non-degree programs.
- **18 apprenticeship programs**, **13 on-the-job training programs** and **4 flight programs**.
- Nearly **11,750 students** receiving GI Bill® benefits statewide.
- Top five facilities by student count: Louisiana State University Baton Rouge (**2,171**), University of Louisiana at Lafayette (**758**), Louisiana State University Shreveport (**697**), Louisiana Tech University (**611**), Southeastern Louisiana University (**557**).
- The GI Bill® provides an economic boost of **\$215 million** in federal dollars to Louisiana educational facilities and their surrounding communities each year.
- Top five schools by GI Bill® funding: Louisiana State University Baton Rouge (**\$40,163,500**), University of Louisiana at Lafayette (**\$14,023,000**), Louisiana State University Shreveport (**\$12,894,500**), Louisiana Tech University (**\$11,303,500**), Southeastern Louisiana University (**\$10,304,500**).
- **\$13 million** annually goes to facilities offering non-degree programs.

Q: How many schools and facilities actively accept the GI Bill® in Louisiana?

There are 259 educational facilities actively accepting the GI Bill® in Louisiana.

Q: How long can GI Bill® benefits be used for?

The GI Bill® can be used for a total of 36 months.

Q: Can I transfer my Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits?

You may be able to transfer your Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits to a dependent family member if you're on active duty or in the Selected Reserve and you meet all of these requirements: you've completed at least six years of service on the date your request is approved; you agree to add four more years of service; and the person receiving benefits is enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

Q: Will I get a refund if I don't use all of my GI Bill® benefits?

If you don't use all of your benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill®, you will not get a refund for the remaining benefits.

Q: What should I do if I didn't get my GI Bill® payment?

Call the federal VA's Education Call Center at 888.442.4551 to let them know your payment is late. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday.

LA Title 29 Education Assistance

Louisiana's Title 29 benefit offers education assistance to surviving spouses and children of deceased veterans, as well as to children of living veterans rated with a 90 percent or higher service-connected disability. Children of veterans rated with a 100 percent service-connected disability due to unemployability are also eligible.

Q: How do I apply for Title 29 benefits?

Veterans and their dependents must work with an LDVA veterans assistance counselor at a parish veterans service office to apply for Title 29 benefits.

Q: What is the period of coverage for Title 29 benefits?

Title 29 gives the dependent five years to complete four years of education, or until the child turns 25, whichever comes first. Children have between the ages of 16 and 25 to use the benefit. Surviving spouses have 10 years from the date of eligibility to apply for the benefit.

Q: Can Title 29 benefits be used along with GI Bill® benefits?

Yes, students can use Title 29 benefits in conjunction with GI Bill® benefits.

Q: Can Title 29 benefits be used along with TOPS?

Yes, Title 29 benefits can be used in conjunction with the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS).

Louisiana In-State Tuition

In-state tuition status granted to veterans, their spouses and children, and active-duty military attending any Louisiana public college or university.

Learn more at vetaffairs.la.gov. For school-specific questions, contact your school's financial assistance office.

LaVetCorps

LaVetCorps is a joint partnership between LDVA and AmeriCorps. LDVA navigators, who are AmeriCorps Volunteers, serve as an extension of LDVA in student veteran centers on college and university campuses across Louisiana.



Navigators foster a military-friendly environment for student veterans as they transition from military to civilian and collegiate life, through peer support, referrals to LDVA services and community service projects. Our LaVetCorps navigators, who are student veterans, retired military, veteran spouses or dependents, serve thousands of students receiving veteran educational benefits.

Q: How do LaVetCorps navigators assist veterans?

LaVetCorps navigators serve veteran communities on college and university campuses across Louisiana as an extension of LDVA, in partnership with AmeriCorps and participating campuses. Navigators are trained by LDVA staff on an array of veteran services and how to access them, including veterans claims assistance in LDVA's veteran benefits offices statewide, the Military Family Assistance Fund, the Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal Program, veteran homes and cemeteries, and GI Bill® benefits with connection to campus course registration assistance. Navigators are also trained in AmeriCorps program requirements; customer service to veterans needing benefits, counseling and campus navigation; and veteran service organization contacts near their campus, including American Legion, VFW, DAV and Vietnam Veterans of America.

BY THE NUMBERS: LAVETCORPS

- **29 navigators** serving on **32 public and private** college and university campuses.
- Navigators have served over **10,000 veterans** and dependents across Louisiana since 2019.

Q: Who is the ideal candidate for the navigator role?

The ideal candidate is a student veteran, military retiree, veteran spouse or dependent who is familiar with military lifestyle and the challenges facing veterans as they transition to civilian life, with a passion for working with the veteran community and the ability to communicate effectively with veterans, campus staff and the community.

Q: What background characteristics must a LaVetCorps navigator possess?

You may be a good fit if you are seeking a service opportunity that aligns with your military background and interests, you want to be part of a statewide corps that believes in service above self, you are people and solution-oriented, you are a team player and you want to support veterans transitioning to college campuses.

Q: What is the time commitment and responsibility?

LaVetCorps navigators must attend a 3.5-day pre-service orientation in Baton Rouge in August and a one-day mid-year virtual training in January (lodging and mileage reimbursement covered for in-person training); may be required to attend at least one conference during the service year; serve on a campus site 30 hours weekly from August through May (1,200 hours total); attend bi-weekly Microsoft Teams meetings; facilitate three service projects over the service year; and offer daily peer support and referrals to community resources.

Q: What are the benefits?

LaVetCorps navigators receive a \$15,000 stipend paid in bi-weekly installments over the 10-month service period, and are eligible for an additional Segal Education Award upon successful completion of the term. Current award amounts are listed on AmeriCorps' website.

Q: How do I become a LaVetCorps navigator?

To apply, visit bit.ly/JoinLaVetCorps to create a profile and complete an application.

Q: Is there a limit on the number of terms I can serve as a navigator?

AmeriCorps members may serve up to, but not more than, four terms.

Q: Which colleges and universities currently have LaVetCorps navigators?

LaVetCorps navigators support the Louisiana State University (LSU), Southern University (SU), University of Louisiana (UL) and Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), and three private universities, Tulane, Xavier and Holy Cross, representing 32 campuses across Louisiana.

Employment & Business Resources

Employment Assistance

Louisiana State Civil Service

Awards a five- to 10-point preference in original appointment to veterans who served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces under certain circumstances.

civilservice.louisiana.gov | 866.783.5462

Louisiana Business & Career Solution Centers

The Louisiana Workforce Commission operates local centers across the state to assist veterans in finding employment and making career choices, including apprenticeship programs.

www.laworks.net | 800.259.5154

Federal VA Work Study Program

Available to qualifying veterans or their dependents who are utilizing VA education benefits and are currently enrolled at least three-quarter time.

benefits.va.gov/gibill | 800.698.2411

Federal VA Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)

Provides job training, education, employment accommodations, resume development and job-seeking skills coaching. Other services may help veterans and service members start their own businesses, or provide independent living services for those severely disabled and unable to work in traditional employment.

va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation | 800.698.2411

Federal Civil Service

Federal law grants a five- and 10-point preference to veterans who meet certain criteria when applying for federal jobs.

fedshirevets.gov | 202.606.7304

Business Owner Resources

Louisiana Veterans First Business Initiative

Recognizes and certifies businesses with 51 percent or more ownership by a veteran, active-duty or reserve military member, or Gold Star spouse, and provides a searchable public database for anyone seeking to patronize these businesses.

laveteransfirst.org | 225.342.3000

Pathway to Assist Veteran Entrepreneurs (PAVE)

Offers Louisiana veterans the knowledge and skills to start or manage a business through on-demand online training, a virtual entrepreneurship boot camp, and ongoing programs covering financing and sales strategy.

opportunitylouisiana.gov | 225.342.3000

Veteran Initiative (LAVETBIZ)

A certification program designed to help eligible Louisiana veteran-owned and service-connected disabled-veteran-owned small businesses gain greater access to state purchasing and contracting opportunities.

opportunitylouisiana.gov | 225.342.3000

geauxBIZ

A one-stop site for launching a new business in Louisiana. Reserve a business name, register with the Secretary of State's Office, the Department of Revenue and the Workforce Commission, and get a list of required federal, state and local licenses and permits.

geauxBIZ.com | 225.925.4704

Veterans' Economic Impact

Veterans are vital to Louisiana's economy. Retaining the veterans who are already here, encouraging those who have left to return and recruiting veterans to make Louisiana home all strengthen our state. Veterans are well-trained and possess leadership and technical skills that elevate businesses throughout Louisiana, directly contributing to local and state economies.

Q: How much money do veterans bring in to the state?

Louisiana veterans, who make up about 6 percent of the state's population, bring in nearly \$3 billion in military pension and VA compensation dollars.

Q: How many veteran-owned small businesses are there in Louisiana?

There are 27,660 veteran-owned businesses in Louisiana. Of those, 22,500 are run solely by the veteran owner with no additional employees, and 5,160 employ additional staff beyond the owner.



04

HONOR & CARE

MFA • Medal • Homes • Cemeteries



Honor & Care

MFA • Medal • Homes • Cemeteries

Honor and care for the veteran and the family.

MFA • Honor Medal

Military Family Assistance Fund

The Military Family Assistance Fund (MFA Fund) can provide financial support to Louisiana veterans, National Guard and Reserve service members, and their families experiencing certain unexpected financial hardships. Specific restrictions and requirements apply.



Ways to Donate

- Online at vetaffairs.la.gov/donate
- By mail: Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 (check payable to Military Family Assistance Fund)
- On your individual or corporate Louisiana tax return
- When applying for any class of license at the Office of Motor Vehicles
- When purchasing Support Our Veterans or Support Our Troops license plates at the OMV

Q: What is the Military Family Assistance Fund?

The MFA Fund provides financial assistance to eligible veterans and members of the Louisiana National Guard (LANG) or Reserves in an amount up to \$10,000 for a need-based claim in a 12-month period.

Q: What are the eligibility requirements?

A veteran of the Armed Forces who received a discharge of honorable or under honorable conditions, or a current member of LANG or Reserves in good standing with their unit, who is a current Louisiana resident, is eligible to receive assistance.

Q: What expenses will the MFA Fund pay for?

The MFA Fund pays for housing, utilities, some medical services and other essential expenses creating a financial hardship for the veteran or LANG or Reserves service member.

Q: How does someone apply for financial assistance?

A veteran or current member of LANG or Reserves can submit an online application at vetaffairs.la.gov/military-family-assistance-fund, or print and complete an application to be submitted by mail or fax.

Q: How much money has been awarded through the MFA Fund?

Since 2005, more than \$1.8 million has been awarded to veterans and LANG or Reserve service members through the MFA Fund.

Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal

The Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal was created to honor, recognize and thank Louisiana veterans for their honorable military service. Medals are available to all honorably discharged Louisiana veterans and to the families of those killed in action.



- Honorable Discharge
- Purple Heart Recipients
- Prisoners of War
- Killed in Action

Louisiana Veterans Homes

LDVA operates five veterans homes across Louisiana. Honorably discharged wartime or peacetime veterans who served 90 days of active duty; eligible National Guard and Reservist members; spouses of veterans; and Gold Star parents are eligible to reside in a veterans home.



Every Home Includes

- Veterans assistance counselor on staff
- 24/7 RN coverage
- Full-time pharmacist and pharmacy tech
- Speech therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy services on-site
- Full-time master's-level social worker
- Memory care wing for Alzheimer's and dementia
- A community of fellow veterans

Fees

No monthly fee for veterans with a 70 to 100 percent service-connected disability rating, or for veterans in need of nursing home care for a VA adjudicated service-connected disability. Veterans with a service-connected disability rating below 70 percent, including veterans with no service-connected disability rating, can live in a veterans home for \$2,424 monthly (*subject to change*); this fee can be offset by applying for and qualifying for the federal Aid and Attendance Pension. Spouses of veterans, Gold Star parents and eligible National Guard/Reservists can live in a veterans home for \$5,500 per month. All fees are reviewed annually and subject to change.

Five Homes Across Louisiana

Louisiana Veterans Home

4739 Highway 10, Jackson, LA 70748 | 225.634.5265

Northeast Louisiana Veterans Home

6700 Highway 165 North, Monroe, LA 71203 | 318.362.4206

Northwest Louisiana Veterans Home

3130 Arthur Ray Teague Pkwy, Bossier City, LA 71112 | 318.741.2763

Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home

4080 W. Airline Hwy, Reserve, LA 70084 | 985.479.4080

Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home

1610 Evangeline Road, Jennings, LA 70546 | 337.824.2829

Q: Why choose a veterans home?

Louisiana veterans homes offer specialized, high-quality long-term care tailored to veterans, often at a lower cost than private facilities. Veterans benefit from a supportive community where they live alongside their peers and receive high-quality, compassionate care tailored to their unique medical, emotional, mental health and psychosocial needs. Services include 24/7 care for veterans with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia-related conditions, skilled nursing care with physical, occupational and speech therapy, and pharmacy services.

Q: Who is eligible to live in a veterans home?

Louisiana veterans who are honorably discharged, wartime or peacetime, who served 90 days of active duty; eligible National Guard and Reservist members; spouses of veterans; and Gold Star parents are eligible.

Q: How are veterans homes unique compared to traditional nursing homes?

The most prominent reason is cost. A traditional nursing home typically charges \$6,000 to \$7,000 a month or more as their private rate. Veterans homes allow veterans and their families to preserve and optimize their hard-earned benefits by leveraging federal and state laws to lower out-of-pocket care costs, and the veterans assistance counselor on staff works to ensure residents receive all VA benefits to which they are entitled. Veterans homes also offer 24/7 RN coverage, a full-time pharmacist and pharmacy tech, speech therapy services, a full-time master's-level social worker, a memory care wing and the ability for veterans to live among other veterans.

Q: How does someone apply to live in a state-run veterans home?

Individuals interested in living in a state-run veterans home can complete an admissions application at vetaffairs.la.gov and submit it by mail or fax to the veterans home of their choice. Not ready to apply yet? Submit a short interest form at vetaffairs.la.gov/veteran-home-interest-form and a staff member will follow up. Applications may also be requested directly from a home to be picked up, faxed or emailed.



Louisiana Veterans Cemeteries

LDVA operates five veterans cemeteries offering a variety of burial options for veterans, spouses and dependent children. Each features beautiful grounds, a covered shelter for committal services and a Carillon Bell Tower.



Military service requirements for burial are set in accordance with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration and the Burial Equity Act. Benefits may include gravesites for casketed or cremated remains, columbarium walls, headstones or markers, opening and closing of graves and perpetual care. Burial of an eligible veteran is at no cost to the veteran. A modest fee applies at interment for spouses and dependent children.

For help understanding eligibility or applying for burial benefits, contact your local parish veterans service office and speak with a veterans assistance counselor.

Committal Service

Each veteran and eligible dependent is entitled to a committal service: an open-air ceremony lasting 15 to 30 minutes, with a vehicle procession, committal prayer and military honors if the deceased is a veteran. We suggest holding a funeral, memorial or celebration of life separately, either before or after.

Unclaimed Veterans

Our staff also hold burial honor ceremonies for unclaimed veterans. Working with local coroners and sheriffs, our cemetery and benefits staff identify veterans with no known relatives, giving each one a proper final resting place, with the support of the community and veterans service organizations.

Headstones and Markers

There are several options for headstones and markers, and availability varies at each cemetery; staff can advise on what's available. Many emblems of belief are available for headstones and markers, as well as inscriptions, all set forth by the federal VA.

Gravesite Locators

Each cemetery has its own gravesite locator for finding a veteran or their eligible dependent's gravesite interred at that cemetery. In addition, two broader gravesite locators are available for those who wish to locate a veteran's gravesite. LDVA's locator searches exclusively across our five veterans cemeteries. A locator provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs searches for veterans interred at all state and national veterans cemeteries.

Q: Who is eligible for burial in a Louisiana veteran cemetery?

VA eligibility requirements include: veterans who served one day of active duty (not active duty for training) prior to Sept. 8, 1980 for enlisted and Oct. 16, 1981 for an officer, or two consecutive years after those dates, and were discharged under honorable conditions; reservists who were called up to active duty under Title 10 or retired from the military and discharged under honorable conditions; and any veteran who was VA service-connected at a minimum of 10 percent. There is also a state benefit: a Louisiana resident at the time of entering the service or at the time of death who served in the Louisiana National Guard or a drilling reserve component, drilled for six years, and received an honorable discharge, along with their spouse, can be interred.

Q: Can a National Guard member or Reservist who didn't serve under Title 10 be buried at a Louisiana veteran cemetery?

Yes. Under the state benefit, a Louisiana resident at the time of entering the service or at the time of death who served in the Louisiana National Guard or a drilling reserve component, drilled for six years, and received an honorable discharge may be eligible for interment along with their spouse.

Q: Can my spouse be buried in a Louisiana veteran cemetery?

Yes, as long as the eligible veteran was married to the non-veteran spouse and remained married up to the time of either one's death.

There is a nominal charge equal to the VA plot allowance at the time of death, and both must be interred in the same plot.

Q: Do both the veteran and spouse get their own marker?

No, the veteran and spouse share the same marker. For an upright headstone, the spouse's information appears on the back; for all other markers, it appears below the veteran's information.

Q: If an eligible veteran was married to another eligible veteran, are they both in the same plot?

No, each is entitled to their own plot, interred in plots next to each other.

Q: What does it cost to be interred in a veterans cemetery?

There is no cost to veterans. Veteran spouses and dependents may be interred at the cost of the VA plot allowance, which is currently \$1,032. The VA plot allowance changes annually.

Q: Who do I discuss burial options with?

Contact the state-run veterans cemetery of your choosing. All cemeteries have interment sites for casketed burials and cremated remains. All preparation costs are paid by the family to the funeral home or crematory; the burial itself is at no cost for the veteran.

Q: Can I make burial arrangements in advance?

Yes. You can make arrangements with a funeral home in advance, and complete a pre-need eligibility application with a state-run veterans cemetery, along with your military document such as a DD-214, to determine eligibility. Pre-eligibility is not a requirement for burial.

Five Cemeteries Across Louisiana

Central Louisiana Veterans Cemetery

3348 University Parkway, Leesville, LA 71446 | 337.238.6405

Northeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery

2413 Highway 425, Rayville, LA 71269 | 318.728.4346

Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery

7970 Mike Clark Road, Keithville, LA 71047 | 318.925.0612

Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery

34888 Grantham College Drive, Slidell, LA 70460 | 985.646.6458

Southwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery

1620 Evangeline Road, Jennings, LA 70546 | 337.246.7094



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SCOTT
THOMAS JOSEPH
1SG USA
VICTORIA
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1951 2020
UNTIL WE MEET
AGAIN



REIBER
JAMES JOSEPH
SPC USA
KOREA VIETNAM
BSM ARCOM
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MOMOE
1929 2020
WHAT A DAY



BICKERSTAFF
WILLIAM
DENNIS
FCI USN
VIETNAM
PERSIAN GULF
1955
1948 2020
YOU ARE LOVED
ALWAYS



NAVARRO
JULIO
SPC USA
PERSIAN GULF
AAM
1948 2020
YOU ARE LOVED
ALWAYS



JEFFERSON
ROY ALLEN
SSC USA
BETTY USAGL
1947 2020
UNTIL WE MEET
IN HEAVEN



HIERATH
JOHN WILLIAM
COW USA
WASIA
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IN THE HANDS
OF THE LORD



KINCAID
KENNETH HILL
ST USA
VIETNAM
1946 2020
PROUDLY
SERVED



CUTMAN
MICHAEL
MORRIS
COL USA
PERSIAN GULF
1967 2020
UNTIL WE MEET
IN HEAVEN

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PENCE
LARRY GENE
MM3 USN
VIETNAM
1949 2018
IN LOVING
MEMORY



WILLIAMS
MICHAEL WAYNE
SR4 USAF
1950 2020
HE LOVED GOD
AND COUNTRY



JOLLY
HENRY
SHELTON III
MSC USA
VIETNAM
BSM ARCOM
1945 2021



SMITH
CHARLES JR
SR4 USA
VIETNAM
1948 2020
REST IN PEACE



LARUE
JAMES SCOTT
LCPL USMC
1972 2020
IN THE HANDS
OF THE LORD



MILLER
BILSHAW
MATHIAS
SGT USA
VIETNAM
1954 2020
DUTY HONOR
COUNTRY



REID
MICHAEL DEAN
ST USA
VIETNAM
1946 2020
GONE BUT NOT
FORGOTTEN



SANG
MICHAEL
MORRIS
LCPL USMC
VIETNAM
1964 2020
YOU ARE LOVED
ALWAYS

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WILLIAMS
IRMA
CHERICE LASHA
MSGT USAF
IRAO MSM
1976 2021
OUR BELOVED
CHERICE



FREEMAN
ALBERT L
LCPL USMC
VIETNAM
1955 2021
ALWAYS IN
OUR HEARTS



HOLMES
MARGARET ANN
PYT USMC
1954 2020
ALWAYS IN
OUR HEARTS



BONNER
RAYMOND
SHELTON
1SG USA
VIETNAM
MSM ARCOM AAM
1947 2021
IN THE BEST
GARDEN OF ALL



WEATHERSPOON
BRYANT
LARRY II
SR4 USA
VIETNAM
1951 2020
LOVE WINS



FORD
DONALD HENRY
SGT USA
VIETNAM
1951 2020
IN LOVING
MEMORY



SCHULER
STEVEN LARRY
SPC USA
VIETNAM
1964 2020
PERFECT
MOTHERS



PRICE
MICHAEL
ST USMC
JANE
1971 2020
IN LOVING
MEMORY



BASSETT
LESLIE
CHARLES JR
SP USA
VIETNAM
1963
ARCOM
1963 2020
YOU ARE LOVED
ALWAYS

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MIFFLIN
JAMES F SR
MSC USA
VIETNAM
BSM MSM & OLC
ARCOM AAM
1953 2021
YOU ARE LOVED
ALWAYS



POWELL
JOSEPH
WILLIAM SR
SPC USA
PERSIAN GULF
1949 2021
BELOVED
FATHER
BROTHER & SON



COUNTS
GLENN
BLAIR JR
ASMAA USN
VIETNAM
1952 2021
REST IN PEACE



KANE
JOHN
ADAM
PFC USA
1966 2021
REST IN PEACE



GARNES
DAVID ANTHONY
SR4 USA
VIETNAM
1954 2020
REST IN PEACE



FRANCISCO
FREDY CRISTO
1SG USA
VIETNAM
1951 2020
REST IN PEACE



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1964 2020
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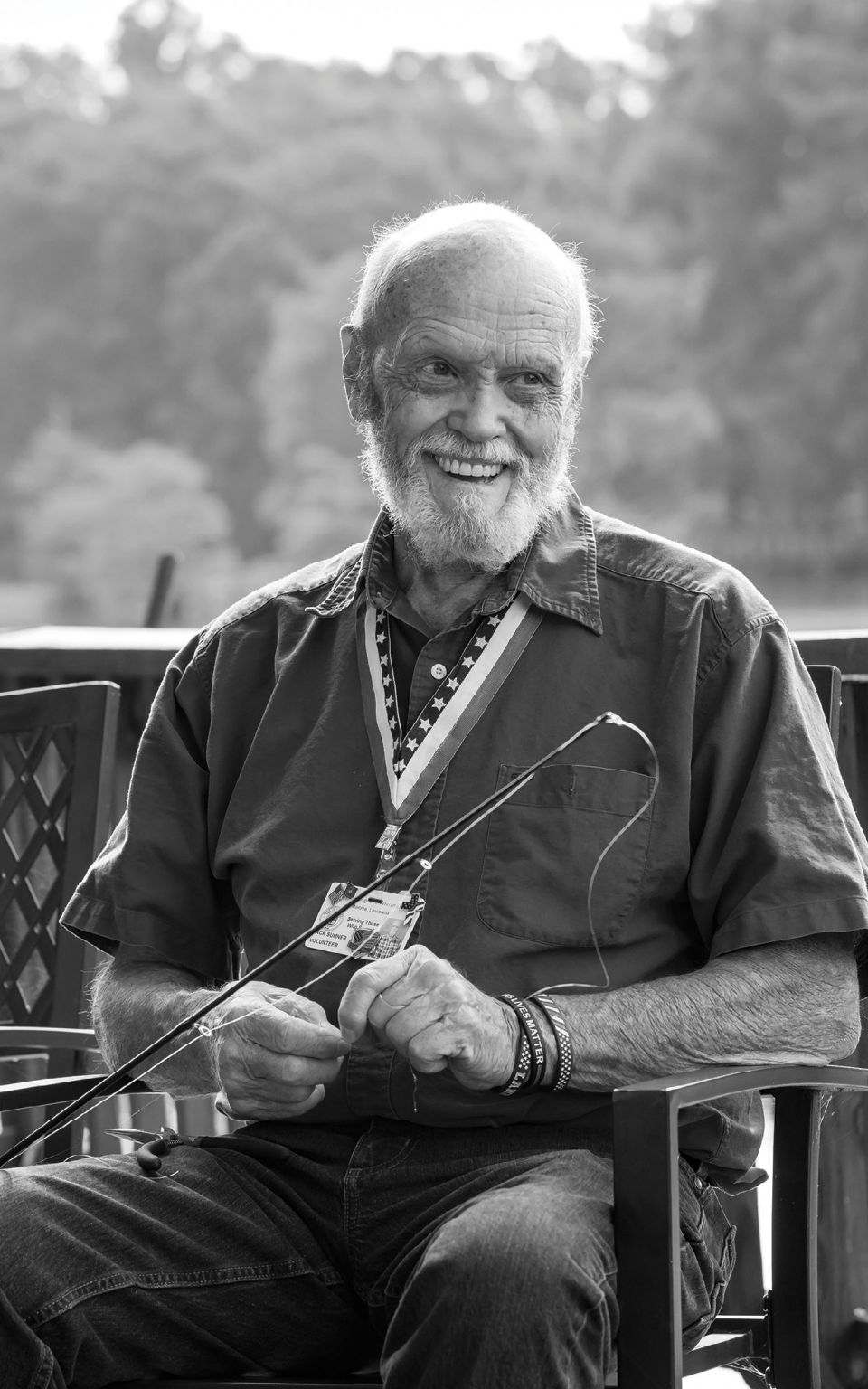
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OUTREACH

Programs for Every Veteran



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Outreach and resources for every veteran and every family.

Veterans Outreach

Gold Star Mothers & Families

We raise awareness of and access to resources for Gold Star Mothers and families, keeping families informed of benefit changes, special events and entitlements like the Fry Scholarship and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program. LDVA holds an annual Gold Star Mothers and Families Recognition Ceremony each September.

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)

taps.org

National Resource Directory

nrd.gov

VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for Survivors

va.gov/disability/dependency-indemnity-compensation

Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance

va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/dependents-education-assistance

Louisiana Blue Star Mothers

LDVA supports and assists Blue Star Mothers and their families. We partner with chapters statewide on ceremonies and annual events that support Blue Star and Gold Star families.

Louisiana Blue Star Mothers, Chapter 1, Baton Rouge

president@bluestarmoms.net

Louisiana Blue Star Mothers, Chapter 6, Monroe

jmewatson2@yahoo.com

Louisiana Blue Star Mothers, Geaux 7 Chapter, Baton Rouge
president.la7@bluestarmothers.us

Suicide Prevention

Our annual Suicide Prevention Summit takes place in September during National Suicide Prevention Month. We work closely with our partners to keep suicide prevention and best practices a priority.

The Armory Project

armoryproject.org

VA Suicide Prevention

mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention

Veteran Homelessness

We are dedicated to supporting all veterans, including those who are unsheltered. We work with a variety of organizations to house and stabilize homeless veterans, offering transitional and permanent housing, help with rent and utilities, household items, automotive repairs, employment search assistance, resume writing, food assistance, bus passes, life-skill training and mail services.

Volunteers of America South Central Louisiana

225.387.0061 | voascla.org

Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana

504.482.2130 | voasela.org

Volunteers of America Alexandria and Central Louisiana

318.442.8026

Volunteers of America Lafayette and Acadiana Regional Office

337.541.0396

Volunteers of America Lake Charles and Southwest Louisiana

337.564.3212

Volunteers of America North Louisiana

318.221.2669

Elle Foundation

318.674.9550 | theellefoundationlouisiana.com

Hope Center

504.363.4034 | hopecenterla.org

Start Corporation

985.333.2020 | startcorp.org

The Wellspring

318.651.9314 | wellspringofnela.org

Women Veterans Outreach

The women veterans outreach program honors the contributions of Louisiana's approximately 25,000 women veterans. LDVA holds events throughout the year, including luncheons, ceremonies and conferences. Each spring, our department hosts the annual Louisiana Women Veterans Health Care Symposium to educate women veterans on the health care options available to them, and we attend and support events hosted by women veterans groups.

Center for Women Veterans

va.gov/womenvet

***Women Veterans Program Manager,
Alexandria VA Medical Center***

318.466.2729

***Women Veterans Program Manager,
Overton Brooks VA Medical Center***

318.990.5996

***Women Veterans Program Manager, Southeast Louisiana
Healthcare System (New Orleans VA Medical Center)***

800.935.8387, ext. 66215

Louisiana Women Veterans

louisianawomenveterans@yahoo.com

Women Veterans of the Ark-La-Tex

womenveteransofthearklatex@gmail.com

Women Veterans Network (WoVeN)

wovenwomenvets.org

Incarcerated Veterans

VA can pay certain benefits to veterans incarcerated in a federal, state or local penal institution; the amount VA can pay depends on the type of benefit and the reason for incarceration. The benefits most commonly affected include disability compensation, disability pension, health care, education and apportionment to a spouse or child. Incarcerated veterans should inform the VA prior to conviction to avoid benefit overpayments, and upon release, to have benefits resumed.

Incarcerated veterans do not forfeit their eligibility for medical care; however, current regulations restrict the VA from providing hospital and outpatient care to an incarcerated veteran who is an inmate of another government agency when that agency has a duty to provide the care, unless the veteran has been released into a temporary housing program such as a community residential re-entry center or halfway house. Veterans interested in enrolling in VA health care should contact the nearest VA health care facility upon release.

LDVA has trained, accredited veterans assistance counselors in every parish who can help veterans and their families with all federal and state benefits questions, including service-connected and non-service-connected disability benefits, compensation, pension, education and health care. Veterans may also contact the federal VA directly for information about VA health care.

Note: The VA considers a beneficiary to have been released from incarceration if paroled, participating in a work release or in halfway housing.

Disability Compensation

benefits.va.gov/compensation

Disability Pension

benefits.va.gov/pension

Education

benefits.va.gov/gibill

LDVA Incarcerated Veterans Program

Tara Jones, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804

225.219.5000 | veteran@la.gov

VAHCS Healthcare for Re-entry Veterans

Sabrina Bordelon, LCSW, P.O. Box 69004, Alexandria, LA 71306

318.466.4626 | sabrina.bordelon@va.gov

Veterans Treatment Court

Louisiana's veterans treatment court programs are specialty courts focused on helping veterans in the criminal justice system access the resources they need to lead productive lives again, including help with rehabilitation, employment, housing, food and other needs, while resolving their criminal charges.

Veterans in the program are matched with a mentor, a veteran from the community who serves as an accountability partner throughout the process. The Sheriff's Office, judges, public defenders and district attorney also work closely with veterans court participants.

LDVA supports veterans treatment courts statewide, including those currently established in the 14th (Lake Charles), 19th (Baton Rouge), 21st (Livingston) and 22nd (Covington) Judicial District Courts.

988 VETERANS CRISIS LINE

- *Dial 988 then press 1, or visit veteranscrisisline.net*
- *Text 838255*
- *Chat at va.gov*
- *TTY: 711 then 988*



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RESOURCES

Partners • VSOs • VA Medical • Hotlines





*Louisiana's veterans have earned our respect,
and our relentless advocacy.*

Resources

Veteran Service Organizations

There are many veterans service organizations with chapters and posts throughout Louisiana. Below is a short listing; for a more complete listing, visit vetaffairs.la.gov/resources.

American Legion

225.219.1944 | adjutant@lalegion.org | lalegion.org

AMVETS

301.683.4001 | amvets@amvets.org | amvets.org

Blinded Veterans Association

337.781.2797 | gschoelerman@gmail.com | bva.org

Catholic War Veterans of the USA

504.201.3699 | uscglj@gmail.com | cwv.org

Disabled American Veterans

225.219.1046 | adjutant@davdol.org | davdol.org

Marine Corps League

337.523.9222 | gsuiremcl@outlook.com | mclla.org

Military Order of the Purple Heart

337.278.4974 | lacmdrmoph@gmail.com | purpleheart.org

Veterans of Foreign Wars

225.928.5025 | lavfw@aol.com | vfwdeptla.org

Vietnam Veterans of America

337.529.7473 | courvilleterry@yahoo.com | vva.org

Wounded Warrior Project

888.997.2586 | woundedwarriorproject.org

Military Burial Honors

Each service branch provides military funeral honors upon request. Families should work through their funeral home or cemetery official to request honors rather than contacting a branch directly.

Federal VA Medical Centers

Alexandria VA Medical Center

2495 Shreveport Highway, Pineville | 318.473.0010

New Orleans VA Medical Center

2400 Canal St., New Orleans | 800.935.8387

Overton Brooks VA Medical Center

510 E. Stoner Ave., Shreveport | 318.221.8411

Federal VA Vet Centers in Louisiana

Alexandria Vet Center

318.466.4327

Baton Rouge Vet Center

225.761.3140

New Orleans Vet Center

504.507.4977

Shreveport Vet Center

318.861.1776

Federal VA Center for Minority Veterans (CMV)

Center for Minority Veterans

202.461.6191 | vacocmv@va.gov | va.gov/centerforminorityveterans

Federal VA Home Loan Program

Houston Regional Office (serves Louisiana)

800.827.1000 | benefits.va.gov/homeloans

Military OneSource

Military OneSource is a free, DoD-funded resource for active-duty, National Guard and Reserve members and their families. Recently separated and retired veterans and their families keep full access for 365 days from their discharge or retirement date.

24/7 Helpline

Confidential support by phone or secure live chat, day or night, on any topic.

800.342.9647 | militaryonesource.mil

Non-Medical Counseling

Free, confidential counseling for individuals, couples and families, in person, by phone or online.

MilTax

Free tax preparation and e-filing software built for military and veteran situations.

SpouseWorks

Career coaching, resume help and job search support for military and veteran spouses.

State Resources

Gov. Jeff Landry

gov.louisiana.gov

Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

gohsep.la.gov

Louisiana Legislature

legis.la.gov

Louisiana State Government

louisiana.gov

Need a DD-214?

Most veterans (or their next of kin) can get a free copy by contacting a veterans assistance counselor at their local parish veterans service office, or by requesting one from the National Archives.

National Archives — Military Service Records

archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

National Archives — All Records Search

archives.gov



602 N. Fifth St. | Baton Rouge, LA 70802
P.O. Box 94095 | Baton Rouge, LA 70804
225.219.5000 | 877.GEAUX.VA (877.432.8982)
veteran@la.gov | vetaffairs.la.gov

