

Online Resources for Veterans

VA: ([website](#))

[Benefits](#): To Download a PDF of the [2017 Benefits Book](#)

[Home Loans](#)

[Transition Assistance](#)

[Education and Training](#) Benefits

[VocRehab](#) Employment Programs for Veterans with Service-Connected Disabilities

[Small Business Office](#) (program for veterans starting a business including loans, etc.)

[Disability Compensation](#)

[Specially Adapted Housing Grants](#)

[Homeless Veterans Program](#) [Housing for Homeless Veterans](#)

[Pension](#)

[Life Insurance](#)

[Burial Benefits](#)

Special Groups include [Women Veterans](#), among others

[OEF/OIF/OND](#) Veterans

[Regional Office](#) has four [service organizations](#) who can also assist you with benefits

[Parish Service Offices](#) locations

[EBenefits](#) (register for the online service to file for your claim and review status of your claim)

Veterans Crisis Line is 1-800-273-8255 (press 1)

Hospitals in Louisiana with services:

VA Medical Center in [New Orleans](#) (also [Clinics](#) in the area)

[Alexandria](#) VA Health Care System

[Overton Brooks](#) VA Medical Center

Healthcare Services (look under [Eligibility](#) if you are not currently enrolled)

[Mental Health Services](#) which includes Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

Military Sexual Trauma

Substance Use Disorders

Traumatic Brain Injury

Other Healthcare Services:

[Choice Program](#)

You have to be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) in order to receive Tricare. You register at a local military facility at the personnel office where you get a military ID card. Find one near you at this [website](#).

[Tricare](#) (health insurance for the east region for veterans and families with DEERS) [LOGIN](#)

[ChampVA](#) (health insurance for families of veterans when meeting the criteria)

[MyHealthVet](#) (make an account so you can see your VA health records)

Other Resources for Women:

[Center for Women Veterans](#)

[VA Healthcare Website](#)

[Minority Veterans Center](#)

DAV Dept of Louisiana Women Veterans' Representative (Joan Gondron, 985-377-3860, davlachapter50@gmail.com) will give briefings in your area, if notified, or will notify you.

Books online:

Final Womens Report 09/23/2011 (Is more historical--can be emailed upon request)

[Health Effects of Military Service on Women Veterans](#)

[Women Veterans: The Long Journey Home](#)

State and Federal Employment Information

[VA Employment Information](#) or [VA Office of Human Resources Management](#)

Other Job Websites:

[Other Federal Jobs](#)

[Department of Labor Jobs](#)

[Louisiana Workforce Commission](#) job fairs and events

[Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs](#) (LDVA)

DAV [Job Fairs](#)

[CareerOneStop](#)

[Monster](#)

Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs (LDVA) [website](#) and [Facebook](#)

[Louisiana Benefits](#) lists those that may apply such as:

Motor Vehicle License and Special License Plates

Fishing and Hunting License

State and National Parks Recreation Passes

Property Tax Exemptions

Income Tax Waiver for LA Income Tax (if retired from the service)

Tuition Waivers and Education Benefits

Special Pricing for Parking at Certain Airports for a Specific Timeframe

Help from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV):

[Legislation](#)

[Department of Louisiana](#) in Baton Rouge

[MSO Van](#)

[Information Seminars](#) provided by the DAV, help you by representing you for VA benefits DAV in New Orleans can represent you in your VA Claim. You can call 504-619-4350, but you will more likely get through by emailing DAV.vbanol@va.gov with your phone number and concerns. DAV Community (Chapters/Units) (select DAV or DAVA, then state) DAV/DAVA [Locations](#) Chapter 50, Springfield, [website](#) and [Facebook](#)

Get Involved:

The [Disabled American Veterans](#) has local Chapters throughout the state. For more information

[Wreaths Across America](#)

[Quilts of Valor Foundation](#)

[Got Our Troops](#) (GOT)

Other Help:

Request for [military service records](#) and [Correction](#) (fill out [DD Form 149](#) and [DD Form 293](#)-- where to mail it to is listed on the forms) of Military Service Records

[National Resource Directory](#) has various links to other helpful websites

[Military Retirement Pay](#) and information on Combat-Related Special Compensation ([CRSC](#))

Information about [Social Security](#)

The VA has a Veterans Identification Card (VIC) program for veterans who do not have a VA card or qualify for other government ID cards. Bring your DD Form 214 and they will make you a card if you have been honorably discharged. This gives you proof you are a veteran and don't need to carry your DD Form 214 around with you. You can sign up/create an account and Apply for Veteran ID Card. Go to this [government website](#). The card can be used to get services and merchant discounts like the ones listed below.

Discounts for Veterans: (Ever-changing--not full list--always ask if there are any.)

Home Depot--10% off purchases with military ID

Lowes--10 % off purchases with military ID

Payless--10% off purchases with military ID

RadioShack--10% off purchases

Banana Republic--15% off purchases on full-priced items

Airport parking--In Louisiana (see LDVA Benefits above)--check with each airport

Cruise Ships--Some of them offer discounts with military ID--check with them

Phone carriers--all the major carriers offer discounts--check with them

Restaurants--check with the restaurant. Some that have the same name may not do this at their restaurant--always ask.

(You can see more on this [website](#). This may not include everything--it's a starting point.)

NOTE: While this may not be an all-inclusive list, we tried to include the help veterans may need. This information was current as of 20 June 2018. Websites may change. We will make changes as soon as we know about them. If you know of any additions, corrections or changes that should be made, please email me at davlachapter50@gmail.com.