

Minnesota State Veteran's Benefits

The state of Minnesota provides several veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

- Housing Benefits
- Employment Benefits
- Education Benefits
- Other State Veteran Benefits

Minnesota Veteran Housing Programs

Homeless Veterans' Initiative

The Minnesota homeless veterans' initiative and rehabilitation services assist veterans and their families in their attempts to regain self-sufficiency.

[Learn more about the Homeless Veterans' Initiative](#)

Minnesota Veterans' Homes

Minnesota Veterans' Homes are located in Fergus Falls, Hastings, Luverne, Minneapolis and Silver Bay.

[Learn more about the Minnesota Veterans' Homes](#)

Minnesota Employment Benefits

MN Veterans Preference Act

MN Veterans Preference Act (VPA) grants veterans a limited preference over non-veterans in hiring and promotion for MN public employment and also provides protection against unfair dismissals and demotions. VPA grants veterans the right to a hearing, prior to dismissal.

[Learn more about the MN Veterans Preference Act](#)

Minnesota Education Benefits

One-Time Educational Grants

Educational benefits are provided in the form of a one-time grant to veterans who have exhausted their federal benefits, and to war orphans of veterans who died as a result of a service connected injury or disease.

[Learn more about Educational Grants](#)

Other Minnesota State Veteran Benefits

Services Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs Services Program provides claims representation and fiduciary guardianship services.

[Learn more about the Services Program](#)

Veterans Claims Advocacy

Staff at our Veterans Claims Offices, located at Fort Snelling and at Fargo/Moorhead, act as advocates for veterans and their dependents who are trying to get their benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (the VA). The staff will assist and represent veterans, their dependents, and survivors with applications for compensation, pension, home loans, educational, and medical treatment. The offices also provide environmental hazards information and assistance (Agent Orange issues, for example). See your County Veterans Service Officer to request this representation.

[Learn more about Veterans Claims](#)

Guardianship Division

Our Guardianship Division provides financial case management services to incompetent veterans, their dependents, and survivors, who may be vulnerable to exploitation by others or by their own inability to manage their funds.

[Learn more about the Guardianship Division](#)

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

The Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery provides dignified burial services to Minnesota veterans and their eligible dependents and survivors. It is located 7 miles north of Little Falls, on the banks of the Mississippi River, and is managed and maintained by the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

[Learn more about the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery](#)

Discharge Certificates

Veterans' benefits require that applicants provide a copy of their form DD 214 or discharge record, which is evidence of their veteran status. This is an important document and must be safeguarded. If you do not have a copy of your DD 214, contact your County Veterans Service Officer for assistance in obtaining it. If you have a copy of your DD 214 it is recommended that it be recorded in your county courthouse, or at the very least be sure to keep it in a safe place and inform a family member or trusted individual of its location.

[Learn more about Discharge Certificates](#)

Bronze Star Grave Markers

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs offers bronze stars to mark the grave site of any veteran buried in the state, where permitted. Bronze Star Markers are available through your local county veterans service officer.

[Learn more about Bronze Star Grave Markers](#)

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