



Veterans Quick Guide

Veterans Benefits & Health Care

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

The [VA](#) is the main federal agency in charge of providing benefits and health care services for U.S. Veterans. Determining VA eligibility and enrollment is free, and service members, veterans, and families can apply for VA benefits using one of the following methods listed below:

- ⇒ Apply online using [eBenefits](#), OR
- ⇒ Work with an accredited [representative or agent](#), OR
- ⇒ Go to a VA regional office and have a VA employee assist you.
(You can find your regional office on the VA [Facility Locator](#) page)

Native American Veterans

The VA consults with tribal governments to enhance access to services and benefits by veterans and their families through the [Office of Tribal Government Relations](#). Native American Veterans may be eligible for a wide-variety of benefits available to all U.S. Veterans, including the following:

- ⇒ [Disability Compensation](#)
- ⇒ [Pension](#)
- ⇒ [Education and Training](#)
- ⇒ [Health Care](#)
- ⇒ [Home Loans](#)
- ⇒ [Life Insurance](#)
- ⇒ [Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment](#)
- ⇒ [Burial](#)

Native American Veterans also may qualify for the [Native American Direct Loan \(NADL\) Program](#).

Elderly Veterans

[Aid & Attendance Housebound Benefits](#) can provide certain elderly veterans with an additional monetary amount if they are eligible for or receiving a VA Pension benefit. Elderly veterans also may qualify to receive geriatric and long term care programs through the VA:

- ⇒ [Geriatrics Program](#)
- ⇒ [Long Term Care](#)
- ⇒ [Home Based and Community Services](#)
- ⇒ [Nursing Home and Residential Care](#)

Caregiver Support

The VA provides resources, education, and support to caregivers of veterans through the following two programs:

- ⇒ [Program of General Caregiver Support Services \(PGCSS\)](#)
- ⇒ [Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers \(PCAFC\)](#)

Important VA Phone Numbers

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| • Benefits: | 1-800-827-1000 | • Caregiver Support: | 1-855-260-3274 |
| • Health Care: | 1-877-222-8387 | • Veterans Crisis Line: | 1-800-273-8255 |
| • Life Insurance: | 1-800-419-1473 | • VA Inspector General: | 1-800-488-8244 |

Veteran Support from Tribal Governments

The following tribal governments indicate that they offer some form of assistance or support for veterans.

Please email olderindians@acl.hhs.gov if your tribal government would like to be added or removed from this list.

Bad River Tribe	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	Seneca Nation of Indians
Blackfeet Nation	Lummi Nation	Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate
Cherokee Nation	Makah Tribe	Sokaogon Chippewa Community
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes	Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	Spirit Lake Tribe
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	Spokane Tribe of Indians
Chickasaw Nation	Navajo Nation	Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians
Choctaw Nation	Nooksack Indian Tribe	Suquamish Tribe
Comanche Nation	Ohkay Owingeh	Three Affiliated Tribes
Coeur d'Alene Tribe	Oneida Nation	Tohono O'odham Nation
Delaware Tribe of Indians	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Tulalip Tribes
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians
Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Gila River Indian Community	Pueblo of Isleta	Yakama Nation
Hopi Tribe	Puyallup Tribe of Indians	Yankton Sioux Tribe
Kaw Nation	Quinault Indian Nation	
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Rosebud Sioux Tribe	

The following tribal governments may offer some form of assistance or support for veterans.

Please contact the tribal governments listed below to find out if they have any current programs available.

AK-Chin Indian Community	Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.	Pueblo of Jemez
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas	Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.	Pueblo of Zuni
Bay Mills Indian Community	Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma	Quapaw Nation
Chippewa Cree Tribe	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Santa Ana Pueblo
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	Ketchikan Indian Community	Santee Sioux Nation
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
Crow Tribe	Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency
Eastern Shoshone Tribe	Little River Band of Ottawa Indians	St. Croix Chippewa of Wisconsin
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe	Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Forest County Potawatomi	Mescalero Apache Tribe	Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
Fort Belknap Indian Community	Metlakatla Indian Community	Uintah & Ouray Ute Indian Tribe
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Nez Perce Tribe	
Ho-Chunk Nation	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	
Hualapai Tribe	Oglala Sioux Tribe	
	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	