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VA RESOURCES



UPCOMING VA EVENTS



JOBS FOR VETERANS

VA PROCESSES 3 MILLION DISABILITY BENEFIT CLAIMS IN RECORD TIME—AGAIN!

In FY 2026, VA set new records by processing over 3 million claims more quickly and accurately than ever—surpassing last year's impressive record! These efforts delivered \$207 billion in benefits and reduced the backlog by 70%. Veterans are now receiving the swift, reliable support they've earned.

[Learn more](#)

*If you haven't filed a VA disability claim yet and have disabilities, medical conditions or injuries that incurred or aggravated during active military service, **apply today!** A VA rating can provide tax-free compensation and opens doors to VA benefits like health care, education benefits, vocational rehabilitation and more.*

BUDDY CHECK WEEK IS HERE!

Take the pledge to talk with 10 Veteran buddies this week! Online training is provided to recognize signs of distress and educates you on available resources you can recommend if needed.

Learn more

- [Face the Fight and Starbucks are once again teaming up to support Buddy Check Week. Starbucks is providing \\$10 gift cards to the first 20K who take the training and pledge to reach out.](#)
- [Learn about other Veteran partner organizations that help Veterans stay healthy, connected and supported through a variety of programs.](#)



VA CYBERSECURITY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Transform your military skills into a cybersecurity career with the VA Apprenticeship Program. Get hands-on training, mentorship, and real-world experience. See who can apply, what you get from the program, and how to get started.

Learn more



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- For any questions or requests, [1-800-MyVA411](tel:1-800-MyVA411) ([1-800-698-2411](tel:1-800-698-2411)) is always the right number.
- [Veterans Crisis Line](#): [988](tel:988) and press 1, [Chat](#), or Text [838255](tel:838255)
- [Vet Centers](#): [1-877-927-8387](tel:1-877-927-8387)
- [Homeless Veteran Resources](#): [1-877-424-3838](tel:1-877-424-3838) or [Chat](#)



- [Ask VA](#)
- [Schedule a 1-on-1 Appointment with a VA Benefits Expert](#)
- [Find a VA facility near you](#)
- [Apply for Pre-Need burial eligibility at a VA national cemetery](#) or Call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at [800-535-1117](tel:800-535-1117) (TTY: 711) and select option 4.

For non-urgent questions, you can reach VA using the [VA Health & Benefits App](#) or [My HealtheVet](#) secure messaging to schedule an appointment, refill prescriptions, and access your medical records.

VA HOME LOAN EXPLAINED

Learn everything Veterans need to know about VA home loans! VA's Loan Guaranty Service breaks down benefits, eligibility, and the buying process—giving you the confidence to make informed homeownership decisions.



[Watch](#)

GO DIGITAL WITH SSA

Go digital with your “my Social Security” account. Manage benefits, access records, and plan your future online—with expanded 24/7 access for your schedule. You will find a dedicated section that provides:

- Side-by-side comparisons of VA compensation and Social Security disability,
- Details on expedited disability claims, and
- Additional resource tailored to your military service and Veteran benefits.



[Learn more](#)

EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS FOR VETERANS

While discounts are great—FREE training so you can recognize signs of distress and understand available resources to help a fellow Veteran is PRICELESS! Be one of the first 20,000 to take the training, make the pledge to check on 10 Veteran buddies. [Face the Fight and Starbucks are providing \\$10 gift cards](#) to those that qualify.

One-stop-shop for discounts



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DISABILITY



EDUCATION AND
TRAINING



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EMPLOYMENT



PENSION



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INSURANCE



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MEMORIALS



RECORDS



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If you are having thoughts of suicide, call **988**, then **PRESS 1** or visit <http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>.

Please remember the only secure way to ask personal questions is at VA.gov/contact-us/.

