

The **Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans Services** was established on Veterans Day 2013. This council is Pennsylvania's first interagency cooperative approach to Veterans services. This initiative will review, evaluate and assess state Veterans programs in collaboration with senior staff from state agencies and commissions. It will increase information sharing, ensure program fidelity, coordinate complementary programs and facilitate meaningful enhancements in service accessibility to Veterans benefits and services within Pennsylvania.

VETERANS BENEFITS/SERVICES LISTED BY AGENCY



www.aging.pa.gov

- Veterans Directed Home and Community-Based Service Program (Only offered in Philadelphia at this time.)



www.agriculture.pa.gov

- Trees for Troops - Donates Christmas trees to deployed troops and their families



www.dobs.pa.gov

- Making \$ense of Finance events
- Financial Field Manual for Military Families
- Free, in-person helpline for financial questions/complaints 1-800-PA-BANKS



www.dcnr.pa.gov

- Veterans recreation events and adaptive equipment
- Active duty discounts at the Nature Inn at Bald Eagle State Park (10% discount on weekday reservations)
- Accommodations and facilities for disabled Veterans and their families (searchable on an interactive map)



www.cor.pa.gov

- Newly appointed DOC Veteran Coordinator
- Verifying Veterans through the DOD
- Two specialized Veteran Service Units
- Veteran's Coordinators identified at each facility
- Contracted Community Corrections Centers specifically for Veterans



BUREAU OF SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
www.smallbusiness.pa.gov

- Small Business Program
- Small Diverse Business (SDB) Program
- Online Self-Certification and SDB Third Party Verification
- Veteran & Service Disabled Veteran prime and subcontracting opportunities
- Veteran & Service Disabled Veteran Business Outreach and Training



www.education.pa.gov

- 630 educational institutions approved for Veterans programs
- 615 Apprenticeships/On-the-Job Training Program
- Outreach Activities - Outreach and direct support from offices in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Harrisburg
 - ⇒ Informational brochures for Veterans
 - ⇒ Governor's Welcome Home Program
 - ⇒ Mass mailings to returning Veterans
 - ⇒ Training at Army War College for Transition Assistance
 - ⇒ Job fairs
 - ⇒ Annual Meeting for Educational Institution Officials
 - ⇒ New student/employee orientations on GI Bill
 - ⇒ Support the PA Advisory Council for Military/Veterans Education



www.dli.pa.gov

- Disabled Veteran outreach program specialists (40 statewide)
- Local Veterans employment representatives (31 statewide)
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
 - ⇒ Specialized Counselors serving Veterans with disabilities
 - ⇒ Veterans Coordinator in each of the 15 OVR District Offices
 - ⇒ Special Veteran designation and military-to-civilian occupation translator on JobGateway.pa.gov



www.health.pa.gov

- Smoking Cessation Program at 1-800-QUIT-NOW
- Free certified copies of birth and death certificates for Veterans
- Arthritis Foundation Program at Philadelphia VA Medical Center



www.dmva.pa.gov

- Blind Veterans Pension
- Paralyzed Veterans Pension
- Disabled Veterans Transportation
- Burial Detail Honor Guard
- Educational Gratuity
- Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans Benefit Act
- Outreach and Reintegration
- Two mobile Veterans outreach vans
- Military Family Relief Assistance Program
- Veterans in Need of Temporary Emergency Assistance
- Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund
- Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption Program
- Veterans' Trust Fund
- State Veterans' Homes
- Veterans Service Officer Accreditation Program
- DD 214/215 Program
- State Veterans' Commission: A commission of Pennsylvania Veterans organizations, providing policy guidance on Veterans issues

www.veterans.pa.gov



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BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

www.pbpp.pa.gov

- Veterans Reentry Program
- Veterans Service Units within State Correctional Institutions
- Staff education on Veterans issues
- Veterans Outreach Services



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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

www.dhs.pa.gov

- PA Family & Behavioral Health Coalition
- Behavioral Health Veteran Forum
- Certified Peer Specialist Training
- Military Suicide Prevention Symposium
- Suicide Prevention Plan
- Veterans Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery
- Compeer of Central Susquehanna Valley



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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

www.revenue.pa.gov

- In collaboration with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, taxpayers can donate all or a portion of their state income tax refunds to the Military Family Relief Assistance Program (MFRAP)

www.veterans.pa.gov



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

www.dos.pa.gov

- Special ballot delivery options for hospitalized or bedridden Veterans. For more information call the toll free election hotline at 1-877-VOTESPA



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STATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

www.scsc.pa.gov

- Veterans recruitment
- Veterans job fairs
- Veterans resume evaluations and other job-related services
- Veterans hiring preference and extra points on Civil Service exam



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STATE POLICE

www.psp.pa.gov

- Targeted Veteran recruitment
- Credit hour waivers from educational requirements for applicants to become state troopers



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

www.dmv.pa.gov

- "Honoring Our Veterans" Special Fund License Plate
- Veterans Designation on PA Driver's License/ID Card
- Military Commercial Driver's License Skills Test Waiver
- U.S. Military Veteran License Plates
- Military and Veterans Organization Specialty License Plates



Honoring Our Veterans License Plates



Veterans Designation on PA Driver's License/ID Cards
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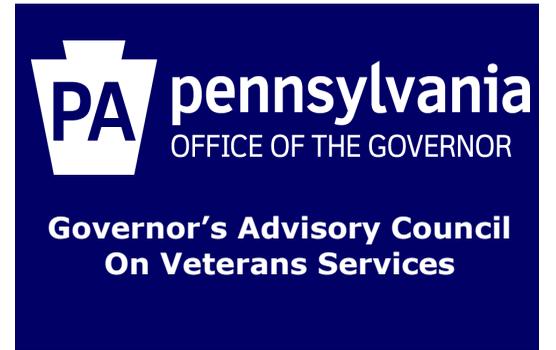
COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS

- Mental/Behavioral Health
- Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery for Veterans Program
- Justice Outreach Program
- Veterans Courts
- Financial Assistance Workshop
- Learn to Access Recreation Program
- Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans Services

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A consolidated listing of programs, benefits and services for Veterans and their Families in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

www.veterans.pa.gov