

Alaska State Veteran's Benefits



2020

The state of Alaska provides several veteran benefits. The following offers a brief description of each of the following benefits for veterans.

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Housing Benefits

Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Homes

The Alaska Pioneer Homes have a proud history of service to Alaskans that predates statehood. A contingent of the U. S. Marines was stationed in Sitka in 1879 and until 1892 the men were quartered in a log barracks built by the Russians. The base was closed in March 1912 and the building stood idle. The people of Sitka were anxious to have them put to use and proposed using them as a home for pioneer prospectors and others who were no longer able to care for themselves. Alaska became a territory in August 1912 and when the first legislature met, a bill was introduced the following March by Sitka Representative, Arthur G. Shoup, to appropriate \$10,000 and establish the Alaska Pioneers' Home in Sitka. The Naval Department gave permission to use the buildings for that purpose and the home opened in September 1913.



Since the Alaska Pioneer Homes system began, the mission of the Alaska Pioneer Homes has continued to evolve to best serve the needs of the growing Alaska senior population. Today, many seniors who require assistance choose home and community-based services, and those who enter the Alaska Pioneer Homes do so later in their lives. As of 2019, the average age of residents in the Alaska Pioneer Homes is 87. Some residents have few needs for assistance, while others need extensive care. Many current applicants and residents seek care related to degenerative brain diseases like Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

There are six Alaska Pioneer Homes. The locations are shown above. Alaska Pioneer Homes are licensed assisted living homes owned and operated by the State of Alaska. They operate in accordance with all Alaska statutes and regulations pertaining to assisted living home licensure. The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes is located in Juneau and administers all six Alaska Pioneer Homes. Individual Pioneer Homes are managed onsite by assisted living administrators and licensed nurses who provide nursing oversight and consultation. Professional staff provides health-related services to all residents who require them. Other staff members include social service, activity, food service, housekeeping, and maintenance personnel. Services available to residents of the homes include:

- Meal preparation
- Dietary assessment; medically prescribed diets
- Laundry/housekeeping
- Emergency call systems/assistance
- Assistance with activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, dressing, etc.
- Assistance with medications
- Health assessment
- Nursing services
- Recreational opportunities/programs
- Social work services
- Opportunities for spiritual devotion
- Care during periods of illness not requiring hospitalization
- Care especially suited to the needs of persons with Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia.
- Pharmacy services

The Alaska Pioneer Homes Pharmacy Program provides pharmaceuticals and pharmacist consultation for the residents of the Alaska Pioneer Homes. The pharmacy and staff are located in the Anchorage Pioneer Home. Staff members include licensed pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and billing personnel. Anyone who resides in an Alaska Pioneer Home may purchase medications through the Alaska Pioneer Homes Pharmacy Program. The pharmacy may or may not provide medications to residents who administer their medications independently without any intervention, reminders, or follow up by staff. However, all residents whose medications are administered to them by Alaska Pioneer Homes’ staff members or who are on the Payment Assistance Program are required to participate in the program. A single-source pharmacy is considered to be the safest and most efficient basis for medication administration throughout the Alaska Pioneer Homes.

The Alaska Pioneer Homes offers five levels of service. Each resident receives a comprehensive assessment to identify her or his appropriate service level.

- **Level I** services include housing, meals, emergency assistance, opportunities for recreation, and required transportation for recreation;
- **Level II** services include level I services, medication management, and assistance with up to two activities of daily living; for assistance with activities of daily living, the resident performs the majority of the effort; during the night shift, the resident is independent in performing activities of daily living and capable of self-supervision;
- **Level III** services are services where the resident provides the majority of the effort for assistance with activities of daily living; during the night shift, the resident is generally independent, with occasional assistance with activities of daily living, limited to an average of two times per week. The level III services include level I services, medication management, and any one of the following:
 - (A) Assistance with up to four activities of daily living;
 - (B) Level II and behavior management, excluding complex behaviors; or
 - (C) Level II and nursing services as described in AS 47.33.020;
- **Level IV** services are services in which assistance provided by a staff member includes hands-on assistance, with the staff member performing the majority of the effort; services will be provided 24 hours a day. The level IV services include level I services, assistance with five or more activities of daily living, medication management, and one of the following:
 - (A) Behavior management, excluding complex behaviors; or
 - (B) Nursing services as described in AS 47.33.020;
- **Level V** services include all services that exceed level IV services.

Applications

Applying for the Alaska Pioneer Homes places the applicant on a waitlist of their choice. The waitlist is broken down into “active” and “inactive” branches. The active waitlist is for those who are ready to enter a Pioneer Home of their choice within 30 days of receiving an admissions offer. The inactive waitlist is for those applicants who are interested in moving into a Pioneer Home at some point in the future. *Note* There is no penalty to applicants who never end up transferring to the active waitlist! Placement on the waitlist is chronological and is determined by the date that a completed application is received, with the oldest applications at the top. Applicants may transfer between the inactive and active waitlists as many times as they choose with no penalty and their original application date is permanently retained to their file (as long as Alaska residency remains unbroken). You can download an application from the following list. It can be printed, filled out, and mailed to: Department of Health & Social Services - Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes, PO Box 110690, Juneau, AK 99811-0690

Application information and forms

- Application [Instructions](#)
- Alaska Pioneer Home [Application](#)

Additional Forms

- [Waitlist Transfer Request Form](#): Required form for transfer from the inactive to active waitlist or to change home preference

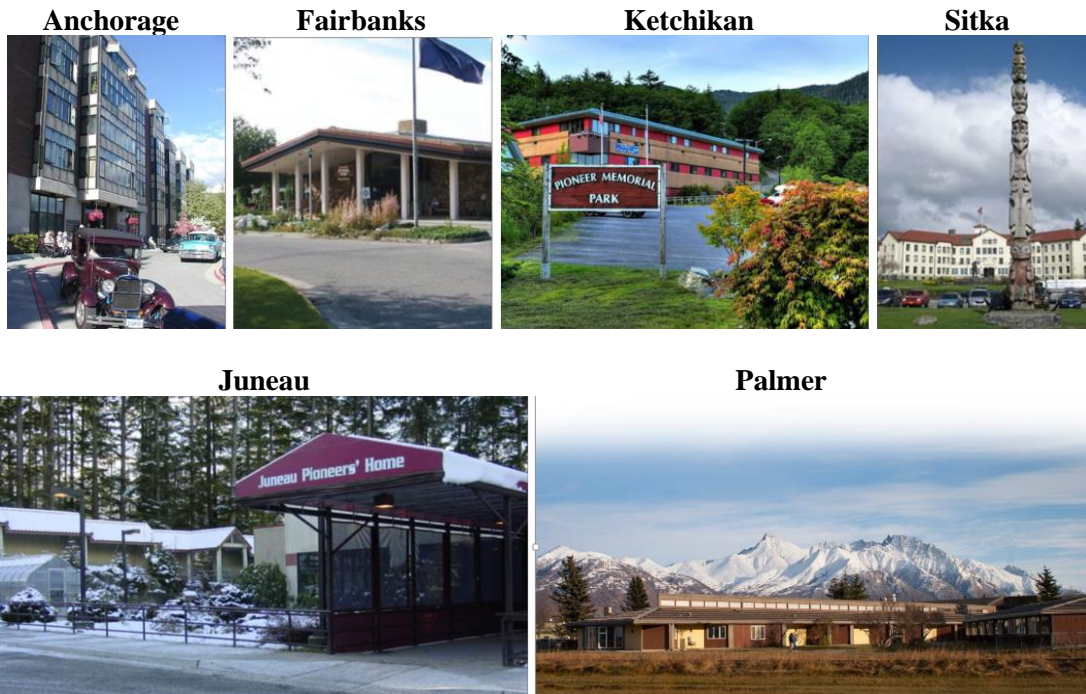
- [History and Physical Form](#): Required form for active waitlist
- [Certificate of Need Form](#): Required form for active waitlist
- [Veterans's Addendum](#): Required form for veterans applying to active waitlist for the Alaska Veterans & Pioneer Home in Palmer only
- [VA Form 10-10EZ](#): Required form for veterans applying to active waitlist for the Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Home in Palmer only

For further information, please contact the Pioneer Homes Central Office at: Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes – Central Office PO Box 110690 Juneau, AK 99811-0690 Phone: Toll free at 1-888-355-3117 or 907-465-4416 Fax: 907-465-4108 Email: alaskapioneerhomes@alaska.gov.

Contact information for specific homes

- Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Home, 250 E. Fireweed Ave., Palmer, AK 99645 Tel: 907-745-4241
- Anchorage Pioneer Home, 923 W. 11th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501 Tel: 907-276-3414
- Fairbanks Pioneer Home, 2221 Eagan Ave. Juneau, AK 99801 Tel: 907-456-4372
- Juneau Pioneer Home, 4675 Glacier Hwy. Fairbanks, AK 99701 Tel: 907-780-6422 Note: Juneau is accessible only by boat or plane.
- Ketchikan Pioneer Home, 141 Bryant St., Ketchikan, AK 99901 Tel: 907-225-4111 Note: Ketchikan is located on an island, accessible only by boat or plane.
- Sitka Pioneer Home, 120 Katlian St., Sitka, AK 99835 Tel: 907-747-3213 Note: Sitka is located on an island, accessible only by boat or plane.

Other important numbers Pioneer Home Pharmacy: 1-888-546-7294 (toll free)



Real Estate Benefits

AHFC Mortgage Program

The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) administers the Veterans Mortgage Program which offers financing for qualified veterans at lower interest rates. Active duty members in the Armed Forces, Public Health Service, NOAA or service as a cadet at the US Military, Air Force, Coast Guard or Naval Academy may qualify. Loans are generally processed rapidly, require little or no down payment, and often include lower interest. For additional information refer to [AHFC Loan Programs and Lenders](#).

Interest Rate Preference

AHFC also offers a Veterans Interest Rate Preference, in which a veteran may receive a one percent lower interest rate on the first \$50,000 of a bank loan when purchasing a new home. Ask the bank handling the financing to implement this program for you. AHFC grants a preference to veterans for the rent or sale of a portion of its low cost housing units. For additional information refer to [Interest Rate Preference](#)

Land Discount/Purchase Preference

The Veterans Land Discount program allows certain veterans a 25% discount on the purchase price of state residential/recreational land. The discount may be used only once during the veteran's lifetime and may not be used in conjunction with the veterans preference. Under the Veterans Land Sale Preference, before offering to the general public any unoccupied residential land by auction, a veteran has the exclusive opportunity purchase the land at a restricted sale at fair appraised market value. Parcels that are offered under this preference must be five acres or less, classified as settlement land and zoned for residential use only. For additional information refer to [Land Discount Fact Sheet](#)

Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans

Real property owned and occupied as the primary residence and permanent place of abode by a qualified disabled veteran whose disability was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty and whose disability has been rated as 50 percent or more by the military service or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, is exempt from taxation on the first \$150,000.00 of assessed valuation. The exemption transfers to a spouse if the veteran passes away and the spouse is at least 60 years of age. For additional information refer to [Alaska Tax Office Locator](#)

Federal Home Loan Programs

You and your spouse may also be eligible for many federal mortgage and loan programs. Home loan guaranties are issued to help eligible Servicemembers, Veterans, Reservists, National Guard and certain unmarried surviving spouses obtain homes, condominiums, and manufactured homes, and to refinance loans. For additional information call (800) 827-1000.

Applying for VA Home Loans

The VA loan is a \$0 down payment mortgage option available to Veterans, Service Members and select military spouses. VA loans are issued by private lenders and guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The VA Home Loan was created in 1944 by the United States government to help returning service members purchase homes without needing a down payment or excellent credit. This historic benefit program has guaranteed more than 22 million VA loans to help veterans, active duty military members,

Guard/Reserve (at least six of Honorable Service), and their families purchase homes or refinance their mortgages. For additional information refer to:

- <https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/home-loans/how-to-apply>
- <https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/vba-26-1880-are.pdf>

Veteran Employment Programs

Hero2Hired

It is known that searching for a new job is a big undertaking. That's why Hero2Hired (H2H) was created: to make it easy for Reserve Component service members to connect to and find jobs with military-friendly companies. H2H also offers career exploration tools, military-to-civilian skills translations, education and training resources, as well as a mobile app. Support for H2H is provided through the Department of Defense's Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program. For additional information refer to [Hero2Hired](#) & [Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program](#)

Veteran Employment Services

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development has 21 Job Centers across the state. The Anchorage (Midtown and Muldoon), Fairbanks, and Wasilla Job Centers have on-site Veteran Representatives; however, all Job Centers provide priority services to qualified veterans and their eligible spouses. Services include:

Priority Job Referral	Job Search Workshops
Career Counseling	Special Programs
Career Assessment	Testing
Employment Assessment	Referral to Educational Services
Job Development	Resume Assistance
Labor Market Information	Education Assessment

- For online services for all Alaskans go to <http://jobs.alaska.gov>.
- For job center locations refer <http://jobs.alaska.gov/offices/index.html> or call (877) 724-2539.
- To learn how to qualify for priority services for veterans and their spouses go to http://veterans.alaska.gov/uploads/7/9/4/9/7949869/priority_services.pdf

USERRA

The purpose of USERRA is to encourage non-career service in the uniformed military services. The aim of USERRA is three-fold:

- Eliminate or minimize the disadvantages to civilian careers and employment that might result from such military service.
- By providing prompt reemployment, minimize the disruption to the lives of persons performing military service, their employers, their fellow employees, and their communities.
- Prohibit discrimination against persons because of their participation in the uniformed military services.

To learn more about your rights under USERRA and the program itself go to

- http://veterans.alaska.gov/uploads/7/9/4/9/7949869/userra_rights.pdf, and
- <https://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra/index.htm>

VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC)

Through the VSOC program, VA is strengthening partnerships with institutions of higher learning and creating opportunities to help Veterans achieve success by providing outreach and transition services during their transition from military to college life. VSOC Counselors ensure that Veterans receive the support and assistance needed to pursue their educational and employment goals. Because VSOC Counselors are easily accessible on campus they help resolve any problems that could potentially interfere with a Veteran's educational program, to include assisting with disability accommodations. If needed, they can also provide referrals for health services through VA Medical Centers, Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, or Vet Centers. For additional information refer to [VetSuccess on Campus](#).

Veteran Employment Tax Credit

The Department of Revenue, Tax Division offers a taxpayer that hires a veteran and employs the veteran in the state a tax credit. Certain conditions apply. For additional information refer to:

- [Tax Credit Form](#)
- [Tax Credit Form Instructions](#)
- [Quality Veteran Status](#)

Military Credit for State Retirement

Qualified individuals may be eligible for additional credit for up to five years of military service. Military service will increase your retirement service and monthly benefits. Surviving Spouses of Service members may also be eligible. Upon separation from the Alaska National Guard or Naval Militia qualifying individuals may receive a small benefit payment. Anyone with 20 years of service in the Alaska National Guard, National Guard of any other state, Active military service, or Reserve military service combined; at least five years must have been satisfactory service in the Alaska National Guard unless discharge was involuntary and for reasons other than misconduct. For additional information refer to [State Retirement Credit](#).

Education Benefits

University of Alaska

There are many education benefits available to veterans living in Alaska. The University of Alaska offers support for veterans and service members including tuition assistance, transferring credit, and evaluations of military training.

- Federal educational benefits include the GI Bill, but there are many other programs and scholarships offered. National Guard members may receive up to 100% tuition assistance at a University of Alaska system school.

- Resident tuition is available at any University of Alaska System school for active-duty military personnel or members of the National Guard, or their spouses or dependent children. United States veterans eligible for a VA education benefit or their spouse or dependent children are also eligible for resident tuition. Qualifying students must move to and remain domiciled in the State of Alaska during their course of study.
- The spouse and dependents of armed service members who are an Alaska resident and died in the line of duty, or was listed by the DOD as a Prisoner of War, or was killed in action is entitled to a waiver of undergraduate tuition and fees.

For more information contact one of the following:

- University of Alaska Southeast (Juneau): <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/finaid/VA/index.html> & <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/sitka/start/military.html> or call UAS-Armory: (907) 465-4211.
- University of Alaska Fairbanks: <http://www.uaf.edu/veterans> or call (907) 474-2475
- University of Alaska, Anchorage <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/veterans> (907) 786-6962/1800

Student Loan Protection

Many students will need to take a loan to complete the educational program of their choice. The Consumer Finance Protection Bureau has put together some important information to help students make choices about their loans and remain protected to the extent that the law allows.

Operation Recognition - Diplomas for WWII Veterans

Operation Recognition, a nationwide effort, recognizes that many WWII veterans went off to war and never received a high school diploma. In Alaska, the Department of Education and Early Development may award diplomas to WWII veterans living in Alaska. A family member may apply on behalf of the veteran. You will need to submit a copy of your discharge papers or an affidavit of service by fax or mail with your application. Contact information is:

- Telephone: (907) 465-2800 TTY/TTD: (907) 465-2815 Fax: (907) 465-4156
- Mailing Address: DOE, ATTN: WWII Diplomas, 801 West Tenth Street, Suite 200, P.O. Box 110500, Juneau, AK 99811-0500

Recreation Benefits

Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Members of the military service who are on active duty permanently stationed in Alaska, or a dependent of a member of the military service on active duty permanently stationed in Alaska, and who have met residency requirements may apply for military licenses at the time of license application and pay the same rate as a resident.

Disabled Veteran Hunting and Fishing License

Disabled Veteran resident hunting and sport fishing licenses are available at no charge to honorably discharged veterans with a 50% or greater service-connected disability and Alaska residency. Applicants must have lived in Alaska for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the application.

State Camping Pass for Disabled Veterans

The legislature granted Disabled Veterans (DAV) the right to receive one Alaska State Park Camping Pass free of charge. The DAV Camping Pass, which is valid in all developed Alaska State Park campgrounds and is good for two years.

Alaska Marine Highway System Discount

A reduced fare pass is available for travel on Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) vessels for U.S. veterans having a service-connected veteran's disability. The pass entitles the disabled veteran and an attendant (if required by physician) to travel at half the regular passenger fare. Reduced fare does not include vehicle or stateroom. The pass is valid for travel between Alaskan ports on all AMHS vessels, year-round.

Alaska Railroad Discount

The Alaska Railroad offers a 20% discount to active duty, military retirees and dependents. ID showing proof of status must be shown at boarding. For additional information on Alaska's railroad system refer to <https://www.alaskarailroad.com>.

Other State Veteran Benefits

Alaska Veterans Centers

- Anchorage Veterans Center, 4400 Business Park Blvd, Suite B-34, Anchorage, AK 99503 Tel: (907) 563-6966 / (877) 927-8387 Fax (907) 561-7183
- Wasilla Veterans Center, 851 E. West Point Drive Suite 102, Wasilla, AK 99654 Tel: (907) 376-4318 Fax (907) 373-1883
- Fairbanks Veterans Center, 540 4th Ave., Suite 100, Fairbanks, AK 99701 Tel: (907) 456-4238 / (877) 927-8387 Fax (907) 456-0475
- Kenai Veterans Center, 43299 Kalifornsky Beach Rd. Ste 4, Soldotna, AK 99669 Tel: (907) 260-7640 / (877) 927-8387 Fax (907) 260-7642

Veteran HealthCare Facilities

- Anchorage VA Outpatient Clinic, 1201 North Muldoon Road, Anchorage, AK 99504 Tel: 907-257-4700 | 888-353-7574
- VA Community Based Outpatient Services Fairbanks, Bldg 4076, Neeley Road, Room 1J-101, Fort Wainwright, AK 99703 Tel: 907-361-6370 Fax: 907-361-6372
- VA Community Based Outpatient Services Mat-Su, 865 N. Seward Meridian Parkway, Suite 105 Wasilla, AK 99654 Tel: 907-631-3100 / 800-323-8648 Fax: 907-631-3101
- VA Community Based Outpatient Services Kenai, 11312 Kenai Spur Highway, Suite 39, Kenai, AK 99611 Tel: 907-395-4100 / 877-797-8924 Fax: 907-283-4236
- VA Community Based Outpatient Services Juneau, 709 West 9th Street, Suite 150, Juneau, AK 99801 Tel: 907-796-4300 Fax: 907-796-4301

Veteran Service Officers

Veteran Service Officers are available statewide to provide free benefit counseling and claim service. VSO's have a compassionate understanding of the problems which confront veterans, their dependents, and survivors. A Veterans Service Officer knows the extent, meaning and application of laws that have been passed by the U.S. Congress in the interests of veterans, their dependents, and survivors. They also know the rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Veterans Affairs to clarify and implement those laws. A Veterans Service Officer has specialized knowledge in the best way suited to the needs of every individual veteran or other beneficiary who contacts their office for assistance. Contact info for VSO's is:

Veteran of Foreign Wars:

- Anchorage Office: (907) 257-4801
- Fairbanks Office: (907) 353-4265
- Wasilla Office: (907) 373-7600

American Legion:

- Anchorage Office: (907) 257-4802
- Kodiak Office: (907) 512-0688
- Soldotna Office: (907) 260-7640

Disabled American Veterans:

- Anchorage Office: (907) 257-4803
- Wasilla Office: (907) 376-4318
- Fairbanks Office: (907) 353-2203

Vietnam Veterans of America:

- Anchorage Office: (907) 257-4760
- Fairbanks Office: (907) 474-2475
- Juneau Office: (907) 465-4211

Alaska Tribal Veterans Representatives

- List of Representatives by City <http://veterans.alaska.gov/tribal-veterans-representatives.html>
- Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/AlaskaTribalVeteransRepresentatives>

Disabled Veterans Parking Permits

Disabled Parking Permits are also obtained from the DMV, available to persons at least 50 percent disabled or medically handicapped, including persons disabled in the line of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard. Applicants must show receipt of at least 50 percent disability compensation from a government agency or an affidavit signed by a physician licensed to practice in Alaska.

Alaska Veteran Driver's License

Veterans are entitled to have their veteran status noted on their Alaska Drivers License or ID Card. Cost is \$5 at the Alaska DMV. Proof of honorable discharge is required.

- Retired Military ID Card
- DD214/15
- NGB22 or NGB22A
- WD AGO 53, 55, 53-55
- NAVPERS 553
- NAVMC 78PD
- NAVCG 553



Drivers License Extensions

Effective in June 1997, Alaska adopted a military extension policy that states that your non-commercial driver's license is valid for 90 days after discharge or return to the State of Alaska, whichever occurs first. Effective January 1st, 2011, the policy was extended to military spouses.

Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Waiver

If you are a service member, currently licensed, and drove a military motor vehicle equivalent to a commercial motor vehicle within the last year, you can apply for a CDL without taking a road skills test. You are still required to pass all knowledge tests. This waiver does not apply to school bus or passenger endorsements. The requirements to receive a road skills test waiver are:

- 21 years old with a valid non-commercial driver license
- A US citizen or non-US citizen with a valid permanent resident card.
- Two years commercial driving experience upon discharge from the military.
- A minimum two years good driver record immediately preceding CDL application date
- Certification from your commanding officer with number of years of operating the vehicle and type of vehicle operated to determine appropriate CDL classification.
- Pass all knowledge tests

Complete the application at <http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/forms/pdfs/416.pdf> for military skills test waiver (form 416). Page two of form 416 should be filled out and signed by your commanding officer. Bring this form with you when you apply for your CDL, it will substitute for the road skills test.

Veterans License Plates

The State Legislature has designated several special license plates for veterans, recipients of the Purple Heart Medal, veterans who have been a Prisoner of War (POW), veterans who are survivors of Pearl Harbor, and Gold Star Families. Plates are issued free of charge after proof of service or family loss is validated by the DVM. A person who qualifies for 50% disability may apply for one disabled veteran plate that is not subject to Motor Vehicle Registration Taxes or registration fees.

There is a \$30.00 plate fee charged to all other applicants for service veterans plates at the time of initial application for or replacement of veteran's plates and National Guard Plates.

Air Force



Marines

Army



Navy

Coast Guard



National Guard



The following organizational symbols are available and are on the approved list

1st Infantry
B002017 30.00 0.00



2nd Infantry
B002007 30.00 0.00



3rd Infantry
B002004 30.00 0.00



4th Infantry
B002005 30.00 0.00



25th Infantry
B002008 30.00 0.00



1st Cavalry
B002009 30.00 0.00



10th Mountain
B002010 30.00 0.00



82nd Airborne
B002006 30.00 0.00



101st Airborne
B002001 30.00 0.00



173rd Airborne
B002002 30.00 0.00



Pathfinder
B002013 30.00 0.00



Alaska Air Command
B006001 30.00 0.00



Ranger
B002011 30.00 0.00



1st Marine Div.
B005001 30.00 0.00



Special Forces
B002019 30.00 0.00



USAR AK Bear
B002016 30.00 0.00



Alaska National Guard Crest
B002015 30.00 0.00



Alaska National Guard Patch
B002014 30.00 0.00



75th Ranger Scroll
B002012 30.00 0.00



172d Infantry
B002018 30.00 0.00



366th TFW
B002040 30.00 0.00



VFW 214 Black Sheep
B002039 30.00 0.00



932nd ACW Squadron
B002043 30.00 0.00



11 Airborne
B002035 30.00 0.00



11th Air Force
B002030 30.00 0.00



4/23rd Infantry
B002028 30.00 0.00



6th Marine Div.
B002029 30.00 0.00



187th Reg. Combat
B002023 30.00 0.00



501st PIR
B002027 30.00 0.00



1st Signal Brigade
B002026 30.00 0.00



Navy Seals
B002020 30.00 0.00



196 Infantry
B002024 30.00 0.00



501st Geronimos
B002025 30.00 0.00



176 LRS
B002031 30.00 0.00



1st AVN. Brigade
B002038 30.00 0.00



52nd Ord Group
B002044 30.00 0.00



PBR 593
B002022 30.00 0.00



168th Security Forces
B002041 30.00 0.00



SeaBees
B004001 30.00 0.00



7th Corp
B002042 30.00 0.00



20th Engineers
B002037 30.00 0.00



9th Infantry
B002033 30.00 0.00



18th Corp
B002003 30.00 0.00



29th Infantry
B002036 30.00 0.0



42nd (ID) Infantry
B002021 30.00 0.00



ACS
B002045 30.00 0.00



AK Territorial Guard
B002034 30.00 0.00



11th ACR
B002032 30.00 0.0



Alaska Air National Guard
B006002 30.00 0.00



5th Marine Division
B005002 30.00 0.00



USARV
B002046 30.00 0.00



8th Infantry Division
B002053 30.00 0.00



USS Abraham Lincoln
B004002 30.00 0.00



USAF Pararescue
B002049 30.00 0.00



Airforce System Command
B002047 30.00 0.00



29th Ordnance
B002048 30.00 0.00



160th Special Operations
B002051 30.00 0.00



2nd Armored Division
B002054 30.00 0.00



4th Recon Battalion USMC
B005003 30.00 0.00



Fleet Anti-Terrorism
Management Team (FAST)
B004003 30.00 0.00



17th Cavalry Regiment
B002055 30.00 0.00



1st Infantry Regiment
B002053 30.00 0.00

Airborne 20th Engineers



Pearl Harbor Survivors and former POWs recipients may receive a special plate at no charge.



Purple Heart recipients and Alaska National Guard members may also purchase special plates for \$30.



A Disabled Veteran can register one vehicle without charge and receive a specially designed registration plate that displays recognition of the disabled veteran. With proof, persons disabled in the line of duty, who are 50 percent disabled or medically handicapped as a consequence of service are eligible. The plate does not display the standard handicap symbol and does not carry with it special parking privileges; however the standard wheelchair logo may be available depending upon the level of disability as described below.



Gold Star Family (GSF) plates are available to the spouse, parent, guardian, sibling, or dependent of a member of the United States armed forces killed in the line of duty. The applicant must submit a Report of Casualty (DD Form 1300) to be eligible. If the applicant is not listed on the DD 1300, further proof must be submitted to connect the applicant to the fallen soldier.



Recording Veterans Report of Separation Form

A veteran may record, without fee, the original or a certified copy of his or her Armed Forces Report of Separation (DD-214 Form) at any State Recorder's office of the Department of Natural Resources. The Recorder's office maintains 14 District offices throughout the state, overseeing 34 recording districts that record, index, and archive all of the documents that create the Official Public Record of the state of Alaska. Locations and hours of operation are posted at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/ssd/recoff/default.cfm>.

Death Gratuity

The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall pay, upon application, a death gratuity in the amount of \$750 to the surviving spouse or personal representative of a qualified veteran who was a resident of the state at the time of death. The veteran must have received an honorable discharge and

1. Been an Alaska resident when they joined the service; or
2. Was an Alaska resident for at least one year immediately preceding the time of death; or
3. Served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, the Alaska Army National Guard, the Alaska Air National Guard, or the Alaska Naval Militia, or who served in a reserve unit of the United States armed forces in Alaska if the reserve unit required a minimum of one weekend of duty each month and 15 consecutive days of active duty training each year for not less than three years.

Visit the Alaska State VA [website](#) to get more details about any of these programs.

Death Certificates

The Alaska Health Analytics and Vital Statistics (formerly the Bureau of Vital Statistics) (<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Pages/default.aspx>) will issue up to four copies of a veterans death certificate free of charge. The death certificates are only available to qualified individuals who include; a representative of the veterans estate, a trustee of a revocable trust of which the veteran was the settler, or a person who needs a copy of the death certificate for the purpose of satisfying an eligibility requirement for a benefit relating to the death of the veteran. For Deaths that occurred outside the state of Alaska, you must contact that state's Bureau directly. At <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/index.htm> a listing of where to write by state can be found.

Funeral Honors

Every eligible veteran is entitled to Military Funeral Honors performed by uniformed members of the armed forces. The Alaska Army National Guard is a direct representative of the United States military and is highly qualified to perform proper Military Funeral Honors. Military Funeral Honors are available at the request of the family, at no cost. Eligibility includes:

- Military members on active duty or in the Selective Reserve.
- Former military members who served on active duty and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Former military members who completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the Selected Reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.

- Former military members discharged from the Selected Reserve due to a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

The Honor Guard renders the Military Funeral Honors Ceremony. This ceremony represents the Nation's deep gratitude to those, in times of war and peace, who have faithfully defended our country. This ceremonial paying of respect is the final demonstration a grateful nation can provide to our veteran's family. By law, an honor guard detail will consist of no less than two members of the Armed Forces. One member of the detail shall be a representative of the parent service of the deceased veterans. The honor detail will, at minimum, perform a ceremony that includes the folding and presenting of the American Flag to the next of kin and the playing of Taps. The playing of Taps will be played by a bugler if available, or by electronic recording.

If the family of a deceased veteran would like to request Military Funeral Honors for their loved one, a funeral director needs to be contacted and given the proper documentation recognizing the loved one's military service. Any of the following Documents are acceptable: DD-214, Honorable Discharge Certificate, Veteran's Service Number/ID Card, or Documentation for an award received

Funeral Directors should call the Headquarters Office for the Alaska Honor Guard Program. The request will be processed and assigned to the Military Funeral Honors team. In the absence of a funeral director, a family member can contact the office for assistance.

State and Federal Contacts

- [Alaska State Honor Guard Coordinator](#) (907) 428-6688/6152 Fax (907) 428-6685
- [National Cemetery Website](#) (800) 827-1000
- [Schedule a Burial](#) (800) 535-1117
- [Headstones and Markers](#) (800) 697-6947
- [Presidential Memorial Certificates](#) (202) 565-4964
- [Life Insurance Claims for Death Benefits](#) (877) 832-4943

Alaska National Cemeteries

- Fort Richardson National Cemetery, Bldg. 58-512, Davis Hwy, P.O. Box 5-498, Fort Richardson, AK 99505 Tel: (907) 384-7075 FAX (907) 384-7111
- Sitka National Cemetery, 803 Sawmill Creek Road, Sitka, AK 99835 (Note: Do not mail items to this address) Tel: (907) 384-7075 FAX: (907) 384- 7111

Alaska Territorial Guard

In 2000 ATG members were granted US veteran status acknowledging the contribution of the Native Alaskans who bravely served our country during WWII. The ATG Task Force was assembled and has been searching for ATG members in order to provide them with honorable service records, including an honorable discharge. The task force is committed to finding and assisting these veterans, their families, dependents and survivors in receiving all the benefits and rewards entitled to them. Their goal is to locate 100% of the ATG members, begin correcting the oversight of the past, and allow future generations access to their ancestors' service records. If you or a family member served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, apply

for ATG status. To do so complete the form at <http://veterans.alaska.gov/Documents/ATG/Application.pdf>. For additional information refer to:

- [Personal Statement of Service](#)
- [ATG Application Instructions](#)

The ATG Member lists include Name, Drill Location, Rank and Discharge Received. If an application has been submitted, approved and a discharge issued by the U.S. Dept. of Army, there will be a “yes” in the Discharge Received column. This means that the final discharge paperwork is either in their office or has been sent to the ATG member, and/or the person that applied on their behalf. These lists are a work in progress. They were created from historical documents and can include misspellings, duplications, etc. We are striving to provide the most accurate information as we work through the over 6,400 names on these lists. To view the roster go to:

- [ATG Roster by Last Name](#)
- [ATG Roster by Drill Location](#)

Governor's Advocacy Award

The Governor of Alaska's Veterans Advocacy Award recipient(s) are announced annually on Veterans Day November 11th. Any individual or organization may nominate a person. Nominees must be an Alaskan resident, but need not be a veteran, and must have engaged in unpaid, voluntary veteran's activities within the State. The nominee should have demonstrated one or more of the following to veterans, veterans' issues, or veterans' organizations:

- A significant service to veterans and their families.
- An extraordinary personal concern, compassion, and commitment.
- Veterans organization activity, positions held, and lengthy service.
- Formation or participation in a new, innovative or creative volunteer program, event, or project

Nominations must include:

- NOMINEE: Name, Occupation, Address, and Phone Number on the top of the narrative summary.
- NOMINATOR: Name, Address, Telephone Number, Email, Organization, and Signature on the bottom of the narrative.
- NARRATIVE: Please attach a brief (no more than two-page double spaced) narrative summary of your nominee's efforts and accomplishments for veterans.

Judging of nominations will be completed by a panel consisting of members of the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council, the Director of Veterans Affairs, and a member of the State veterans' community selected by the Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Selection Recommendation(s) for the Veterans Advocacy Award will be made to the Governor by the Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Aleutian Campaign Acknowledgement

Those in service from 1942-1943 during the Aleutian Campaign are eligible for a certificate acknowledging that service and a letter from the Governor of Alaska with thanks from a grateful nation. Submit certificate requests to: Ms. Mercedes Angerman (907) 334-0874

Alaska Veterans Museum Oral History Project

The oral history team at the Alaska Veterans Museum (<http://alaskaveterans.com/index.html>) has collected to date more than 200 stories so. Col. Suellyn Wright Novak travels far and wide to collect these important stories. No one is turned away - everyone's story is important. Each story holds someone's history, and with the others completes the puzzle of who, when, and where. To participate call (907) 677-8802 or write 333 W 4th AV, Suite 227, Anchorage AK 99504.

Veterans Memorial Endowment Fund

In 2002 the Alaska State Legislature voted to establish a fund for the maintenance, repair, replacement, and enhancement of, or addition to, veterans' memorials or monuments to the military. Grants may also be awarded for the development and construction of new veterans' memorials or monuments to the military. To apply for a grant refer to <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=186103>. Grants awarded to date include:

- Haines Memorial Park created to recognize veterans in the area for their valuable service. The park will be adjacent to the Soboleff-McRae Veterans Village in Haines Alaska (population 1713) which opened May 7, 2018.
- Monterey Lake Memorial Park maintenance and expansion of the existing Monterey Lake Memorial Park at Fort Wainwright.
- The Captain Donald R. Robinson Veterans Memorial. The Captain was a graduate of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. This memorial is to honor all former students who died in battle. Robinson was a UAF ROTC graduate who posthumously earned the Distinguished Service Cross for valorous action during the Vietnam War.



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To get more details and learn how to apply for veteran benefits visit:

- Alaska State VA website <http://veterans.alaska.gov>
- American Legion www.legion.org/veteransbenefits/alaska
- Military.com <https://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/alaska-state-veterans-benefits.html>

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