

Kentucky State Veteran's Benefits 2021



The Commonwealth of Kentucky military community as of Dec. 31, 2020 per Defense Manpower Data Center consisted of:

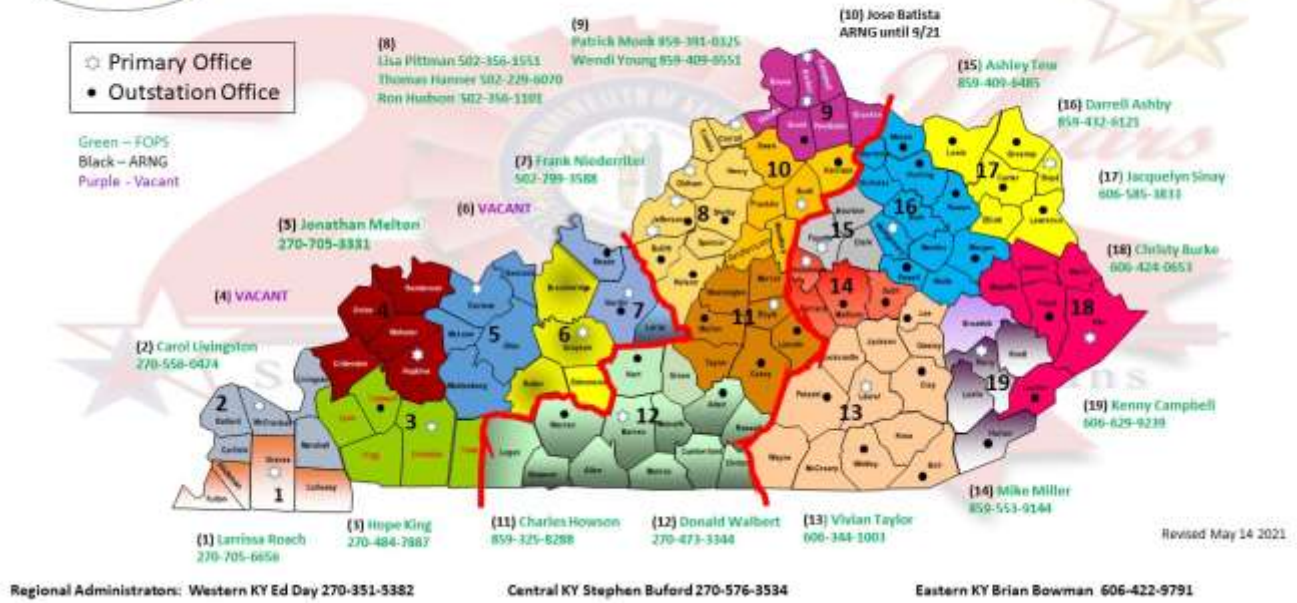
- 17,606 active-duty service members
- 7,010 active-duty spouses
- 13,883 active-duty children
- 16,127 National Guard and reserve members
- 7,575 National Guard and reserve spouses
- 11,712 National Guard and reserve children

Additionally, as of 2021 there were 295,000 of Kentucky residents who are veterans of the Armed Forces. As veterans they have earned benefits for themselves and potentially for their families, but they must apply to receive these benefits. Kentucky is grateful for their service and wants to ensure they receive all the support they deserve. KDVA is a state agency that provides several types of programs to assist the veterans of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. They have Veterans Field Benefit Representatives throughout the state who provide coverage in all 120 counties. The representatives are certified in filing claims and can assist with filing claims and appeals, as well as, VA healthcare applications, free of charge. We at KDVA are here to help make your transition as smooth as possible. You can find the Field Benefit Representative who serves your county through the below menu.



KDVA Benefits Branch Field Offices

21 Field Representatives in 19 Districts



The state provides several veteran benefits in conjunction with or in addition to federal benefits. This Bulletin attachment provides a brief description of those benefits in the following areas:

- Housing
- Financial Assistance
- Employment
- Education
- Recreation
- Driver and Vehicle Licensing
- Burial
- Taxation
- Women Veterans
- Other

Veteran Housing Programs

State Veterans Long Term Care Facilities

The Commonwealth of Kentucky is committed to providing long-term care facilities for Kentucky's veterans, offering a broad range of versatile nursing care. Each of Kentucky's four facilities has a compassionate and professional staff committed to providing thoughtful, quality care. These facilities are also fully prepared to provide care for dementia and Alzheimer residents. Additionally, each of Kentucky's homes are outfitted with state of the art equipment. Physical

therapy and recreational activities are available to help residents achieve their ultimate functioning abilities. To apply for admission refer to

<http://veterans.ky.gov/nursinghomes/Documents/Generic%20KVC%20Application%20Packet.pdf>

Eligibility criteria for admission:

- Be a veteran
- Be disabled by reason of disease, wounds, age, or otherwise is in need of nursing care
- Be a Kentucky resident as of the date of admission to a Kentucky Veteran Center
- Have a military discharge that is not of a dishonorable nature.

A person shall not be eligible for admission if the person:

- Has been diagnosed by a qualified health care professional as acutely mentally ill, as an acute alcoholic, as addicted to drugs, as continuously disruptive, or as dangerous to self or others.
- Is ventilator dependent
- Has needs that cannot be met by the Veterans' Center

No veteran shall be denied admission based on the grounds of race, color, handicap, age, gender, religion, national origin, or HIV status. The actual charges assessed to a resident of EKVC shall not exceed the cost of care which is provided.

Eastern Kentucky Veteran Center



- 200 Veterans Dr., Hazard, KY 41701 Tel: (606) 435-6196 | 1-877-856-0004 Fax (606) 435-6201.
- Located in the beautiful mountains of Southeastern Kentucky, the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center is a 120 bed long-term care facility providing skilled nursing care and rehabilitation for Kentucky veterans. Our facility is comprised of 3 nursing units. Our 30 bed unit located on the first floor is a secured unit. We have two nursing units upstairs for skilled/intermediate care that are 45 beds each. EKVC is operated by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs and was built for the sole purpose of taking care of Kentucky Veterans

- Amenities: Primary care physicians services, 24 hour nursing care, Physical Therapy, Pharmaceutical services, Walking Track, Library on site with computers for residents, Wireless Internet, Gift shop, Activities 7 days per week, Specialty Care Unit, and Pet Therapy.
- Go to <https://secure.kentucky.gov/FormServices/Veterans/EKVCApplicationInquiry> for application inquiry

Thompson-Hood Veteran Center



- 100 Veterans Drive, Wilmore, KY 40390 Tel: 859-858-2814 | 1-800-928-4838 | Fax: 859-858-4039
- Thomson-Hood Veterans center is a 285 bed skilled nursing facility located on 60 beautiful acres in Wilmore Kentucky, approximately 15 miles south of Lexington. The facility provides skilled nursing care and rehabilitation to the veterans we serve. Thomson-Hood Veterans Center has served more than 2,782 Veterans from all branches of the armed forces since admitting the first resident on August 25, 1991. Emphasis is placed on preserving residents' rights and helping Veterans maintain the highest possible level of independence.
- For Resident Guide refer to <http://thvc.ky.gov/ai/Pages/default.aspx> and <https://thvc.ky.gov/ai/Documents/THVC%20Resident%20Guide.pdf>
- Go to <https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/Veterans/THVCApplicationInquiry> for application inquiry

Western Kentucky Veteran Center



- 926 Veterans Drive, Hanson, Kentucky 42413 Tel: (270) 322-9087 | (877) 662-0008 | TTYS: (270) 322-9752
- Western Kentucky Veterans Center (WKVC) opened March 14, 2002 in Hanson, Kentucky. Situated on 33 acres of beautiful farmland 5 miles north of Madisonville, the 156-bed facility provides long-term skilled nursing and rehabilitation for Kentucky's veterans. The campus includes three Community Living Concept households that are home to 12 veterans each. Each household has a country style kitchen/dining area along with a comfortable great room. Each household has its own separate entrance and enclosed porch and patio area for our veterans and their visitors enjoyment.
- Amenities. WKVC offers a wide array of important services for the convenience, comfort and well being of their veterans. These include: primary care physician on site, 24-hour nursing care, pharmacy services, physical therapy in house, gift shop, chaplain on staff, daily activities, arts and crafts, library on site, and one wing designated for dementia/Alzheimer's disease.
- Cost. Call the Financial Services Department at (270) 322-9087 regarding the cost of care.
- Refer to <http://veterans.ky.gov/nursinghomes/Pages/WKVC/WKVC.aspx> For Resident Guide
- Go to <https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/Veterans/WKVCApplicationInquiry> for application inquiry

Carl M Brashear Veterans Center Veteran Center



- 100 Veterans Drive, Radcliff, Kentucky 40160 (270-352-6700 TTY 270-352-6839)
- Radcliff Veterans Center is a 120 bed skilled nursing facility built using the Community Living Concept design. The campus is home to four neighborhood buildings and a community support building. Each neighborhood is further broken down into three households. These spacious households are home to ten veterans who will enjoy their own private suite and bathroom. Each household has a country style kitchen/dining area along with a relaxing great room. Each household has its own separate entrance and enclosed porch and patio area for our veterans and their visitors enjoyment. The facility offers skilled nursing care and rehabilitation.

- Go to <https://secure.kentucky.gov/FormServices/RVC/ApplicationInquiry> for application inquiry

Go to <http://veterans.ky.gov/nursinghomes.to> learn more about the State Veterans Long Term Care Facilities.

Financial Assistance Benefits

Income Tax Exemptions

Military income is not taxed. Military retirement pay is tax-exempt if retired before January 1, 1998 and partially exempt if retired after December 31, 1997.

Property Tax for Disabled Veterans or Over 65

Totally disabled veterans are eligible for up to a \$39,300 deduction on the assessed value of their home for property tax purposes provided they file a <https://revenue.ky.gov/Forms/62A350.pdf> application. Homeowners who are least 65 years of age or who have been classified as totally disabled and meet other requirements are eligible to receive a homestead exemption. This exemption is applied against the assessed value of their home and their property tax liability is computed on the assessment remaining after deducting the exemption amount.

- Application Based on Age -- An application to receive the homestead exemption must be filed with the property valuation administrator of the county in which the property is located. If the application is based upon the age of the homeowner, the property owner can provide proof of their age by presenting a birth certificate, driver's license, passport or other approved documentation.
- Application Based on Disability -- An application is based on the disability of the homeowner, then the homeowner must have been classified as totally disabled under a program authorized or administered by an agency of the United States government or any retirement system located within or outside of Kentucky.

Homeless Veterans Trust Fund

The Commonwealth of Kentucky has a Homeless Veterans Trust Fund that can help with rent or utilities to help a veteran in financial need from becoming homeless. Funds are limited and assistance is limited to once per veteran.

Veterans Loan Program

KDVA has a program to offer small sum loans to Kentucky Veterans, the loans may be up to \$10,000 and are offered at below-market interest rates.

Garnishment Protection.

If you receive Social Security or VA benefits by direct deposit, then your bank must protect 2 months' worth of benefits in your account. This means you can continue using that money.

However, Social Security and SSDI can be garnished to pay government debts such as back taxes or federal student loans, and debts for child or spousal support. Some other means-tested benefits, such as SSI, are protected from garnishment – even to pay a government debt or child or spousal support.

Employment Assistance

Kentucky Veterans Employment, Training and Support Program (KyVETS)

The Kentucky Veterans Employment Training and Support Program (KyVETS) collaborates with companies, chambers of commerce, community organizations, military installations, and state agencies to develop a strategic talent pipeline for veteran employment and recruitment opportunities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Serving as a platform for “Veteran Employment Advocacy and Training”, KyVETS strives to breakdown cultural barriers and obstacles many veterans face when navigating the civilian workforce environment and connects you with education and training services designed to help you transition to civilian life. For more information, email KyVets@ky.gov

Career Opportunities

- [US Bank positions](#)
- [Serco Positions for Veterans and Spouses](#)
- [Ball Aluminum-Bowling Green](#)
- [Brown Forman Louisville](#)
- [Jobs UPS MILITARY](#)
- [Humana Careers](#)

State Employment

Are you a veteran interested in working in state government? For assistance with navigating the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s Merit Employment System application or hiring process and for specific information regarding eligibility requirements and necessary documents, please contact Stuart Clark at 502 -564- 5148 or email stuartt.clark@ky.gov.

State Employment Preference Points

Kentucky offers state employment preference points for veterans, their Spouses, widows, widowers, and parents. The program provides 5 hiring preference points for honorably discharged veterans and for former members of the Kentucky National Guard. 10 points are awarded to veterans with service-connected disabilities and certain spouses of veterans with service-connected disabilities. Surviving spouses of certain war veterans and parents who were dependent on a veteran who lost his/her life under honorable conditions while on active duty are also entitled to 10 preference points. (Preference points are credited towards state employment when testing at the Personnel Cabinet in Frankfort.)

Examination - Ratings - Eligibility Lists

Veterans who have served during a wartime period are authorized an increase of 5 percentage points on any local or county civil service examination for employment.

Kentucky Vets tool Kit

Designed to tool Kentucky veterans to a successful long term career pathway. This tool kit will aid a veteran no matter their starting point. Whether their desire is to update their resume, effectively seek employment, or improve their workforce skills, the veteran will have the resources they need to reach their career goal! To join the database and request employment assistance - Call or email Kelli at 502-564-9203, kelli.carter@ky.gov. To check out the tool kit go to [http://veterans.ky.gov/employmentinfo/Documents/KY%20VETS%20Job Seeker Resources .pdf](http://veterans.ky.gov/employmentinfo/Documents/KY%20VETS%20Job%20Seeker%20Resources.pdf)

Military MOS/Rate Converter

Go to <https://www.mynextmove.org/vets/find/military> to translate your MOS or military rating to a Civilian Job Market career position.

Learn more about the State of Kentucky Veteran Employment Programs. at <http://veterans.ky.gov/employmentinfo>

Education Benefits

Tuition Waiver Program

A waiver of tuition is an education benefit provided by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in recognition of military service of certain Kentucky veterans. The tuition waiver is provided for children, stepchildren, adopted children, spouses, and unremarried widows & widowers. An approved tuition waiver means a student may attend any two-year, four-year schools or vocational technical schools that are operated and funded by the Kentucky Department of Education. Tuition Waiver requires that the veteran be a Kentucky resident. A deceased veteran must have been a Kentucky resident at the time of death. The applicant need not be a Kentucky resident. Applicant forms at <https://veterans.ky.gov/Documents/April%202020%20TW%20Application.pdf> must be completed and sent to Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Tuition Waiver Coordinator, 1111 Louisville Rd., Suite B, Frankfort, KY 40601 or call (502)782-5734 or (502) 564-9203 or FAX to (502) 912-8985 or email KDVA.tuitionwaiver@ky.gov along with required documentation. You may qualify if one of the following is true of the veteran:

- Died on active duty.
- Died as a direct result of a service connected disability as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 100% service connected disabled.

- Totally disabled (non-service connected) with wartime service.
- Upon the death of any veteran who served during a wartime period.

Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship Awards

Students who attend high school out-of-state while a parent or guardian is serving in the military and who maintains Kentucky as the home-of-record are qualified for Kentucky educational excellence scholarship awards.

High School Diploma Program

Kentucky's High School Diploma Program allows veterans who left school to enroll in the military and served during the World War II, Korea and Vietnam conflicts to receive an official high school diploma from their school. Since beginning in 2002, the program has proven highly popular and deeply moving for the veterans and their families. To apply go to <http://veterans.ky.gov/otherprograms/Documents/High%20School%20Diploma%20for%20Veterans/Fillable%20High%20School%20Diploma%20Application.pdf> to complete the Application Form and send it to KDVA along with a copy (not the original) of the veteran's discharge papers that show he/she entered the service during WWII or the Korean War. These items should be sent to: Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, 1111 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 Phone: (502) 564-9203/(800) 572-6245 FAX: (502) 564-9240.

Campus Outreach to Kentucky Veterans

Most Kentucky colleges and universities have special programs and staff to help veterans get financial assistance and other help in making the transition back to school. Ask your school counselor about the veterans outreach program, or click on the links below:

- [University of Pikeville Veteran Support Services](#)
- [Veterans Resource Station at Northern Kentucky University](#)
- [Kentucky Community and Technical College System](#)
- [Operation VetSuccess at Eastern Kentucky University](#)
- [Veterans Services at Morehead State University](#)
- [Veterans Program at the University of Louisville](#)
- [Veterans Program at the University of Kentucky](#)
- [Kentucky State University Veterans Affairs](#)
- [Eastern Kentucky University Veterans Affairs](#)
- [Western Kentucky University Veterans Upward Bound](#)
- [Murray State University Student Affairs/Veteran Affairs](#)

Student Veterans of America

Student Veterans of America has chapters on 16 campuses in Kentucky. For additional info refer to <https://www.facebook.com/KentuckySVA> .

Recreation

Hunting, Trapping, or Fishing Licenses

Kentucky veterans with 50% or more service connected disability are authorized a discounted license. Kentucky residents home on leave can fish for free without a license. For license and permit fees refer to <https://fw.ky.gov/Licenses/Pages/Fees.aspx>

Kentucky State Parks

Kentucky resident veterans who are permanently and totally disabled pay no overnight accommodation fees at any state park.

Driver and Vehicle Licensing

Driver Licenses

Driver licensing services offered by the Office of Circuit Court Clerk in each county will gradually transfer to the Transportation Cabinet's new network of Driver Licensing Regional Offices by June 30, 2022. The new licensing model offers more options and modern services, such as online appointment scheduling, your choice of a four or eight-year license, REAL ID licenses, and coming soon - online license renewal (for cardholders whose name and address haven't changed). Once your county's Office of the Circuit Court Clerk stops providing driver licensing services, you will need to visit a Driver Licensing Regional Office to request, renew or replace a driving or identity credential. You may visit **any** regional office, located in select counties across the state. Kentucky State Police will continue to oversee all written and road testing. The renewal fee for a standard class D operator license is \$20.00. \$A 40.00 reinstatement/re-licensing fee may be required any time your driving privilege is suspended.

- To see if your local Circuit Clerk Office is still providing driver services, click [here](#).
- KYTC Driver Licensing Regional Offices are open to residents of **ANY** county. To schedule an appointment, click [here](#).

Military Personnel

- Kentucky residents currently serving in the United States military who are stationed or assigned to a base or other location outside the boundaries of the Commonwealth may renew a Class D operator's license by mail. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office in the Kentucky county of residence for an application and instructions.
- If a Kentucky resident has been serving in the United States military and has allowed their operator's license to expire, they shall, within 90 days of returning to the Commonwealth, be permitted to renew their license without having to take a written test or road test.

- A Kentucky resident serving in the United States military who does not renew their expired license within 90 days of returning to the Commonwealth shall be required to comply with all procedures of renewing a license that has expired.

REAL ID Act

In May 2023, standard licenses will no longer meet federal REAL ID Act requirements for Kentuckians to board U.S. domestic flights or enter select federal facilities. New security standards for identity credentials were recommended by the 9/11 Commission to prevent the fraudulent use and reproduction of licenses and IDs. At <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id/real-id-faqs> are Frequently Asked Questions from the Department of Homeland Security regarding the REAL ID Act.

Special Military-related License Plates



Kentucky veterans may qualify for special license plates based on their service or affiliation. For information on how to obtain plates, their cost, and the eligibility requirements for each of the below refer to <https://secure.kentucky.gov/kytc/plates/web/LicensePlate/Index/59f1997c-745d-4358-b475-5eb5b03fcefc#plateAnchor> for vehicles. For motorcycles refer to <https://secure.kentucky.gov/kytc/plates/web/LicensePlate/Index/59f1997c-745d-4358-b475-5eb5b03fcefc#648e5d61-5f99-4e7c-b7b1-0426f6504aea>.

- Air Force Academy License Plate Air Force Academy Available to renew online
- Air Force Cross License Plate Air Force Cross Available to renew online
- Air Force Veteran License Plate Air Force Veteran Available to renew online
- Army Cross License Plate Army Cross Available to renew online
- Army Veteran License Plate Army Veteran Available to renew online
- Bronze Star with Valor Device License Plate Bronze Star with Valor Device Available to renew online
- Civil Air Patrol License Plate Civil Air Patrol Available to renew online
- Coast Guard Academy License Plate Coast Guard Academy Available to renew online
- Coast Guard Veteran License Plate Coast Guard Veteran Available to renew online
- Gold Star Daughter License Plate Gold Star Daughter Available to renew online
- Gold Star Father License Plate Gold Star Father Available to renew online
- Gold Star Mother License Plate Gold Star Mother Available to renew online
- Gold Star Sibling License Plate Gold Star Sibling Available to renew online

- Gold Star Son License Plate Gold Star Son Available to renew online
- Gold Star Spouse License Plate Gold Star Spouse Available to renew online
- Marine Veteran License Plate Marine Veteran Available to renew online
- Medal of Honor License Plate Medal of Honor Available to renew online
- Merchant Marine Academy License Plate Merchant Marine Academy Available to renew online
- Military Academy License Plate Military Academy Available to renew online
- National Guard License Plate National Guard Available to renew online
- Naval Academy License Plate Naval Academy Available to renew online
- Navy Cross License Plate Navy Cross Available to renew online
- Navy Veteran License Plate Navy Veteran Available to renew online
- Pearl Harbor License Plate Pearl Harbor Available to renew online
- Prisoner of War License Plate Prisoner of War Available to renew online
- Purple Heart License Plate Purple Heart Available to renew online
- Silver Star Medal License Plate Silver Star Medal Available to renew online

Burial

State Veterans Cemeteries Burial in a state veteran's cemetery is based on military service. The eligibility criteria is the same criteria for burial in VA national cemeteries. Any Kentucky resident veteran or any veteran who was stationed in Kentucky is eligible for burial. There is no fee. Internment applications can be downloaded at:

- <http://veterans.ky.gov/cemeteries/Documents/KVCW%20eligibility%20ap%20June%202014.pdf> .
- <http://veterans.ky.gov/cemeteries/Documents/IndigentVeteranBurialApplication.pdf> .

Services - Total interment services include:

- Furnishing grave or columbarium space
- Opening and closing the grave
- Providing the interment site with perpetual care
- Supplying a suitable marker or headstone
- Furnishing an optional concrete grave liner for all casketed burials

Kentucky's State Veterans Cemeteries are open to the public 24 hours, seven days a week. Normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, not including state holidays. Interments take place on non-holiday weekdays only. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays are reserved for families and loved ones of those interred to visit in peace and quiet. As of JAN 2021

there were 16,000 Veterans and dependents interred at all five state veterans since the first one opened in 2004. Total Includes 12,357 Veterans, 26 KIA from Iraq/Afghanistan

Burial Honors

- KDVA helps implement and assist Veterans Service Organizations with Burial Honors Programs.
- For contact info to arrange for burial honors by service for Kentucky counties refer to <http://veterans.ky.gov/cemeteries/Documents/Burial%20Honors/BurialHonorsContactList.pdf>.
- Any Veterans Service Organization seeking a stipend for providing honors should call our Burial Honors Program Coordinator at (888) 724-7683. Go to <http://veterans.ky.gov/cemeteries/Documents/Burial%20Honors/BurialHonorsStipendrequestJan2012.pdf> to obtain a Stipend Request Form.
- Certification of Veterans Service Organizations performing Burial Honors by the National Guard, Ft. Knox or Ft. Campbell has been suspended as a result of operational requirements brought about by current world events.

Veteran Cemetery Locations

- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, 5817 Fort Campbell Boulevard, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 Tel: 270-889-6106 | Fax: 270-889-6109 | Email: kdva.kvcw@ky.gov



- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, 2501 North Dixie Boulevard, Radcliff, KY 40160 Tel: 270-351-5115 | Fax: 270-351-5445 | Email: charles.heater@ky.gov



- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North, 205 Eibeck Lane, Williamstown, KY 41097 Tel: 859-823-0720 | Fax: 859-824-0324 | Email: kdva.kvcn@ky.gov



- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Northeast, 100 Veterans Memorial Drive, Greenup County, Kentucky 41143 Tel: 606-929-5354 | Fax: 606-929-5347 | Email: kdva.kvcne@ky.gov □
 Kentucky Veterans Cemetery South East, 1280 KY Highway 118, Hyden, KY 41749 Tel: 606 672-2750 | Email: Vaughda.Wooten@ky.gov



- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Southeast, 1280 KY Highway 118 (Tim Couch Pass) Hyden, KY 41749 Phone: 606 672-2750 | Email: Vaughda.Wooten@ky.gov



Visit the Kentucky Dept. of Veterans' Affairs website <http://veterans.ky.gov> for more information on burials or contact them at KDVA Headquarters, 1111B Louisville Rd, Frankfort, KY 40601 Tel: (502) 564-9203 | (800) 572-6245 | Fax: (502) 564-9240.

Taxation

Sales Tax

- Statewide: 6.0%
- Counties cannot levy an additional sales tax.
- Common Exceptions at State Level:
 - Prescription Medicine: Exempt
 - Unprepared Foods: Exempt
- Gasoline Tax: 44.40 cents/gallon (Includes all state, local, and federal taxes)
- Diesel Fuel Tax: 47.40 cents/gallon (Includes all state, local, and federal taxes)
- Cigarette Tax: 1.10 cents/pack of 20

Personal Income Tax

- Personal Income Tax Rate Range: 5.0%
- Standard deduction, Single Filing Status: \$2,690. Married Filing Jointly: \$5,380
- Personal Exemption Allowance: N/A
- Itemized Deductions Allowed?: Yes, subject to limitations
- Retirement Income
 - Social Security: Exempt
 - IRAs: Taxable at ordinary income tax rates*
 - 401Ks/Defined contribution employer retirement plans: Taxable at ordinary income tax rates*
 - Private pensions: Taxable at ordinary income tax rates*
 - Public Pensions: Taxable at ordinary income tax rates*
- Military Pay
 - Active Duty Pay: Exempt.
 - Military Retirement Pay: Taxable at ordinary income tax rates*
 - Military Disability Pay: Exempt
 - VA Disability Dependency & Indemnity Compensation Benefits: Exempt
 - SBP/SSBP/RCSBP/RSFPP: Taxable at ordinary income tax rates

Income Tax Comments: *Retirement pay is exempt if taxpayer retired in 1997 or before. After 1997, \$31,110 of retirement and annuity is exempt. Additional exclusions may be available. State allows county- and city-level income tax. Some municipalities charge payroll taxes, income taxes, or interest and dividend taxes.

Property Tax

- Local municipalities average .86% of the property's assessed value.
- Calculation of assessed value: 100% of fair market value; inspected no less than every four years
- Relief programs for:

- 65 and over or Disabled: \$40,500 of assessed value may be exempt
- Personal Property Tax: Yes. Rates and exemptions vary.

Inheritance & Estate Taxes: There is an inheritance tax of up to 16%, but most family members are exempt. There is no estate tax.

Department of Revenue website: www.revenue.ky.gov

Women Veterans

Women Veterans Program

The mission of the program is to ensure Kentucky's women veterans have equitable access to federal and state veterans' services and benefits. The program provides assistance to women who served in the United States Armed Forces or in forces incorporated as part of the United States Armed Forces and who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. The Women Veterans Coordinator for the Commonwealth collaborates with federal, state, and local agencies on issues related to women veterans; performs outreach to improve awareness of eligibility for services and benefits; assesses the needs of women veterans with respect to benefits and services; makes recommendations to the commissioner to improve benefits and services; and incorporates women veterans' issues in strategic planning concerning benefits and services.



Do you know your Veteran status? Do you have a Veteran ID card? Should you receive any benefits from VA, like the GI Bill? Do you know what health care benefits you have earned? If you do not know the answer to even one of these questions, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has established the Women Veterans Call Center (WVCC) just for you at 1-855-829-6636. The WVCC staff is trained to provide women Veterans, their families, and caregivers with VA services and resources. We are ready to respond to your concerns. The call is free, and you can call as often as you like until you have the answers to your questions. The Call Center is available Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. ET, and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. ET. Call, Chat, or Text Now Available.

If you have questions, concerns, or wish to participate in our efforts to assist and recognize Kentucky's Women Veterans, [click here](#), or call or email KDVA's Women Veterans Program, 502-564-9203.

Kentucky Women Veterans Database

The Women Veterans Coordinator maintains a database of women veterans in Kentucky, and a list of email addresses for women veterans. These databases include only those women veterans who have volunteered their information to KDVA. This information in these databases is strictly confidential. Both databases are used to distribute information of interest to women veterans, including resources and coming events.

Our goal is to create a strong network of women veterans in Kentucky, for which we need to reach at least 50 percent of the women veterans in the state. If you are a woman with military service, or know a woman with military service, call or email KDVA's [Women Veterans Program](#), 502-564-9203, and become part of the growing network of Kentucky Women Veterans. Please include the following information about the women veteran: Name, Address, City, Zip Code, Phone Number, Email, Branch of Service, Dates of Service and Rank/Grade.

Other State Veteran Benefits

VA Benefits Handbook

The Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors Handbook can be accessed online https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book/2019_Federal_Benefits_for_Veterans_Dependents_and_survivors.pdf.

Homeless Veterans Program

VA has created a national hotline for homeless Veterans - 1-877-424-3838 which is staffed around the clock, seven days a week. Responders can help callers find food, shelter, clothing and other assistance for homeless Veterans.

Helping Homeless Veterans

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs has a Homeless Veterans Trust Fund that can provide financial assistance to persons who served in the United States Armed Forces who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Qualifying applicants must meet the income restrictions and show immediate need in the form of an eviction notice or utility disconnect. For more information or to start the application process contact Eileen Ward at eileen.ward@ky.gov or call 502-352-3120. [Application for Financial Assistance](#).

SHELTERS AND EMERGENCY HOUSING IN KENTUCKY

Louisville Area

- The Salvation Army in Louisville opened a 28-bed Transitional Housing facility for men. The program connects men with case management to increase employment and training

towards employment as well as other support services at 911 S. Brook St, Louisville, KY 40202 (502) 625-1170

- Wayside Christian Mission offer 10 beds to immediately transitionally house homeless veterans. One of the unique and important features of this agency regards the ability to provide housing to women veterans and veterans with families. Wayside has six apartments for women and veterans with families to help ensure the family stability at 432 East Jefferson Street, Louisville, KY 40202 (502) 584-3711 <http://www.waysidechristianmission.org>.
- St. Vincent DePaul in Louisville provides 20 beds through the Grant & Per Diem for homeless veterans at 1034 S. Jackson St., Louisville, KY 40203 (502) 584-2480, Extension 241. www.svdplou.org. The facility offers individual rooms for greater privacy, All the facilities offer, in addition to rooms and regular meals, multiple services including:
 - Drug and alcohol abuse counseling
 - Education referrals
 - Employment and job training referrals
 - Assistance with permanent housing

Lexington Area

- Kentucky St. James Place apartments in Lexington provides one of the more unique transitional housing options in the state with all 38 efficiency apartment units for homeless veterans fully occupied. These units receive support from the USDVA Homeless Veterans Grant & Per Diem Program. Because each unit is complete with kitchen and private bath males and females use this facility at St. James Place Apartments, 169 Deweese Street, Lexington KY 40507 859-252-6642 <http://www.saintjamesplace.org/home.html> .
- The Hope Center in Lexington provides 30 beds to homeless male veterans who need help with a substance abuse problem. The new facility is beautifully designed and a great asset to the community at 360 West Loudon Avenue, Lexington, KY 40508 (859) 252-7881 <http://www.hopectr.org>

Eastern Kentucky

Mountain Comprehensive Care Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing is a 25-bed facility for men. It provides Therapeutic Rehabilitation for mental illness, case management, substance abuse treatment, peer support and mental health therapy and/or counseling on site. Mt. Comp Care also operates a Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, which helps homeless veterans find jobs. This program covers all of eastern KY (including as far east as Clark and Madison Counties.) at 152 Douglas Parkway, Pikeville, KY 41501 Contact: John Shaver (606) 639-3178 www.mtcomp.org .

Western Kentucky

Pennyroyal Center for Homeless Veterans provides transitional housing with therapeutic services for male veterans experiencing homelessness. The facility can accommodate up to 50 veterans in its 25 semi-private rooms at 506 Boales St, Hopkinsville KY 42240 (270) -887-5099

Northern Kentucky

The Brighton Recovery Center for Women, in Florence, is a long-term recovery center for women battling drug and alcohol addiction. Five (5) beds are dedicated to homeless female veterans who need help with their substance abuse problem at 375 Weaver Road, Florence, Kentucky 41042 859-292-5491

Military Records.

Go to <http://veterans.ky.gov/Documents/FillableMilitaryRecordsRequestForm.pdf> and submit request form

Veteran Service Organizations

Locate via <http://veterans.ky.gov/Pages/HidPages/VSOs.aspx>

Medical Appointment Transportation

Go to <http://transportation.ky.gov/vetconnect/Pages/default.aspx> or call 1-855-838-4646 (1-855 VetGoGo) to locate free transportation to veteran medical appointments or public transportation schedules and fees.

How to Q&A

Go to <https://veterans.ky.gov/Pages/FAQ.aspx>

Veterans Treatment Courts

Veterans Treatment Courts are now operating in both Jefferson and Fayette Counties. These specialized courts focus on the unique needs of veterans with substance abuse and mental health problems. The Administrative Office of the Courts is working with the local Drug Court, county attorney, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and social service agencies in each county.

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For contact information and benefits assistance visit the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs website at <http://veterans.ky.gov> . For additional info on federal veteran benefits you can also refer to Military.com's <https://www.military.com/topics/veteran-benefits> and may want to check out <https://www.moaa.org/content/state-report-card/statereportcard> for current issues affecting veterans residing in Kentucky. If emergency assistance is needed call the 24 Hour Veterans Crisis Line at 800-273-8255 and Press 1. [Source: <http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-benefits/kentucky-state-veterans-benefits> & <http://veterans.ky.gov> | June 2021 ++]