# North Dakota State Veteran's Benefits



# 2019

The state of North Dakota provides several veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

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# **Housing Benefits**

**Veterans Home.** The North Dakota Veterans Home was established to provide service to an eligible veteran who is:

- A bona fide resident of North Dakota for at least 30 days; or
- Served in a North Dakota regiment (activated N. D. National Guard); or
- Entered the Armed Forces as a North Dakota resident; or
- Is the spouse or surviving spouse of one of the above veterans.

#### **Admission Criteria:**

- No veteran may be considered eligible for residency whose last period of service in the armed services was terminated under dishonorable conditions.
- No veteran may be admitted to the Veterans Home that has been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, without producing sufficient evidence of subsequent good conduct and reformation of character so as to satisfactory to the board of admissions.
- The Basic Care Unit requires that potential residents have total independence with personal care
  needs; such as, bathing, dressing, eating, ambulating (walking), toileting, transferring, etc. NDVH
  is unable to accept residents who are receiving dialysis treatment. NDVH requires that applicants

who have a diagnosis of alcohol or substance abuse have nine to twelve months of documented sobriety before being accepted to NDVH. If the potential resident has a mental health condition it must be stabilized at the time of admission.

• The Skilled Care Unit requires that a potential resident meet the North Dakota criteria for nursing home placement.

In May 2011 the NDVH moved into their new facility offering two levels of care (basic & skilled) to meet the individual needs of residents. It is a state of the art Veterans Home located in Lisbon, North Dakota designed in the household/neighborhood concept. The new home focuses on individual households designed for 12-13 residents. There are two pods with four households per pod. The facility has 142 private rooms and 4 semi-private rooms, each room with its own private bathroom. The household centers around a large living room area, open kitchen and dining area. Each household looks and feels like a home, with few medical signposts. The Basic Care Unit has 111 beds.

The Skilled Care Unit (Nursing Home Care) is the unit in which the Resident requires ongoing nursing supervision and/or assistance in one or all areas of physical needs and activities of daily living. Care in this area ranges from total assistance in all care needs to supervision of one or two care needs, depending upon the resident's capabilities. Medical care is available on a regular and frequent, but not continuous, basis. The North Dakota Veterans Home Skilled Unit (Nursing Home Care) is a licensed Medicare/Medicaid provider. It has 38 skilled nursing beds.

#### Other features of the home include --

- Geothermal heat
- Built in patient lifts for skilled nursing
- Family visiting rooms
- Main street area with a barber shop, library, pool room, bank and post office
- Expanded therapy room
- Sally port
- Nursing Services & Restorative Therapy
- Dietary
- Activities
- Laundry & Housekeeping
- Maintenance
- Social Services
- Transportation
- Barber/Hairdresser: Barber and Hairdressing services are offered on a weekly basis
- Mail Delivery: Each resident has mail delivered to an individual locked mailbox
- Pastoral Services: Pastoral Services are offered to meet residents spiritual needs
- Resident Council: Resident Council meetings are held to ensure that resident concerns are addressed
- Work Therapy Program: Residents who are capable of working may do so under supervision and receive minimum wage pay
- Volunteer Ombudsmen Program: The NDVH ombudsmen may assist residents with any complaints, concerns or resident rights issues. He may also refer residents to the Region ombudsmen

**Amenities of the home include**: Pool Room, Libraries, Computers, Internet Access, Family/Visitor Lounges, Hobby Area, Town Hall. Theater, Chapel, Exercise Room, Gazebo, Free popcorn, Free coffee, Pop machines, Wheelchair Accessible Van, Barber Shop and Beauty Shop, Museum, Moffit Park, Bank, Post Office, Resident Parking Spaces, and 50's Sitting Area

#### **Application Forms for Admission**

- 1. <u>Application Form</u> (183kb pdf) Please specify on application basic or skilled unit and complete the form thoroughly; otherwise you will not be considered for admission.
- 2. <u>Medical Certificate-VA Form 10-10SH</u> (583kb pdf) this form may also be obtained from a County Veterans Service Officer.
- 3. <u>Discharge Certificate of Service</u> from the last period of service in the Armed Services (DD 214).
- 4. Certification of residency must be completed.
- 5. <u>Criminal History Record Information form</u> (113kb pdf) this must be signed by the applicant and processed prior to Admission.
- 6. Authorization to Disclose Information Blank (148kb pdf)
- 7. Authorization to disclose information for VA (148kb pdf)



North Dakota Veterans Home, 1600 Veterans Dr., Lisbon, ND 58054-0673 Tel: (701) 683-6500/6550F Email: ndvh@nd.gov

Learn more about the North Dakota Veterans Homes at <a href="http://www.nd.gov/ndvh">http://www.nd.gov/ndvh</a>. Call 701-683-6540 to schedule a tour,

# **Financial Benefits**

#### **Income Taxes**

National Guard & Reserve pay for federally mobilized members is tax-free.

## **Retired Military Pay**

HB 1053 passed the 66th legislative session in 2019 exempting 100% of military retirement pay from ND State Income tax. Tax exemption begins for taxable year ending 12/31/2019. NDCC 57-38-30.3 (2) (s)

reads Reduced by the amount received by a taxpayer as retired military personnel benefits, including retired military personnel benefits paid to the surviving spouse of a deceased retired member of the armed forces of the United States, a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, or the national guard, but only to the extent the amount was included in federal taxable income.

Military retirees should go to: <a href="www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary">www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary</a> to change their North Dakota income tax withholding to zero. For additional tax filing requirements and other information for military service members, taxpayers may go to <a href="www.nd.gov/tax/military">www.nd.gov/tax/military</a>.

#### **Hardship Grant**

Available for veterans, their spouses and unremarried surviving spouses. You must have an emergency need of dental work, glasses, hearing aids, transportation for medical treatment, or other needs approved by the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs.

#### **PTSD Grant**

North Dakota Veterans suffering from PTSD can get a grant to help afford a PTSD service dog. You must be a North Dakota resident, have a diagnosis of PTSD, be engaged in counseling or therapy and have a doctor's recommendation for a PTSD Service Dog.

#### **Property Tax Deduction**

Honorably discharged veterans with a VA disability of at least 50 percent are eligible for a deduction of \$6,750 of their home's taxable valuation. Unremarried surviving spouses are also eligible.

The home of a permanently and totally disabled veteran who is either paraplegic or permanently confined to a wheelchair is exempt from the first \$120,000 of valuation for property taxes. This also applies to the unremarried surviving spouse.

#### How to apply:

- o Provide a copy of the DD Form 214 showing veteran's honorable discharge from active military service if claiming exemption for first time. Requesting a copy of your DD214.
- O Provide a certificate from the Department of Veterans Affairs certifying to the percentage of service-connected disability when claiming exemption for the first time, or if the veteran receives a change in the percentage of certified rated service-connected disability. Contact your Veteran Service Officer. You can also get a letter from the VA by calling 1-800-827-1000 and ask for a property tax letter. This letter will be sent directly to the Veteran.
- o Complete Application form. Can be completed online and printed.
- Submit required documents to your Tax assessor/ Tax equalization office by February 1 when applying for first time, when your disability rating changes, and when requested to do so there after. Your County may or may not require annual applications be submitted. Find your county assessor Tax equalization office

# Senior Citizen or Permanently And Totally Disabled Renter's Property Tax Refund

Any person 65 years of age or older with an income of \$42,000 or less per year from all sources, including the income of any person dependent upon him or her, may qualify for a renter's property tax refund up to a maximum of \$400.

Any person, regardless of age, who is permanently and totally disabled, with an income of \$42,000 or less per year, may also qualify for a renter's refund. A physician's certificate or written determination of disability from the Social Security Administration must accompany only the first application. Renters must file an application for a refund with the Office of State Tax Commissioner before 1 JUN following the year for which the refund is claimed. Applications must be sent to: Office of State Tax Commissioner, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 127, Bismarck, ND 58505-0599. A fillable form with instructions can be found at the ND Tax Department website. Visit the ND Tax Department website for more information on the Homestead Credit Act.

## **Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption**

Up to 2 vehicles exempt from Excise tax for a 100% disabled Veteran. Spouse eligible to maintain one vehicle

# **Education Benefits**

### **Veterans Educational Training (VET)**

Available to honorably discharged North Dakota veterans, VET is a free program of study funded by the state of North Dakota to prepare you for a certification program, two-year or four-year college degree. The program provides refresher training, as well as training in English, computers, math, and study skills.

#### **Dependent Tuition Waiver**

Available to dependents of resident veterans who were killed in action or died from wounds or other service-connected causes, or were totally disabled as a result of service-connected causes. The dependent can attend any North Dakota state school and not pay any tuition or fees. The dependent must earn a degree or certificate within 45 months or 10 semesters.

#### Sanford Health Military and Veteran Scholarship

Sanford Health is accepting applications for four \$5,000 scholarships awarded annually to veterans, Guard/Reserve members or active duty military service members who have demonstrated leadership and commitment in their community. The Sanford Health Military and Veteran Scholarship honors those who have furthered their own progress and enriched the lives of others, especially in service, academics and community involvement. Interested students should download and complete the <u>application</u>, which is due Aug. 31.

Applicants must be a veteran, Guard/Reserve or active-duty military service member and a full-time student pursing a bachelor's, graduate or professional degree from an accredited U.S.-based institution of higher education. They must also have at least one full year of education remaining. The scholarship is administered by the Sanford Health Department of Veterans and Military Services and was created as part of the health system's efforts to serve veterans and military personnel through patient care, employment opportunities and community outreach. Sanford Health launched the scholarship program in 2018, handing out awards to students at Augustana University, Dakota Wesleyan University, North Dakota State University and the University of Mary.

# **Veteran Recreation Benefits**

#### ND State Park Fees For Disabled Veterans

North Dakota veterans with a 50 percent or greater VA disability and former POWs are eligible for a free annual permit. All other North Dakota veterans with service related disabilities are eligible to receive an annual permit for \$20.

#### **Disabled Veteran Game License**

North Dakota resident 100 percent disabled veterans can get a combined general game, habitat stamp, small game, and fur-bearer license for \$3.00, with an additional \$1.00 fee to purchase the resident certificate.

### **Disabled Veteran Fishing License**

North Dakota resident 50 percent or greater disabled veterans can get a fishing license for \$5.00 (plus a \$1.00 fee to purchase the certificate).

#### **Active Duty Hunting & Fishing**

North Dakota residents on active duty can hunt and fish without a license while on leave.

# **Other State Veteran Benefits**

#### **North Dakota Veterans Preference**

Veterans get preference for state employment. North Dakota Veterans' preference criteria are generally a 5 point preference for a veteran and a 10 point preference for a disabled veteran.

## **License Plates**

Distinctive numbered license plates may be issued to individuals eligible for interment in the North Dakota Veterans' Cemetery. The surcharge collected will be divided between the Veterans' Cemetery Trust Fund and the Veterans' Cemetery Maintenance Fund. In addition the following specialty plates are available to qualifying veterans:



To be eligible the Veteran's Affairs Office must certify the applicant was a Prisoner of War. Complete, sign and return form SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title form with the certification letter and annual \$5.00 license fee. Qualified veterans are eligible for one (excise tax) exempt vehicle licensed with a POW license plate at a time. Plates may not be displayed on a vehicle with a gross weight equal to or

exceeding 10,000 lbs. Upon the death of a former prisoner of war, the surviving spouse may elect to retain the POW plates for their own use until such time as they remarry. However, the surviving spouse is not entitled to the special registration rate for former prisoners of war. The surviving spouse must contact the Motor Vehicle Division to determine the correct registration fees due. Within 30 days of remarriage the surviving spouse must surrender the plates to the Motor Vehicle Division. If requested, a free commemorative plaque will be issued by the division as a keepsake for the family.



Individuals eligible for interment in the North Dakota Veterans' Cemetery qualify for the above plates. The SFN 51628 Application for ND Veterans Number Plate form must be completed, signed and returned with appropriate fees. To qualify for a Purple Heart plate the application must also be signed by the County Veterans' Service Officer verifying eligibility. There is an initial fee of \$15.00 (\$5 goes to Veterans Cemetery maintenance fund) to receive the Veterans' Number plates, with an annual fee thereafter of \$10.00 (\$5.00 goes to Veterans Cemetery trust fund and \$5 to Veterans Cemetery maintenance fund). Personalized Veterans' Number plates are an annual fee of \$25.00 in addition to the annual fee of \$10.00 and the yearly license fees.

#### **National Guard**



Distinctive numbered plates may be issued to members of the National Guard. The Adjutant General shall certify those members of the National Guard eligible to receive the plates. You must be a member of the National Guard or retired after 20 years or more of service to be eligible for these plates. A registrant must contact the Adjutant General's office to be assigned a National Guard license plate number. They will issue a form listing the plate number assigned and the individual eligible. SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title form must be completed, signed and returned with the form from the National Guard and the one-time \$5.00 fee. Personalized plates are available with a maximum of four (4) characters (to include spaces) the fees due would be the one time \$5.00 plus the annual personalized plate fee of \$25.00. Check availability of personalized plate Upon termination of the registrant's eligibility, the registrant shall return the distinctive number plates to the Motor Vehicle Division, who shall issue a replacement plate for a fee of \$5.00.

#### **Purple Heart**



Available to those recipients of the Purple Heart award as listed on the DD214 or Certificate. The <u>SFN 51628 Application for ND Veterans Number Plate</u> form must be completed, signed and returned with appropriate fees. To qualify for a Purple Heart plate the application must also be signed by the County Veterans' Service Officer verifying eligibility. There is an initial fee of \$15.00 (\$5 goes to Veterans Cemetery maintenance fund) to receive the Veterans' Number plates, with an annual fee thereafter of \$10.00 (\$5.00 goes to Veterans Cemetery trust fund and \$5 to Veterans Cemetery maintenance fund). Personalized Veterans' Number plates are an annual fee of \$25.00 in addition to the annual fee of \$10.00 and the yearly license fees.

**Gold Star** 



The director (DOT) may issue distinctive number plates to a surviving spouse, parent, including stepmother, stepfather, parent through adoption, and foster parent who stands or stood in loco parentis, grandparents, child, including stepchild and child through adoption, and sibling, including half-brother and half-sister, of a member of the armed forces of the United States who died while serving on active duty during a time of military conflict. Payment of an initial fee of fifteen dollars, of which ten dollars is to be deposited in the highway tax distribution fund and five dollars is to be deposited in the veterans' cemetery maintenance fund. One set of plates may be issued to an eligible family member.

Yellow Ribbon



The Yellow Ribbon "Support our Veterans Plates" Available to the general public through the North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. You do NOT need to be a Veteran to apply for these plates. The fee for the plates is \$25. Of which \$15 will be donated to the North Dakota Veterans Emergency Needs Charitable Fund. See below "Purpose of the fund" to learn more. You will be assessed \$25 when you renew your plates. Your plate renewal date will not change from the date you currently have. You can personalize the plates for an additional \$25 (optional-as with any plate) with up to 5 characters. You will receive a new "expiration date" sticker with your new plates, which will be adjusted to your current plate expiration. Not available for motor cycle plates at this time. Must be a passenger vehicle not exceeding twenty thousand pounds.

### North Dakota State Park Fees

North Dakota veterans with a 50 percent or greater, service-related disability and former POWs are eligible for a free annual permit. All other North Dakota veterans with service related disabilities are eligible to receive an annual permit for \$20.

#### Game License

A resident disabled veteran can get a combined general game, habitat stamp, small game, and fur-bearer license for \$3.00, with an additional \$1.00 fee to purchase the resident certificate. Veterans must have a 100% service-connected disability or have an extra-schedular rating to bring the total ratio to 100%.

## **Fishing License**

\$5.00 (plus a \$1.00 fee to purchase the certificate) for a resident fishing license if a resident disabled veteran has a fifty percent service-connected disability as determined by the Department of Veterans' Affairs or has an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability ratio to fifty percent.

## **Transportation**

The veterans transportation system is designed to aid veterans in transportation to a Veterans Hospital. Currently, there are 5 vans on scheduled routes bringing veterans to Fargo, North Dakota or Miles City, Montana. The cost of this program is underwritten in part by the Post War Trust Fund.

## **North Dakota Veterans Cemetery**

The North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery is located near Mandan. Veterans and their spouses are eligible for burial. There is no charge for the veteran, a small fee is charged for the spouse. You DO NOT have to be a North Dakota resident.

1. Location. The North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery was established by an act of the 1989 Legislative Assembly. The cemetery was opened in July 1992, and is operated by the Adjutant General of North Dakota. It is located 6.5 miles south of Mandan on Highway 1806 on a 35 acre tract of land in the southwest corner of Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park. The Kiosk gravesite locator is available in the foyer of the visitors center. The cemetery office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm., closed weekends and on State Holidays. The cemetery grounds are open twenty four hours a day for grave visitation.



North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, 1825 46th Street, Mandan, ND 58554 Tel: (701) 667-1418/1419F

#### 2. Eligibility for Burial

• Any Veteran of wartime or peacetime service who is eligible for burial in a "National Cemetery", in accordance with VA Publication VA-NCS-IS-1, regardless of state of residency.

- VA-NCA-IS-1 Interments In VA National Cemeteries Present & past National Guard members and present & past members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserve forces. Length of service in the National Guard and Reserve, for enlisted personnel will be completion of at least one term of enlistment and officers who have completed at least four years of service. All military people interred in the cemetery must have received a discharge shown as: "Honorable", "Under Honorable Conditions" or "General". Undesirable, bad conduct, and any type of discharge other than honorable may or may not qualify the individual for burial, depending upon a determination made by the Adjutant General of North Dakota.
- The eligible spouse, widow, or widower of any person listed above. Normally the veteran and spouse (and other eligible dependents of the veteran) will be interred in the same gravesite or an adjoining gravesite, as appropriate.

# 3. Application

- It is not required that you have an application on file at the cemetery. However, the cemetery will accept applications if you so desire.
- To pre-register, complete the application form and submit a copy of your discharge (DD Form 214 or the equivalent) for active duty or the NGB 22 for National Guard and reservists. These documents must verify that you meet the eligibility requirements prior to any interments taking place. The funeral director will contact us to complete final arrangements. Use the application at <a href="http://www.ndguard.ngb.army.mil/benefits/veteranscemetery/applicationforburial/Documents/Application%20for%20Burial%202012.pdf">http://www.ndguard.ngb.army.mil/benefits/veteranscemetery/applicationforburial/Documents/Application%20for%20Burial%202012.pdf</a>
- For veterans with multiple enlistments, it is imperative all discharges are considered. Information on the headstone is taken from the discharges; therefore war service, highest rank earned, significant decoration's and branches of service will reflect what is displayed on the headstone.

#### 4. Burial Cost

- There is no cost to the veteran for burial.
- If a spouse or eligible dependent is to be interred at the cemetery there is a \$550.00 interment fee, subject to change over time. Lot determination is normally the next one available in the area currently being utilized. As in National Cemeteries, only one plot would be used for the veteran, spouse and/or eligible dependent. The first vault would be placed at a depth sufficient to accommodate additional vaults. A basic grave liner is required, but can be up graded to a vault through the funeral homes. The grave liner or vaults are purchased thorough the funeral home, they are not provided by the cemetery. There is no vault requirement for cremated remains, whatever urn or container provided will be placed directly into the grave.

### 5. Veterans Cemetery Headstones

- Every grave will be marked with an upright granite headstone at no cost to the veteran, non-military spouse, eligible dependents, and National Guard and Reserve retirees.
- National Guard and Reserve members with less than 20 years of service and are not on active
  duty at the time of their death are required to purchase the headstone through the cemetery.
  Contact the cemetery for current pricing.
- 6. Cemetery Regulations regarding placement of items on graves:

- FRESH CUT FLOWERS. Fresh cut flowers may be placed on graves at any time. Only temporary flower containers are permitted. Floral items will be removed from graves when they become faded or unsightly.
- ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS. Artificial flowers may be placed on graves during the period of October 15th to the 10th day following Memorial Day.
- CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. Christmas wreaths or blankets are permitted on graves during the Christmas season commencing 1 December and will be removed by caretakers on 1 February each year.
- PERMANENT PLANTINGS. Permanent plantings will not be permitted on graves at any time. Potted plants will be permitted on graves during the period 10 days before and 10 days after Easter Sunday and Memorial Day.
- COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS. Statues, vigil lights, glass objects of any nature or any other commemorative items are not permitted on the graves at any time. All graves will be decorated on Memorial Day by the cemetery staff with 8"x12" United States Flags. U.S. Flags are not permitted on graves at any other time.
- REMOVAL OF DECORATIVE ITEMS. During lawn mowing and ground maintenance season all floral items will be removed from graves when that section of the cemetery requires mowing or other maintenance.
- 7. Additional info. Go to <a href="www.ndguard.ngb.army.mil/benefits/veteranscemetery/Pages/default.aspx">www.ndguard.ngb.army.mil/benefits/veteranscemetery/Pages/default.aspx</a> to learn more about the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

#### **North Dakota Veterans Court**

To best accommodate North Dakota's large geographic size and vast rural areas a "Virtual, Rural Veterans Court" has been implemented to serve our returning Veterans. The main components and process of the ND Virtual Rural Veterans Court are:

- Identification of Veterans: Identify justice involved veterans
- Connect with services: Connect Justice involved veterans with VA Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator (VJO)
- Develop plan: Veteran, VJO and legal counsel determine eligibility and best potential options
- Agree to plan: VJO works with VA providers, Judge, Veteran, Defense and prosecuting attorneys to agree on a plan of action.
- Act on Plan: If plan is agreed on Veteran moves through the process. Two of the most commonly used approaches are...
  - O Allow the veteran to be released with or without bail to gain the needed behavior treatment needed. Then return to court to have a trial.
  - Veteran agrees to plead guilty to charges or lessor charges. Sentencing is deferred until a later date. Veteran attends treatment programs as agreed upon by all stakeholders.

The ND Veterans Treatment Court is not a "Get out of Jail" free card. It is an opportunity for our veterans to get the much needed treatments they deserve and a chance from them to get past their issues and return to their community as a productive member of our society. The ND Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator contact info is: Jennifer Kimball Walter LICSW, Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator, Fargo VA Medical Center, 2101 Elm St. N,. Fargo, ND 58102 Tel: (701) 239-3700 ext 4568 Email: Jennifer.KimballWalter@va.gov.

#### **Veterans Hospital Transportation Program**

VA Vans are provided by a multi organizational effort. The vans are purchased by the ND Department of Veterans Affairs and funds from the Columbia Trust which is operated by the DAV. The vans are then donated to the VAHCS who provide funding for the van maintenance, fuel, license and insurance. The VAHCS then place the vans with County Veteran Service Offices in North Dakota who provide volunteer drivers and coordinate the van trips to the VAHCS in Fargo and Ft. Meade SD.

- The DAV/VA vans transport veterans to and from VA medical facilities
- The rides are free for Veterans
- Van routes are established and vans are not allowed to deviate from these routes
- Family is not allowed to ride with veteran exceptions for required "care-giver"
- Travel eligibility is not required to utilize the DAV/VA vans
- VA will not pay travel pay to veterans using the DAV/VA vans (using DAV/VA van and submitting travel voucher could be considered Fraud)
- DAV/VA vans do not have wheelchair accessibility
- Vans only make scheduled stops

Contact your local CVSO to check on van ride availability and schedule a ride

Van Routes

2019 Bismarck Van Schedule

2019 Stanley/Minot Van Schedule - color

Pembina Pickup Points

Stanley / Minot Pickup Points

2019 Golden Valley Van Schedule

2019 Pembina Schedule

2019 Stanley / Minot Schedule

Wahpeton Pickup Points

2019 Wahpeton Schedule

#### **Dreams for Veterans**

<u>Dreams for Veterans</u> serves our nation's heroes by giving back to terminally ill veterans and their families through the fulfillment of a final wish. Final wishes range from basic need items (like a working appliance or mobility scooter) to bedside reunions, final vacations with family, "meet and greets" with personal heroes or reconnecting with aspects of former military service. A dream not only serves the recipient, but also brings comfort and peace to caregivers, loved ones, hospice professionals, veterans affairs and service officers, and all those they serve in communities across the nation. The program serves veterans in all 50 states and partner with America's hospice professionals, veterans affairs and service administrators to meet the unique needs of our nation's veterans. It is a program of Dream Foundation, which has served 20,000 final dreams since 1994.

Dream recipients are U.S. military veterans 18 years of age or older with a life threatening illness and a life expectancy of 12 months or less. Contact <a href="mailto:kristy@dreamfoundation.org">kristy@dreamfoundation.org</a> to receive an application, Refer to <a href="http://www.nd.gov/veterans/benefits/dreams-veterans">http://www.nd.gov/veterans/benefits/dreams-veterans</a> to review the types of dreams the program does not cover.

#### Payment of Adjusted Compensation (Veteran's Bonus)

- 1) Each National Guard or Reserve Component resident veteran mobilized stateside (Title 10) is eligible for \$50 for each month or major fraction thereof for state-side duty or mobilization trainup.
- 2) Each National Guard, Reserve, or Active Component resident veteran of Foreign Service who was activated under Title 10 orders is eligible for
  - i) \$100 for each month or major fraction thereof if receiving hazardous duty pay, or
  - ii) \$50 per month or major portion thereof if not receiving hazardous duty pay.
- 3) If the veteran received a Purple Heart for Foreign Service, the veteran is entitled to a payment of \$2500 in lieu of the monthly payments.
- 4) If the veteran is deceased, the veteran's beneficiary is entitled to any payments to which the veteran would have been entitled.
- 5) In the case of a veteran who died as a result of active service during the period of service, the beneficiary is entitled to a payment of \$5000 in lieu of the monthly payments.
- 6) Applications for adjusted compensation may be filed with the adjutant general through 30 June 2011, or in the case of mobilization on 30 June 2011, not later than six months after the end of the mobilization period of service.

"RESIDENT" means a veteran who was a bona fide resident of the state of North Dakota at the time of mobilization or, in the case of an active component member, at the time of deployment. "Resident" also includes all mobilized members of the North Dakota National Guard.

Contact the Adjusted Compensation Program Manager, P.O. Box 5511, Bismarck, ND 58506-5511 Tel: Voice (701)333-3008 Fax (701)333-3313 Email ng.nd.ndarng.list.tuition-assistance@mail.mil

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Visit the North Dakota Department of veteran Affairs website <a href="http://www.nd.gov/veterans">http://www.nd.gov/veterans</a> for contact information and benefits assistance

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