

Florida State Veteran Benefits

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The Robert Jenkins, Jr. Assisted Living/Domiciliary Home provides a special combination of housing, personalized supportive services, and incidental medical care to eligible veterans. Veterans admitted must be residents of Florida for one year prior to admission and have an honorable discharge. The cost of care is determined based on income.

Veterans Nursing Homes of Florida

The state of Florida operates six Veterans' nursing homes and one assisted living facility throughout the state. Basic admission requirements for all veterans' nursing homes in Florida include an honorable discharge, Florida residency for one year prior to admission, and certification of need of nursing home care by a VA physician.

Florida Veteran Financial Benefits

Basic Property Tax Exemptions

Resident veterans with VA disability of at least 10 percent can get a \$5,000 deduction on their home's assessed value. The unmarried surviving spouse who had been married to the veteran for at least 5 years may also be entitled to this exemption.

Homestead Exemption

Florida resident veterans with an honorable discharge and are 100 percent permanently and totally disabled as well as quadriplegic veterans are exempt from paying property tax on their residence. Unmarried surviving spouses may also be eligible.

Florida resident veterans who are paraplegic, hemiplegic, or permanently and totally disabled who must use a wheelchair for mobility, or are legally blind, may be exempt from real estate taxation depending on income.

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Florida Veteran Hiring Preference for Government Jobs

Florida state, county, and municipal governments give disabled veterans with an honorable discharge, wartime veterans, spouses and surviving spouses of totally disabled veterans preference in hiring for government jobs.

Florida Veteran Education Benefits

Tuition Waiver

Florida waives undergraduate-level tuition at state universities, community colleges, and career and technical training facilities for Florida recipients of the Purple Heart and higher combat decorations.

Education for Children of Deceased or Disabled Florida Veterans

Florida provides four-year college educational opportunities for dependent children and spouses of veterans who died from a service-connected disability or who are 100% percent service-connected totally and permanently disabled veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. For more information, call toll free (888) 827-2004. Dependent children of service members Missing In Action or Prisoners Of War may also be eligible for tuition benefits.

Florida Veteran Recreation Benefits

State Park Admission

25% discount for annual pass to all state parks for all honorably discharged veterans.

Veterans with service-connected disabilities and their spouses or surviving spouses get a free lifetime pass.

County and Municipal Parks

County and municipal parks offer free or reduced entrance fees to current military members, honorably discharged or disabled veterans and their spouses. Contact your local county or municipality for details.

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Hunting and Fishing License

Active-duty and retired military Florida residents can get a Military Gold Sportsman's License for \$20. The license covers hunting, freshwater and saltwater fishing and a variety of associated permits at a greatly reduced cost.

100% permanently and totally disabled service-connected veterans are entitled to a free five-year hunting and fishing license.

Visit the [Florida Department of Veterans Affairs](#) website for more information on any of these programs.