



# VETERANS INFORMATION

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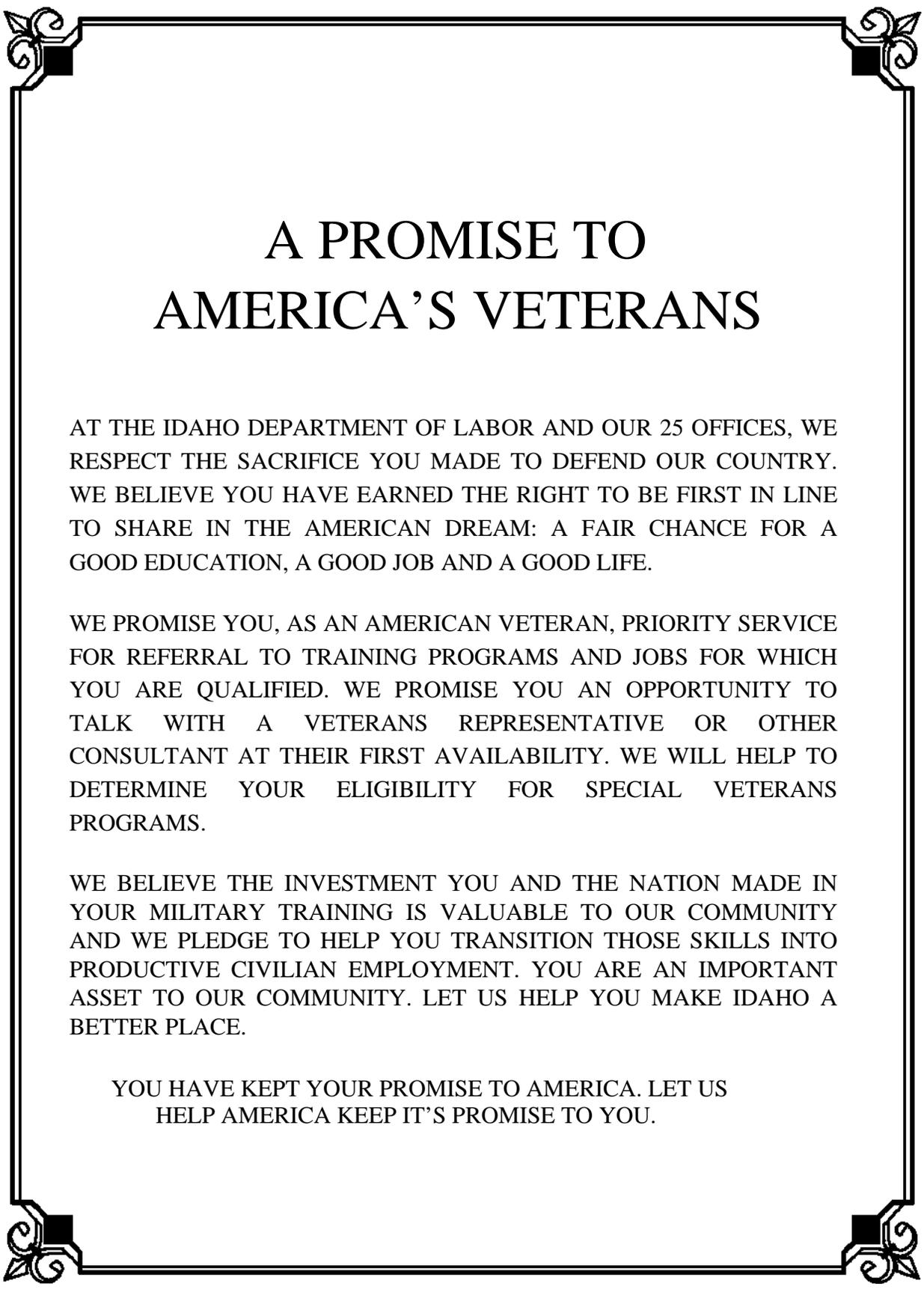
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*“Serving Those Who  
Served All America*

**IDAHO**  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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## A PROMISE TO AMERICA'S VETERANS

AT THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND OUR 25 OFFICES, WE RESPECT THE SACRIFICE YOU MADE TO DEFEND OUR COUNTRY. WE BELIEVE YOU HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO BE FIRST IN LINE TO SHARE IN THE AMERICAN DREAM: A FAIR CHANCE FOR A GOOD EDUCATION, A GOOD JOB AND A GOOD LIFE.

WE PROMISE YOU, AS AN AMERICAN VETERAN, PRIORITY SERVICE FOR REFERRAL TO TRAINING PROGRAMS AND JOBS FOR WHICH YOU ARE QUALIFIED. WE PROMISE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH A VETERANS REPRESENTATIVE OR OTHER CONSULTANT AT THEIR FIRST AVAILABILITY. WE WILL HELP TO DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL VETERANS PROGRAMS.

WE BELIEVE THE INVESTMENT YOU AND THE NATION MADE IN YOUR MILITARY TRAINING IS VALUABLE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND WE PLEDGE TO HELP YOU TRANSITION THOSE SKILLS INTO PRODUCTIVE CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT. YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT ASSET TO OUR COMMUNITY. LET US HELP YOU MAKE IDAHO A BETTER PLACE.

YOU HAVE KEPT YOUR PROMISE TO AMERICA. LET US  
HELP AMERICA KEEP IT'S PROMISE TO YOU.



# THE US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SAYS:

## A Veteran is...

Any woman or man who served on active military duty for more than 180 days and who was discharged under other than dishonorable conditions,

(Note: Guard/Reserve components must be called to active duty for other than training purposes.)

*Or*

Anyone who served on active duty in support of a hostile action and received a campaign badge,

*or*

Anyone who was discharged for a service connected disability,

*Or*

Was discharged or released from active duty by reason of a sole survivorship discharge i.e. if someone is discharged as a sole survivor they don't have to meet the 180 day requirement

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/usc/vpl/usc3842.htm#4211>

### **WARTIME ERAS:**

IRAQ, OPERATION NEW DAWN: SEPT 1, 2010 – (UNDETERMINED)  
AFGHANISTAN OEF (Operations Enduring Freedom): SEPT 11, 2001 — (UNDETERMINED)  
PERSIAN GULF ERA: AUG 02, 1990 – JAN 02, 1992  
VIETNAM ERA: AUG 05, 1964 – MAY 07, 1975  
(IN COUNTRY: FEB 27, 1961 - AUG 04, 1964) –  
KOREAN CONFLICT: JUN 27, 1950 – JAN 31, 1955

# JOB INFORMATION AND SERVICES

## FEDERAL JOB INFORMATION

<http://www.usajobs.gov/>

For Job positions at Gowen Field, Boise (Civil Service State Employment and ARG positions) check with your National Guard Armory, or go on-line at: <http://inghro.state.id.us/>

## IMPORTANT INTERNET ADDRESSES

Veterans Affairs: <http://www.va.gov>

State of Idaho Homepage: <http://www.idaho.gov>

Interstate Jobs (Worldwide Web): <http://www.ajb.dni.us>

Idaho Works: <http://labor.idaho.gov>

## OTHER SERVICES AND INFORMATION

### **DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS (DAV)**

444 W Fort St, Boise 83702 Phone: 208-429-

2140 Brian Alspach; Robert Bigness

### **STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**

3110 E. Cleveland, Ste A- 7, Caldwell Phone: 208-454-7606

136 McClure, Nampa Phone: 208-465-8414

600 E. Watertower Ln, Suite B, Meridian Phone: 208-888-0648

10200 W Emerald St, Suite 101, Boise phone: 208-327-7411  
(For Corrections)

### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE**

(Food Stamps, general forms of economic assistance.)

3402 Franklin Rd., Caldwell Phone: 208- 454-0421

823 Park Center Blvd, Nampa Phone: 208- 465-8444

1720 Westgate Dr, Boise Phone: 208- 334-6700

### **CANYON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE**

#### **OFFICER**

(Food Share Program, Housing Assistance) Canyon County Courthouse, Caldwell, Room 220 Phone: 208-454-7419

### **VET CENTER** (Veterans Readjustment Counseling

Center) 2424 Bank Drive, Boise, Id 83705

Phone 208- 342-3612 or 1-800-726-0525

### **IDAHO DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES**

444 W Fort St., Boise 83702 Phone: 208-577-2300

### **DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

304 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Boise Phone: 208-334-2263 or 1-800-554-5627

### **ADA COUNTY RECORDERS OFFICE**

200 W. Front St., Boise Phone: 208- 287-6880

## STATE JOB INFORMATION

Boise, ID (208) 334-2263

<http://www.dhr.idaho.gov>

## GOVERNMENT FORMS:

### **Optional Forms...**

<http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/OF.asp>

### **Standard Forms...**

<http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/SF.asp> **Veterans Affairs Forms...**

[http://www4.va.gov/vaforms/search\\_action.asp](http://www4.va.gov/vaforms/search_action.asp)

### **VETERANS AFFAIRS REGIONAL OFFICE**

444 W. Fort St.

Boise, ID 83702

Toll-Free Information: 1-800-827-1000

<http://www2.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=255&dnum=3>

### **V.A. MEDICAL CENTER**

500 W. Fort, Boise 83702

Phone: (208) 422-1000

## EMERGENCY RESOURCES

Dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-926-2588 or go online at:

<http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/01codearchive/s/IDAPA21/21.01.02,%20%20Rules%20Governing%20Emergency%20Relief%20for%20Veterans.pdf>

IDAHO Division of Veterans Services for Catastrophic Emergency Grant funds (must be an Idaho Wartime Vet-eran) or American Legion emergency funds (must be mi-nor children in the home) (208) 577-2300  
American Red Cross, Emergencies (208) 947-4357  
or 1-800-853-2570.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

*In the past it has been recommended you take your DD-214 Discharge paper to your County Recorders office and have it recorded for ease of replacement, should it become lost or destroyed. Be advised however, that any document recorded there-in becomes accessible to the public. The alternative is to request a copy of your DD-214 from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri, should your original be lost or destroyed.*

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Pocatello: (208) 236-6358

## VETERANS REPRESENTATIVE GUIDE

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Funded

# Veteran Preference for Federal Jobs and Special Appointing Authorities for Veterans

*The Department of Labor's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy (OASP) and Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) developed an "expert system" to help veterans receive the preferences to which they are entitled. This system is designed to help veterans determine the type of preference to which they are entitled, the benefits associated with the preference and the steps necessary to file a complaint due to the failure of a Federal agency to provide those benefits.*

<http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vets/vetpref/choice.htm>

Guides to Veterans preference can be found at:

<http://www.opm.gov/StaffingPortal/vetguide.asp>  
<http://www.fedshirevets.gov/job/vetpref/index.aspx>

## Veteran Preference for Idaho State Jobs

<http://dhr.idaho.gov/veterans.html>

### Definitions

#### ***Definitions per USC Title 38, Chapter 42***

*The term "ELIGIBLE VETERAN" means a person who:*

- served on active duty for a period of more than 180 days and was discharged or re-leased therefrom with other than a dishonorable discharge;
- was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability; or
- as a member of a reserve component under an order to active duty pursuant to section 12301(a), (d), or (g), 12302, or 12304 of title 10, served on active duty during a Period of war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized And was discharged or released from such duty with other than a dishonorable discharge.
- was released or discharged from Active Duty by reason of sole survivorship

*An "ELIGIBLE PERSON" is:*

- the spouse of any person who died of a service-connected disability,
- the spouse of any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who, at the time of application for assistance under this chapter [38 USCS §§ 4101 et seq.], is listed, pursuant to section 556 of title 37 and regulations issued there under, by the Secretary concerned in one or more of the following categories and has been so listed for a total of more than ninety days: (I) missing in action, (ii) captured in line of duty by hostile force, or (iii) forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power, or
- The spouse of any person who has a total disability permanent in nature resulting from a service-connected disability or the spouse of a veteran who died while a disability so evaluated was in existence.

*The term “DISABLED VETERAN” means:*

- a veteran who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of military retired pay would be entitled to compensation) under laws administered by the Secretary, or
- A person who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability.

*The term “SPECIAL DISABLED VETERAN” means:*

- a veteran who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of military retired pay would be entitled to compensation) under laws administered by the Secretary for a disability (i) rated at 30 percent or more, or (ii) rated at 10 or 20 percent in the case of a veteran who has been determined under section 3106 of this title to have a serious employment handicap; or
- a person who was discharged or released from active duty because of service-

*The term “VETERAN OF THE VIETNAM ERA” means:*

- An eligible veteran any part of whose active military, naval, or air service was during the Vietnam era. VIETNAM ERA: AUG 05, 1964 – MAY 07, 1975 (IN COUNTRY: FEB 27, 1961 - AUG 04, 1964)

## United States Postal Service:

All honorably discharged veterans can apply to take a postal exam within 120 days of discharge. Disabled veterans who are honorably discharged can apply any time to take an exam to be placed on a register if they haven't applied for that position before. To apply to take an exam, contact the Main Post Office in Boise located at 770 South 13<sup>th</sup>, or sends a letter of request with current address and phone number to USPS Exam Administrator, 707 W. Main Ave, Suite 600, Spokane, WA 99299-9422. **(NOTE: Copy 4 of your DD-214 is required, as well as a Disability Rating letter from Veteran Affairs if you are a disabled Veteran requesting to take the exam.)** For additional in-formation call the Job Information Line at (208) 433-4415.

# **JOB RIGHTS FOR UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS**

## **The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)**

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/usc/vpl/usc38.htm>

(38 USC §§4301 through 4335 20 CFR Part 1002)

### **Who is Covered**

The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) applies to persons who perform duty, voluntarily or involuntarily, in the "uniformed services," which include the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Public Health Service commissioned corps, as well as the reserve components of each of these services. Federal training or service in the Army National Guard and Air National Guard also gives rise to rights under USERRA. In addition, under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Response Act of 2002, certain disaster response work as well as authorized training for such work, is considered "service in the uniformed services."

By definition, uniformed service includes active duty, active duty for training, inactive duty training (such as drills), initial active duty training, and funeral honors duty performed by National Guard and Reserve members. It also includes periods for which a person is absent from a position of employment for the purpose of an examination to determine fitness to perform any such duty.

USERRA applies to virtually all U.S. employers, regardless of size. The Act also covers nearly all employees, including part-time and probationary employees. The only jobs not covered are those defined as brief, non-recurrent positions.

### **Basic Provisions/Requirements**

The pre-service employer must reemploy service members returning from a period of service in the uniformed services if those service members meet five criteria:

- The person must have held a civilian job;
- The person must have given notice to the employer that he or she was leaving the job for service in the uniformed services, unless giving notice was precluded by military necessity or otherwise impossible or unreasonable;
- The cumulative period of service must not have exceeded five years;
- The person must have been released from service under honorable conditions; and
- The person must have reported back to the civilian job in a timely manner or have submitted a timely application for reemployment.

USERRA establishes a five-year cumulative total on military service with a single employer, with certain exceptions allowed for situations such as call-ups during emergencies, reserve drills and annually scheduled active duty for training. USERRA also allows an employee to complete an initial period of active duty that exceeds five years (e.g., enlistees in the Navy's nuclear power program are required to serve six years).

Employers are required to provide to persons entitled to the rights and benefits under USERRA a notice of the rights, benefits, and obligations of such persons and such employers under USERRA.

## **Employee Rights**

Under USERRA, restoration rights are based on the duration of military service rather than the type of military duty performed. The time limits for returning to work or making application to return to work are as follows:

- Less than 31 days service: By the beginning of the first regularly scheduled work period after the end of the calendar day of duty, plus time required to return home safely and an eight hour rest period.
- 31 to 180 days: No later than 14 days after completion of military service.
- 181 days or more: No later than 90 days after completion of military service.
- Service-connected injury or illness: Reporting or application deadlines are extended for up to two years for persons who are hospitalized for or convalescing from injuries sustained while performing military duty.

USERRA guarantees pension plan benefits that accrued during military service, regardless of whether the plan is a defined benefit plan or a defined contribution plan. The Act allows service members activated for duty on or after December 10, 2004 to elect to extend their employer-sponsored health coverage for up to 24 months. Service members activated prior to 12/10/04 may elect to extend coverage for up to 18 months. Employers may require these individuals to pay up to 102% of total premiums for that elective coverage. In addition, USERRA prohibits employment discrimination against a person on the basis of past military service, current military obligations, or an intent to serve.

## **Compliance Assistance Available**

Information on the Act is available on the VETS home page at [www.dol.gov/vets](http://www.dol.gov/vets). Specific compliance assistance materials available include the USERRA Fact Sheet, USERRA poster that provides notice of rights to employees, links to online training, and other general information about the law. Copies of VETS' publications, or answers to questions about USERRA may also be obtained from your local [VETS office](#).

Another compliance assistance resource, the e-laws USERRA Advisor, helps protected class members understand eligibility and job entitlements, employer obligations, benefits, and remedies under the Act. For additional compliance assistance, employees and employers can contact the toll-free Help Line at 1-866-4-USA-DOL.

The Department of Labor, through VETS provides assistance to all persons having claims under USERRA, including Federal and Postal Service employees. If resolution is unsuccessful following an investigation, the service member may have his or her claim referred to the Department of Justice for consideration of representation in the appropriate District Court, at no cost to the claimant. Federal and Postal Service employees may have their claims referred to the Office of Special Counsel for consideration of representation before the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB).

USERRA allows an employee to enforce his or her rights by filing a court action directly, without filing a complaint with VETS. A court may order an employer to compensate a prevailing claimant for lost wages or benefits. If violations under USERRA are shown to be willful, the court may award liquidated damages. Individuals who pursue their own claims in court or before the MSPB may be awarded reasonable attorney and expert witness fees if they prevail.

Service member employees of intelligence agencies are provided similar assistance through the agency's Inspector General.

### **Relation to State, Local and Other Federal Laws**

USERRA does not preempt state laws providing greater or additional rights, but it does preempt state laws providing lesser rights or imposing additional eligibility criteria. Anyone with questions or requiring assistance regarding their rights or obligations under USERRA contact the Idaho VETS office at (208) 332-8947, by mail at P.O. Box 2697, Boise, ID 83701, or by email at [draper.karla@dol.gov](mailto:draper.karla@dol.gov).



**VETERANS BENEFITS TIMETABLE**  
**Information for Veterans Recently Separated from Active Military Service**

BENEFITS AND SERVICES		TIME LIMIT	WHERE TO APPLY
<p><b>Disability Compensation:</b> VA pays monthly compensation to veterans for disabilities incurred or aggravated during military service. This benefit is not subject to Federal or State income tax. Entitlement is established from the date of separation if the claim is filed within one year from separation. Generally, military retirement pay is reduced by any VA compensation received. Income from Special Separation Benefits (SSB) and Voluntary Separation Incentives (VSI) affects the amount of VA compensation paid.</p> <p><b>Disability Pension:</b> This income-based benefit is paid to veterans with honorable war-time service who are permanently and totally disabled due to nonservice-connected disabilities or who are 65 or older.</p>		None	Any VA office or call 1-800-827-1000 or file at <a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>
<p><b>Medical:</b> VA provides a wide range of health care services to veterans including treatment for military sexual trauma, and for conditions possibly related to exposure to Agent Orange, ionizing radiation, and other environmental hazards in the Persian Gulf. Generally, veterans must be enrolled in VA's Health Care System to receive care.</p>		None	
<p><b>Combat Veterans:</b> VA provides free health care for veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998, for any illness possibly related to their service in that theater.</p>	If discharged from active duty on or after January 28, 2003	Five years from date of discharge from active duty	Any VA medical facility or call 1-877-222-8387 or file at <a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>
	If discharged from active duty before January 28, 2003, and were not enrolled as of January 28, 2008	Until January 27, 2011	
<p><b>Dental:</b> Veterans may receive one-time dental treatment if they were not provided treatment within 90 days before separation from active duty. The time limit does not apply to veterans with dental conditions resulting from service-connected wounds or injuries.</p>		180 days from separation	
<p><b>Education and Training:</b> Up to 36 months of benefits for:</p>	<b>Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (Chapter 30)</b>	10 years from release from last period of active duty. Limited extensions available.	Any VA office or call 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) or file at <a href="http://www.gibill.va.gov">www.gibill.va.gov</a>
	OR <b>Post- 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)</b>	15 years from last discharge or separation. Limited extensions available.	
	OR <b>Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (Chapter - 1606)</b>	14 years from the date of eligibility for the program, or until released from the Selected Reserve or National Guard, whichever occurs first. Some extensions available if activated.	
	OR <b>Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP/Chapter 1607)</b>	No time limit as long as individual remains in the same level of the Ready Reserve from which called to active duty. There are exceptions for discharge due to disability or transfer from the IRR to the Selected Reserve. REAP participants who separated from the Selected Reserve after completing their service contract under other than dishonorable conditions are now eligible for REAP benefits for 10 years after they are separated from the Selected Reserve.	
<p><b>Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment:</b> VA helps veterans with service-connected disabilities prepare for, find and keep suitable employment. For veterans with serious service-connected disabilities, VA also offers services to improve their ability to live as independently as possible. Some of the services offered are: job search, vocational evaluation, career exploration, vocational training, education training and rehabilitation service.</p>		Generally 12 years from VA notice to veteran of at least a 10 percent disability rating.	Any VA office or call 1-800-827-1000 or file at <a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>
<p><b>Home Loan:</b> Veterans with qualifying service are eligible for VA home loan services including guaranteed loans for the purchase of a home, manufactured home, manufactured home and lot, certain types of condominiums, or to build, repair, and improve homes. Certain disabled veterans can receive grants to have their homes specially adapted to their needs. Native Americans living on Trust Land may qualify for a direct home loan.</p>		None	Any VA office or call 1-800-827-1000

**VETERANS BENEFITS TIMETABLE (Continued)**

BENEFITS AND SERVICES		TIME LIMIT	WHERE TO APPLY	
<b>Life Insurance:</b>	<p><b>SGLI (Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance)</b> is low-cost life insurance for servicemembers and reservists. It is available in \$50,000 increments up to a maximum of \$400,000. SGLI coverage begins when the servicemember enters service or changes duty status.</p>	Coverage continues for 120 days from date of separation, or up to one year if totally disabled at the time of separation from service.	<p align="center">VA Insurance Center or call 1-800-419-1473</p>	
	<p><b>Traumatic Injury Protection under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (TSGLI)</b> is a traumatic injury protection rider under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) that provides for payment to any member of the uniformed services covered by SGLI who sustains a traumatic injury that results in certain severe losses. TSGLI is retroactive for members who sustain a qualifying loss as a direct result of injuries incurred on or after October 7, 2001, through November 30, 2005, in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, regardless of whether they had SGLI coverage. TSGLI pays a benefit of between \$25,000 and \$100,000 depending on the loss directly resulting from the traumatic injury. In order for a veteran to qualify for a TSGLI payment, they must have incurred a qualifying loss as a result of a traumatic event that occurred while they were in the service.</p>	Coverage continues through midnight of the date of discharge, but member/veteran generally has up to two years from the date of the loss to apply for payment.		
	<p><b>VGLI (Veterans' Group Life Insurance)</b> is lifetime renewable term life insurance for veterans. It is available in increments of \$10,000 up to \$400,000 but cannot exceed the amount of SGLI coverage in force at the time of the servicemember's separation from service. Premiums are age-based.</p>	Must apply within 120 days of separation, or 1 year and 120 days if proof of good health is provided. Those on the 2-year disability extension are automatically converted to VGLI at the end of the 2-year period.		
	<p><b>FGLI (Family Group Life Insurance)</b> is life insurance that provides automatic coverage to the spouse and children of servicemembers insured under SGLI. Spousal coverage is available up to a maximum of \$100,000, but may not exceed the servicemember's coverage amount. Premiums for spousal coverage are age based. Dependent children are automatically covered for \$10,000 for which there is no cost.</p>	Coverage terminates 120 days after servicemember is released from service. Spouse may convert to a commercial policy.		
	<p><b>SDVI (Service-Disabled Veterans' Insurance)</b> also called "RH" insurance, is life insurance for service-connected disabled veterans. The basic coverage is \$10,000. A \$20,000 supplemental policy is available if premium payments for the basic policy are waived due to total disability.</p>	For basic, must apply within two years from date of notification of service-connected disability. For supplemental, must apply within one year of approval of waiver of premiums.		<p align="center">VA Insurance Center or call 1-800-669-8477</p>
	<p><b>VMLI (Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance)</b> is mortgage protection insurance available to those severely disabled veterans who have received grants for Specially-Adapted Housing from VA. Maximum coverage of \$90,000.</p>	Must apply before age 70.		
<p><b>Reemployment:</b> The Department of Labor's web site <a href="http://www.dol.gov">www.dol.gov</a> contains information on employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services.</p>	For military service over 180 days, must apply for reemployment with employer within 90 days from separation. Shorter periods to apply if service is less than 180 days.	Former employer		
<p><b>Unemployment Compensation:</b> The unemployment compensation for ex-servicemembers program is administered by the States as agents of the Federal government. The Department of Labor's web site <a href="http://www.dol.gov">www.dol.gov</a> contains links for each State's benefits, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.</p>	Limited time	State Employment Office (bring your DD-214)		

(PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VISIT THE VA WEB SITE AT [WWW.VA.GOV](http://WWW.VA.GOV)

# IDAHO VET CENTERS

## Veterans Readjustment Services

### Background of Readjustment Counseling Services

Congress established the Vet Center program out of the recognition that a significant number of Vietnam-era veterans were still experiencing readjustment problems. Vet Centers are community based and part of the Department of Veterans Affairs. In response to the Persian Gulf War, Congress extended eligibility to veterans who served during other periods of armed hostilities after the Vietnam era, and also included WWII and Korean War Veterans. The goal of the Vet Center is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to Vietnam Era, Sexual Trauma and War Zone veterans in order to help them make a satisfying readjustment to civilian life.

#### Eligibility for Services:

War Zone Veterans – All Eras  
WWII: Dec 7, 1941-Dec 31, 1946  
American Merchant Marines: In oceangoing service during the period of Armed Conflict  
Dec 7, 1941-Aug 15, 1945  
Korean War: June 27, 1950-Jan 31, 1955 Vietnam War: Feb 28, 1961-May 7, 1975 (personnel in country only, as of January 1, 2004) Lebanon: Aug 25, 1982-Feb 26, 1984 Grenada: Aug 25, 1983- Nov 21, 1983 Panama: Dec 20, 1989-Jan 31, 1990 Persian Gulf: Aug 2, 1990-undetermined Somalia: Sept 17, 1992-undetermined Operation Joint Endeavor, Operation Joint Guard, Operation Joint Forge, Operation Iraqi Freedom, (Afghanistan), Global War on Terrorism

Vet center eligibility has been extended to veterans who participated in one or more of three successive operations in the former Yugoslavia (Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia aboard U.S. Naval vessels operating in the Adriatic Sea or Air Spaces above those areas)

#### Any Veteran:

Who may have experienced acts of sexual violence or harassment while on active duty.

**Objectives:** To provide quality clinical sound clinical

services to veterans and their families. In order to meet the goal of the program, the Vet Centers have the following objectives:

- Outreach to locate eligible veterans and engage them in programs that meet their readjustment needs.
- Provide counseling and other services to eligible veterans and their families.
- Refer veterans to appropriate community agencies and service providers.
- Serve as liaison between veterans and other VA facilities.
- Provide follow-up to ensure that eligible veterans receive adequate service.
- Offer community education to inform the public of the services of the Vet Center and the needs of veterans who served in combat or other situations of armed.

### Services Provided

Individual Counseling Group Counseling Marital/Family Counseling Sexual Trauma Counseling Alcohol/Drug Assessment and Referral or Counseling Spouse/Significant Other Group Psychiatric Consultation/Medication (Boise Vet Center clients only) Benefits Assistance and Referral Job Referral Employment Counseling & Guidance Community Education Liaison with VA Facilities Referral to Community Agencies Contracts with Selected Local/Community Agencies or Counselors

### Vet Center Locations

Boise Vet Center  
2424 Bank Dr  
Boise, Idaho 83705  
(208) 342-3612

Pocatello Vet Center  
1800 Garrett Way  
Pocatello, Idaho 83201  
(208) 232-0316

# VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

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Major Veterans Service Organizations (VSO's), such as the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), and AMVETS are congressionally chartered non-profit corporations whose purpose is to promote and protect benefits and interests of the Veteran. These organizations will act as an advocate for the Veteran in processing VA disability claims and may be contacted through the telephone directory listing, the County Veterans Service Officers, and your local Idaho Department of Labor Veterans Employment Representative.

The Idaho Division of Veterans Services represents some of these Veterans Service Organizations and will act as an advocate for the Veteran in the processing of claims and is a resource for potential emergency funds for Idaho Veterans. Contact the Veterans Service Officer in your area for further information. For information on Idaho Division of Veterans Services go to their web site:

<http://www.veterans.idaho.gov/>

**NOTE:** Idaho has finally got a Veterans Cemetery. Information and forms can be downloaded at:

<http://www.veterans.idaho.gov/index.php/cemetery>

Southwest Idaho: Idaho Division of Veterans Services  
444 Fort St  
Boise, ID 83702-5560  
(208) 577-2300

North Idaho: Idaho Division of Veterans Services  
821 21st Street  
Lewiston, ID 83501  
(208) 799-5084

Southeast Idaho: Idaho Division of Veterans Services  
1957 Alvin Ricken Dr.  
Pocatello, ID 83201  
(208) 236-6340





# IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Offices

<u>Local Office</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>	<u>Fax No.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Zip</u>
Blackfoot	236-6713	785-5036	155 N. Maple	83221-0009
Blaine County	788-3526	788-3041	513 N. Main, Ste 1, Hailey	83333-8417
Boise	332-3575	334-6222	219 W. Main St.	83635-0030
Bonnars Ferry	267-5581	267-3797	6541 Main St	83805-8521
Canyon County	364-7781	454-7720	4514 Thomas Jefferson St	83607-8072
Emmett	364-7780	365-6599	2030 S. Washington St.	83617-0127
Grangeville	983-0440	983-0302	305 N. State St.	83530-0550
Idaho Falls	557-2500	525-7268	1515 E. Lincoln Rd	83401
Kootenai County	769-1558	773-5773	600 N Thornton St.	83854
Lewiston	799-5000	799-5007	1158 Idaho St.	83501-1147
Magic Valley	735-2500	736-3007	420 Falls Ave, Twin Falls	83301
McCall	634-7102	634-2965	299 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> St.	83638-0966
Meridian	364-7785	895-8441	1090 E. Watertower Ln.	83642-6282
Mini-Cassia	678-5578	678-1765	127 W. 5th St. No., Burley	83318-3457
Moscow	882-7571	882-8324	1350 Troy Rd, Ste 1	83843-3995
Mountain Home	364-7788	587-2964	1150 American Legion Blvd	83647-2333
Orofino	476-5506	476-3471	410 Johnson Ave.	83544-0391
Payette	642-9361	642-7150	501 N. 16th St., Ste 107	83661
Pocatello	236-6710	232-0865	430 N. 5th Ave.	83205-4087
Rexburg	557-2501	356-0042	1133 Stocks Ave	83440-0158
Salmon	756-2234	756-4672	1301 Main St., Unit 1	83467-0990
Sandpoint	263-7544	265-0193	2101 West Pine Street	83864-9399
Soda Springs	236-6711	547-4763	95 E. Hooper St #20	83276
St. Maries	245-2518	245-2012	105 North 8th St.	83861-1845
Silver Vly (Kellogg)	783-1202	783-5561	35 Wildcat Way, Ste A	83837-2253

\* Area code: 208



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# Business Recorded Job Lines

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Ada County Personnel  
(208) 287-6996

Albertson's Inc  
208-395-6200

Blue Cross of Idaho  
(208) 331-7683

Boise City Personnel  
(208) 384-3855

Boise Independent School  
District #1  
208-338-3400

West Valley Med Center  
(208) 455-3828

Hewlett-Packard (Nationwide)  
(650) 852-8473

Home Federal Savings  
(208) 468-5219

ID Elks Rehabilitation Hospital  
(208) 333-1234

Idaho Power Company  
(208) 388-2950

Micron Technology  
(208) 368-4141

Norco  
(208) 336-1648 x 3094

Recreational Equipment, Inc.  
(REI)  
(253) 395-4694

J.R. Simplot Co. Corporate Office  
(208) 389-7510

J.R. Simplot Co. Food Group  
Headquarters  
(208) 384-8002

St. Alphonsus Reg Med Ctr  
(208) 367-2106

St. Luke's Regional  
Medical Center  
(208) 381-2465

Southwest Airlines  
(214) 792-4803

United Airlines  
(888) UAL-JOBS

U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
208-373-4000

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
208-383-2200

U.S. Environmental Protection  
Agency  
202-272-0167

U.S. Marshall Service  
(202) 307-9437

U.S. Postal Service  
(208) 433-4415

Washington Group  
(208) 386-6966

West Valley Medical Center  
208-459-4641



# INTERNET - WEB VETERANS INFORMATION

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American Council on Education Network	<a href="http://www.militaryguides.acenet.edu/">http://www.militaryguides.acenet.edu/</a>
Air Force Resource and Jobs	<a href="http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/">http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/</a>
Air Force Transcripts	<a href="http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/">http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/</a>
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)	<a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm">http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm</a>
America's Job Bank	<a href="http://www.ajb.org/">http://www.ajb.org/</a>
America's Job Bank/Career Info-net	<a href="http://www.acinet.org">http://www.acinet.org</a>
American Legion	<a href="http://www.legion.org/">http://www.legion.org/</a>
AMVETS	<a href="http://www.amvets.org/">http://www.amvets.org/</a>
Army Career and Alumni Program	<a href="http://www.acap.army.mil">http://www.acap.army.mil</a>
Army Resource and Jobs	<a href="http://www.cpol.army.mil/">http://www.cpol.army.mil/</a>
Best Feds (Federal Agencies)	<a href="http://www.govexec.com/bestfeds/99bestfeds.htm">http://www.govexec.com/bestfeds/99bestfeds.htm</a>
Better Business Bureau	<a href="http://www.bbb.org/">http://www.bbb.org/</a>
Bureau of Labor Stats	<a href="http://www.bls.gov">http://www.bls.gov</a>
Career Builder	<a href="http://www.careerbuilder.com">http://www.careerbuilder.com</a>
Career Journal (Wall Street Journal)	<a href="http://www.careerjournal.com">http://www.careerjournal.com</a>
Coast Guard Resource and Jobs	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/">http://www.uscg.mil/</a>
Defense Finance & Acctg Center	<a href="http://www.dod.mil/dfas/">http://www.dod.mil/dfas/</a>
Disability Information	<a href="http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/">http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/</a>
Disabled American Veterans	<a href="http://www.dav.org">http://www.dav.org</a>
Diversity Resource	<a href="http://www.hirediversity.com">http://www.hirediversity.com</a>
DoD Forms	<a href="http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/formsprogram.htm">http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/formsprogram.htm</a>
DoD Transportal	<a href="http://www.veteranprograms.com/id105.html">http://www.veteranprograms.com/id105.html</a>
DoD Voluntary Education	<a href="http://www.voled.doded.mil/">http://www.voled.doded.mil/</a>
Drug Enforcement Agency	<a href="http://www.dea.gov/">http://www.dea.gov/</a>
Elected Officials Congressional	<a href="http://www.state.id.us/government/elected.html">http://www.state.id.us/government/elected.html</a>
Elected Officials State	<a href="http://www.idaho.gov/government/elected.html">http://www.idaho.gov/government/elected.html</a>
E-VETS	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/elaws/evets.htm">http://www.dol.gov/elaws/evets.htm</a>
Fast Web	<a href="http://www.fastweb.com">http://www.fastweb.com</a>
Fed World	<a href="http://www.fedworld.gov">http://www.fedworld.gov</a>
Forms for Federal Jobs	<a href="http://federalgovernmentjobs.us/forms.html">http://federalgovernmentjobs.us/forms.html</a>
FREE On-line Computer Classes	<a href="http://www.gcflearnfree.org">http://www.gcflearnfree.org</a>
GED Information ACE	<a href="http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=GED_TS">http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=GED_TS</a>
GI Bill Education Benefits	<a href="http://www.gibill.va.gov/">http://www.gibill.va.gov/</a>
Gov't Jobs - OPM	<a href="http://www.opm.gov/">http://www.opm.gov/</a>
Government Information	<a href="http://www.govspot.com">http://www.govspot.com</a>
IDAHO Department of Labor	<a href="http://www.labor.idaho.gov">http://www.labor.idaho.gov</a>
Idaho Division of Human Resources	<a href="http://dhr.idaho.gov">http://dhr.idaho.gov</a>
Idaho Division of Veteran Services	<a href="http://www.veterans.idaho.gov">http://www.veterans.idaho.gov</a>
Idaho Driving Record /Motor Vehicle Report	<a href="http://www2.state.id.us/itd/dmv/index.htm">http://www2.state.id.us/itd/dmv/index.htm</a>
Idaho Licensing	<a href="http://www.state.id.us/working/licensing.html">http://www.state.id.us/working/licensing.html</a>
Idaho National Guard Jobs	<a href="http://inghro.state.id.us">http://inghro.state.id.us</a>
Internet Guide to Congress	<a href="http://www.capweb.net/">http://www.capweb.net/</a>

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities	<a href="http://www.va.gov/JOBS/hiring/apply/ksa.asp">http://www.va.gov/JOBS/hiring/apply/ksa.asp</a>
Lycos Free E-Mail	<a href="http://www.lycos.com">http://www.lycos.com</a>
Mapquest (door to door directions)	<a href="http://www.mapquest.com/">http://www.mapquest.com/</a>
Military.com	<a href="http://www.military.com">http://www.military.com</a>
Military City Online	<a href="http://www.militarycity.com">http://www.militarycity.com</a>
Military Credentialing	<a href="https://www.cool.army.mil/">https://www.cool.army.mil/</a>
Military Personnel & Records Center	<a href="http://www.archives.gov/facilities/index.html">http://www.archives.gov/facilities/index.html</a>
MIT Free online Courses	<a href="http://www.ocw.mit.edu/index.html">http://www.ocw.mit.edu/index.html</a>
Nat'l. Veterans Legal Svcs Program	<a href="http://nvlsp.org/">http://nvlsp.org/</a>
Navy Resource and Jobs	<a href="http://www.donhr.navy.mil/">http://www.donhr.navy.mil/</a>
Navy/Marine Resources	<a href="http://www.lifelines.navy.mil/">http://www.lifelines.navy.mil/</a>
Navy/Marine Transcripts	<a href="https://www.acenet.edu">https://www.acenet.edu</a>
Office of Personnel Management OPM	<a href="http://www.opm.gov/html/topics.htm">http://www.opm.gov/html/topics.htm</a>
Peterson's Educational Resources	<a href="http://www.petersons.com">http://www.petersons.com</a>
Resources (assistance, housing, health)	<a href="http://www.idahoconnections.org/">http://www.idahoconnections.org/</a>
Salary Relocation Calculator	<a href="http://www.homefair.com/homefair/calc/salcalc.html">http://www.homefair.com/homefair/calc/salcalc.html</a>
Service Corps of Retired Executives	<a href="http://www.score.org">http://www.score.org</a>
Small Business Administration	<a href="http://www.sbaonline.sba.gov">http://www.sbaonline.sba.gov</a>
Small Business Law	<a href="http://www.nolo.com">http://www.nolo.com</a>
State Benefits	<a href="http://www.nasdva.net">http://www.nasdva.net</a>
Military Transferable Skills Identifier	<a href="http://vetsuccess.gov/military_transferable_skills_identification">http://vetsuccess.gov/military_transferable_skills_identification</a>
Transition Assistance Online	<a href="http://www.taonline.com">http://www.taonline.com</a>
Translate Your Skills	<a href="http://www.military.com/skills-translator">http://www.military.com/skills-translator</a>
Tricare	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil">http://www.tricare.osd.mil</a>
Troops to Teachers	<a href="http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_Web/troopstoteachers/index.asp">http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_Web/troopstoteachers/index.asp</a>
U.S. Federal Agencies Directory	<a href="http://www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/">http://www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/</a>
U.S. Government Web Site	<a href="http://www.firstgov.gov">http://www.firstgov.gov</a>
USA Jobs.com	<a href="http://www.usajobs.com">http://www.usajobs.com</a>
VA Forms	<a href="http://www.4.va.gov/vaforms/">http://www.4.va.gov/vaforms/</a>
VA Voc Rehab	<a href="http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/index.htm">http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/index.htm</a>
VA Medical "My Health e Vet"	<a href="http://www.myhealth.va.gov">http://www.myhealth.va.gov</a>
VA Facilities Directory	<a href="http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1">http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1</a>
VA Properties for Sale	<a href="http://www.ocwen.com">http://www.ocwen.com</a>
Vault	<a href="http://www.vault.com">http://www.vault.com</a>
Verification Military Exp/Training	<a href="https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/vmet/index.jsp">https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/vmet/index.jsp</a>
Veteran Reemployment Rights	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/elaws/">http://www.dol.gov/elaws/</a>
Veterans Affairs	<a href="http://www.va.gov">http://www.va.gov</a>
VETERANS BENEFITS BOOK	<a href="http://www1.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp">http://www1.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp</a>
Veterans Business Training Center	<a href="http://www.mophsf.org/employment/">http://www.mophsf.org/employment/</a>
Veterans of Foreign Wars	<a href="http://www.vfw.org">http://www.vfw.org</a>
Veterans Links	<a href="http://www.ida.net/users/lamar/millinks.html">http://www.ida.net/users/lamar/millinks.html</a>
Veterans Preference Advisor	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vetspref.htm">http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vetspref.htm</a>
Veterans e-Vet Resource Advisor	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/elaws/evets.htm">http://www.dol.gov/elaws/evets.htm</a>
Vietnam Veterans of America	<a href="http://www.vva.org/">http://www.vva.org/</a>
Yahoo Free E-Mail	<a href="http://www.yahoo.com">http://www.yahoo.com</a>
Women Veterans Information	<a href="http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/">http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/</a>

## Job Information Web Sites

Beaucoup	<a href="http://www.beaucoup.com/">http://www.beaucoup.com/</a>
Dice (IT Industry)	<a href="http://www.dice.com">http://www.dice.com</a>
Direct Employers	<a href="http://www.directemployers.com">http://www.directemployers.com</a>
Employment 911	<a href="http://www.employment911.com/">http://www.employment911.com/</a>
Employment Wizard	<a href="http://www.employmentwizard.com">http://www.employmentwizard.com</a>
Flip Dog	<a href="http://www.flipdog.com">http://www.flipdog.com</a>
Franchises Available	<a href="http://www.franchiseworks.com">http://www.franchiseworks.com</a>
Hot Jobs	<a href="http://hotjobs.yahoo.com/">http://hotjobs.yahoo.com/</a>
Idaho Educational Employment	<a href="http://www.idahoeducationjobs.com/index.html">http://www.idahoeducationjobs.com/index.html</a>
Job Hunt	<a href="http://www.job-hunt.org">http://www.job-hunt.org</a>
Job Source Network (click on FREE)	<a href="http://www.jobourcenetwork.com">http://www.jobourcenetwork.com</a>
Job Web	<a href="http://www.jobweb.com">http://www.jobweb.com</a>
Jobs Resource website	<a href="http://www.knittedude.com/Jobs.htm">http://www.knittedude.com/Jobs.htm</a>
Monster	<a href="http://www.monster.com">http://www.monster.com</a>
Monster Companies	<a href="http://company.monster.com/">http://company.monster.com/</a>
New Jersey/Nationwide	<a href="http://wnjpin.net/">http://wnjpin.net/</a>
Security Clearance Jobs	<a href="http://www.clearancejobs.com">http://www.clearancejobs.com</a>
Start Here	<a href="http://www.starthere.com/jobs">http://www.starthere.com/jobs</a>
State Jobs and more	<a href="http://www.statejobs.com">http://www.statejobs.com</a>
Temporary Jobs	<a href="http://www.nettemps.com">http://www.nettemps.com</a>
The Riley Guide	<a href="http://www.rileyguide.com">http://www.rileyguide.com</a>
Think Jobs	<a href="http://www.thinkjobs.com">http://www.thinkjobs.com</a>
Yahoo Education	<a href="http://www.yahoo.com/Education/">http://www.yahoo.com/Education/</a>
Wet Feet	<a href="http://www.wetfeet.com/">http://www.wetfeet.com/</a>



# Fact Sheet

August 2004

## Facts About the 1973 St. Louis Fire and Lost Records

The National Archives and Records Administration is the official depository for records of military personnel separated from the U. S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The records are housed in three locations: the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C., the Washington National Records Center in Suitland, Md., and the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis, Mo.

The NPRC in St. Louis contains records relating to:

Army officers separated after June 30, 1917, and enlisted Army personnel separated after October 31, 1912.

Air Force officers and enlisted personnel separated after September 1947.

Naval officers separated after 1902, and naval enlisted personnel separated after 1885

Marine Corps officers separated after 1895, and enlisted personnel separated after 1904.

Coast Guard officers separated after 1928, and enlisted personnel separated after 1914. Civilian employees of predecessor agencies (Revenue Cutter Service, Life-Saving Service and Lighthouse Service) of the Coast Guard from 1864-1919.

### The Fire

A fire at the NPRC in St. Louis on July 12, 1973, destroyed about 80 percent of the records for Army personnel discharged between November 1, 1912, and January 1, 1960. About 75 percent of the records for Air Force personnel with surnames from "Hubbard" through "Z" discharged between September 25, 1947, and January 1, 1964, were also destroyed.

### What Was Lost

It is hard to determine exactly what was lost in the fire, because:

- There were no indices to the blocks of records involved. The records were merely filed in alphabetical order for the following groups:

World War I:	Army	November 1, 1912 - September 7, 1939
World War II:	Army	September 8, 1939 - December 31, 1946
Post World War II:	Army	January 1, 1947 - December 31, 1959
	Air Force	September 25, 1947 - December 31, 1963

Millions of records, especially medical records, had been withdrawn from all three groups and loaned to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) before the fire. The fact that one's records are not in NPRC files at a particular time does not mean the records were destroyed in the fire.

### **Reconstruction of Lost Records**

If veterans learn that their records may have been lost in the fire, they may send photocopies of any documents they possess -- especially separation documents -- to the NPRC. The address is National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. The NPRC will add those documents to the computerized index and file them permanently.

### **Alternate Sources of Military Service Data**

When veterans don't have copies of their military records and their NPRC files may have been lost in the St. Louis fire, essential information about their military service may be available from a number of other sources.

- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) maintains records on veterans whose military records were affected by the fire if the veteran or a beneficiary filed a claim before July 1973.
- Service information may also be found in various kinds of "organizational" records such as unit morning reports, payrolls and military orders on file at the NPRC or other National Archives and Records Administration facilities.
- There also is a great deal of information available in records of the State Adjutants General, and other state "veterans services" offices.

By using alternate sources, NPRC often can reconstruct a veteran's beginning and ending dates of active service, the character of service, rank, time lost on active duty, and periods of hospitalization. NPRC can issue NA Form 13038, "Certification of Military Service," considered the equivalent of a Form DD-214, "Report of Separation from Active Duty," to use in establishing eligibility for veterans benefits.

### **Necessary Information for File Reconstruction**

The key to reconstructing military data is to give the NPRC enough specific information so the staff can properly search the various sources. The following information is normally required:

- Full name used during military service
- Branch of service
- Approximate dates of service
- Service number or Social Security number
- Place of entry into service
- Last unit of assignment
- Place of discharge

Information obtained from VA website:  
<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/>

# No Cost National Parks Pass

## For Disabled Veterans

<http://store.usgs.gov/pass/access.html>

### **America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass – Access Pass -**

**Free.** This is a lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities.

Documentation is required to obtain the pass.

Acceptable documentation includes: statement by a licensed physician; document issued by a Federal agency such as the Veteran's Administration, Social Security Disability Income or Supplemental Security

Income; or document issued by a State agency such as a vocational rehabilitation agency. The pass provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas and pass holder + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas (children under 16 are admitted free). The Access Pass provides a 50 percent discount on some Expanded Amenity Fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launching, and specialized interpretive services. In some cases where Expanded Amenity Fees are charged, only the pass holder will be given the 50 percent price reduction. The pass is non-transferable and generally does NOT cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessionaires. The pass can be obtained locally with VA letter presented to the BLM office located at 1387 S Vinnell Way, Boise Idaho



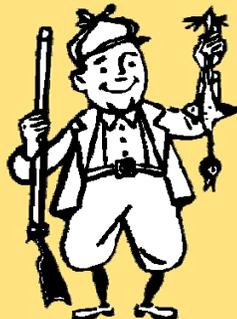
America the Beautiful – National  
Parks and Federal Recreational  
Lands Pass – Access Pass



## Reduced Fee Disabled Hunting/Fishing and Combination Licenses

### Who's Entitled:

40% or greater Service Connected Disabled Veterans  
OR  
Veterans Receiving Non-Service Connected Pension



### Residency Requirement:

Veterans must be Idaho residents for at least 6 months preceding the date of application.

### Evidence Needed:

Disability certification letter from the VA Regional Office  
(Specific to Idaho Fish & Game)

### How to Apply:

Veteran must go to a Regional Fish and Game Office  
or  
an approved Vendor with VA letter to get a License.

See Web Site: <http://www2.state.id.us/fishgame/>



# WHAT MOVES THE CONGRESS?

*"If the average member of Congress received as many as a half-dozen letters scrawled in pencil on brown wrapping paper, it would be enough to change his or her vote on most issues."*

*(20 year veteran of Capitol Hill)*

A survey conducted by the American University Institute for Government Public Information Research asked congressional staff-persons, "What types of communications do Congress members respond to?" Here are their answers in order of priority:

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| 1 Spontaneous constituent mail.                    | 8 The Congressional Record                  |
| 2 Telephone call from constituents.                | 9 Editorials in district daily newspapers   |
| 3 Reports from the Congressional Research Service. | 10 Government Publications.                 |
| 4 Articles in major daily newspapers.              | 11 Orchestrated mail campaigns              |
| 5 Editorials in major daily newspapers.            | 12 Spontaneous letters from interest groups |
| 6 Visits from constituents                         | 13 Visits from lobbyists.                   |
| 7 Articles in district daily newspapers.           | 14 Telephone calls from interest groups.    |

## **How to Write to Legislator:**

A personal letter is the most common means of communicating with a member of Congress. Letters to members of the committee considering the legislation are the most important because 90 percent of bills approved by committees are passed by congress. Letters serve to educate not only elected representatives but also the staff members who answer them.

A few simple guidelines should be followed when writing:

- Keep the letter brief and concise and limit the subject to a single issue.
- Use personal or business stationery with a return address and state whether you are a constituent.
- Be courteous and to the point, but remember Congress works for all citizens.
- Offer a well-reasoned opinion supported by relevant facts, mention the specific legislation under consideration and ask about the member's position on the legislation.
- Include the organization's official statement on the issue or incorporate excerpts in the letter and mention the number of members who belong to the organization.
- Thank legislators who sponsor or support legislation that is important to your group (check voting records at the public library).
- Be positive and constructive and avoid criticism, emotional outbursts, or threats to work against the member's re-election; offer to work for a supportive member's re-election.
- Question the legislator's position on the issue or solicit a pledge of support and after the legislator replies, send a letter expressing thanks for the support or urging reconsideration; legislators receive few thank you letters.
- Send a Western Union mailgram (special rates for telegrams to Congress are available) or overnight delivery if speed is necessary.
- Write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper explaining the impact of a legislator's position; either positive or negative, it will come to the attention of legislators and staff.
- Use the proper forms of address:

**FOR SENATORS:**

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**FOR REPRESENTATIVES:**

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515



District or state offices are usually located in larger regional cities and their addresses and phone numbers can be obtained from the legislator's office in Washington or found in local telephone directories.

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## CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

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### **Senator James E. Risch, (R)**

U.S. Senate  
483 Russell Senate office building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
(202) 224-2752

350 North 9th Street, Ste 302  
Boise, Idaho 83702  
(208) 342-7985

### **Senator Mike Crapo, (R)**

U.S. Senate  
239 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
(202) 224-6142

251 East Front Street, Ste 205  
Boise, Idaho 83702  
(208) 334-1776

### **Congress Man Raul Labrador (R)**

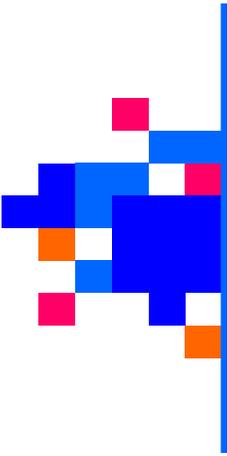
1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1523 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
(202) 225-6611

33 Broadway Ave., Ste .251  
Meridian, Idaho 83642  
(208) 888-3188

### **Representative Mike Simpson, (R)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2312 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
Phone: (202) 225-5531  
Fax: (202) 225-8216

802 W. Bannock, Suite 600  
Boise, Idaho. 83702  
(208)334-1953



# VETERANS

## YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)

**VETERANS, RECENTLY SEPARATED VETERANS, AND MILITARY RETIREES**  
*you may be eligible if you meet any of the following conditions*

If you can answer YES to any of the following, you may be eligible for special assistance.

- Are you at least 18 years old?
- Have you been laid-off from permanent work, have not worked the past 4 weeks, are eligible for, or have exhausted unemployment insurance, and are actively seeking full time work with no results?
- Are you out of work due to a plant or business closure or mass layoff?
- Were you self-employed, or contributing family member of the business, but no longer in business due to economic conditions or a natural disaster?
- Are you an individual that has been dependent on the income of another family member or other resource, but no longer supported by that income, and having difficulty in obtaining work?

### SERVICES AVAILABLE

#### CORE Services:

- Assessment of needs
- Job Search and placement assistance
- Labor Market Information

#### INTENSIVE Services:

- Testing and evaluation
- Career counseling
- Basic Skills Training

#### TRAINING Services:

- Occupational Skills Training
- On-the Job Training
- Skills upgrade training and re-training

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*The WIA is not an entitlement program. Enrollment is based on individual needs, abilities and current labor market requirements. If you are interested and think you may be eligible, please contact your nearest Idaho Department of Labor office.*

# VAN RIDES TO VA MEDICAL CENTER

(Updated 01/10/2006)



The DAV van makes commuter runs to and from the  
Boise VA Medical Center Monday through Friday

These rides are made available by volunteer drivers, the Disabled American Veterans and the VA Medical Center. All appointments for rides must be made 72 hours in advance. Contact the Boise VA Medical Center at **(208) 422-1000, Ext 7555** for information.

Weiser, Payette Ontario, Emmett, and surrounding area:

*Contact the VA Medical Center at (208) 422-1000 ext 7555*

Homedale, Marsing, and surrounding area:

*Contact the VA Medical Center at (208) 422-1000 ext 7555*

Twin Falls County, Jerome County, Lincoln County, Gooding County and Elmore County:

*Contact Cheryl Ringenberg at (208) 733-7610*

Cassia County, Minidoka County and Blaine County:

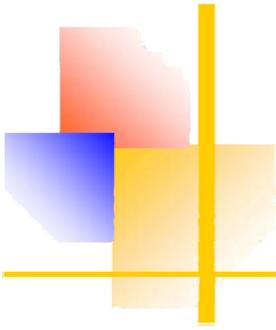
*Contact Georgia Greenwell (208) 678 -3599*

Southeast Oregon – Baker City, Haines, Halfway, Huntington, John Day:

*Contact Carl Swinyer at (541) 894-2546, or Robert Warner at (541) 523-5340 or the VFW Hall at (541) 523-4988*

## DAV Van pick-up sites

Star	Star Mercantile
Middleton	Shell Station Downtown (no parking) Shell Station Exit I-84 & Freeway
Notus	Shell Station
Parma	M & W Market
Wilder	Shell Station
Homedale	Shell Station
Caldwell	Chevron @ 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave S. & Freeway West Valley Medical Center (Near Emergency Entrance) Maverick Station @ 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave S. & Ustick 20248 W. Hoskins Rd (West Canyon County)
Nampa	Karcher Mall (Near Ross Dress for Less) Albertsons @ 7 <sup>th</sup> St. and 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave. So. D & B Supply @ 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave South
Melba/ Bowmont	Chevron (Greenhurst & Southside) McDonalds @ Exit 38 (Garrity & Freeway)
Meridian/ Kuna	WINCO (West side of parking lot)
Emmett	Amoco Station on E. Main Maverick Station on Hwy
New Plymouth	Lowell's Market at 5 corners
Fruitland	Shell Station @ Palisades Corner Shell Station @ Hwy 95 Fruitland
Ontario	McDonalds (West Park Plaza) McDonalds Kmart Shell Station @ Freeway
Payette	Shell Station across from Lonnie's Jerry's Market on 6 <sup>th</sup> Lonnie's Market
Weiser	Sinclair Station Hwy 95 Maverick Station Hwy 95 Front of the Post Office Pioneer Market



# VETERANS AFFAIRS PHONE NUMBERS



(Toll Free)

Education Benefits Inquiries	1-888-442-4551 (888 GI BILL 1)
Automated Monthly Verification	1-877-823-2378
Direct Deposit and Address Changes	1-877-838-2778
Debt Management Center	1-800-827-0648
Compensation and Pension	1-800-827-1000
Vocational Rehab and Employment	1-208-429-2228
Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947
Life Insurance	1-800-669-8477
Gulf War Vets Help Line	1-800-749-8387
Loan Guaranty (Huston)	1-888-232-2571
Certificate of Eligibility (Winston-Salem)	1-800-523-9479
Veterans Health Care	1-877-222-8387
Mammography Help Line	1-888-492-7844
CHAMP/VA Spina Bifida	1-800-733-8387
Means Test & Co-pay Test	1-866-393-1846

**Additional Information:**

You can send an e-mail inquiry to Muskogee Oklahoma at: GI Bill website:

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

For info on VA Properties for sale go to web site:

<http://www.ocwen.com>

## Military Service Record Request for DD Form 214 and/or SF-180.

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

### Online Requests using eVetRecs

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Our online eVetRecs system creates a customized order form to request information from your, or your relative's, military personnel records. You may use this system if you are:

- A **military veteran**, or
- Next of kin of a **deceased**, former member of the military. The **next of kin** can be any of the following: Surviving spouse that has not remarried, Father, Mother, Son, Daughter, Sister, or Brother.

If you are **not** the veteran or next of kin, you must complete the [Standard Form 180 \(SF 180\)](#). See [Access to Military Records by the General Public](#) for more details.

Use the link at the top of this page to get started using eVetRecs or visit [eVetRecs Help and FAQ](#) to learn more.

Military personnel records can be used for proving military service, or as a valuable tool in genealogical research. Most veterans and their next-of-kin can obtain **free** copies of their [DD Form 214 \(Report of Separation\)](#) and other military and medical records several ways.

Use the following to request veterans' service records from WW I - Present

Launch the **eVetRecs** System to start your request online:

<https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.asp>

Download form SF 180:

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html>

# VA DISABILITY COMPENSATION

For specific questions refer to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

## What is VA Disability Compensation?

Disability Compensation is a benefit paid to a veteran because of injuries or diseases that happened while on active duty, or were made worse by active military service. It is also paid to certain veterans disabled from VA health care. The benefits are tax-free.

## Reasons to File a VA Disability Claim

It is most important that a veteran file a disability claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs to service connect those disabilities, diseases, or injuries or residuals thereof, which were incurred in or aggravated by military service. Compensation is payable to any veteran with a service connected disability rated (10) percent or more, provided that his/her service was under conditions other than dishonorable. Although there is no time limit for filing a VA claim, it should be done at the time of separation or as soon thereafter as possible.

### **Following are some of the reasons a veteran should file a VA compensation claim:**

1. Compensation is payable to a veteran for service-connected disability rated from 10% to 100%, with additional amounts for statutory awards or certain multiple disabilities plus additional amounts for dependents when a veteran is rated 30% or more. Rates may increase each year based on COLA.
2. VA compensation is not subject to Federal or State taxes.
3. Many states have special programs and benefits for veterans with service-connected disabilities.
4. Filing a disability claim establishes a VA file, which will help expedite other claims and applications that may be filed at a later date.
5. VA will consider a rating for all disabilities diagnosed and treated during military service, when such disabilities are included within the claim.
6. If a service-connected disability worsens, VA will reconsider the rating upon receipt of medical evidence showing an increase in severity.
7. Certain chronic and tropical diseases have presumptive periods. Service-connection may be granted if diagnosed within the proper period and rated to a compensable degree of at least 10%.
8. If service-connected disabilities rated at 60% or above and unemployable, the veteran may be rated 100% by VA.
9. If a veteran is hospitalized for 21 days or more or undergoes major surgery for service-connected Disability's he/she is entitled to a temporary 100% rating during the period of hospitalization and/or convalescence.
10. Certain severely disability conditions, e.g., blindness, paraplegia, loss of limbs, carry special VA ratings and payments.
11. VA pays an annual clothing allowance to veterans whose prosthetic devices or service-connected disabilities tend to wear or tear their clothing.
12. A service-connected disability rating provides preference points for State and Federal employment under certain conditions.
13. Retirees with service-connected disabilities may waive the monetary amount of VA compensation from military retired pay for federal income tax purposes.
14. Educational benefits are available to the spouse and other dependents (to include dependent Parents) of a veteran who dies as the result of a service-connected disability, regardless of the rating percentage.
15. DIC and Educational benefits are payable to eligible survivors of veterans rated totally disabled by VA from service-connected disabilities continuously for ten years preceding death, or rated totally disabled on retirement and for the following five years, regardless of the cause of the veteran's death.

16. A veteran with a service-connected disability is eligible for a maximum of \$10,000 of National Service Life Insurance (RH). A totally disabled veteran is eligible for a maximum of \$20,000 of National Service Life Insurance (RH).
17. Premiums for NSLI may be waived by VA Insurance Center if the veteran is considered totally disabled and this condition has existed six months or more prior to the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.
18. Veterans rated 10% or more service-connected and in need of training may apply for Vocational Rehabilitation Training (Chapter 31).
19. Outpatient dental care is authorized for veterans rated 100% service-connected, including those rated 100% due to being unemployable.
20. Veterans (not retired military – which are eligible for full ID card benefits) rated 100% service-connected and their dependents are eligible for military ID cards (commissary and exchange privileges). Dependents may also be eligible for CHAMPVA benefits.
21. *Service-Related Death.* VA will pay up to \$2,000 toward burial expenses for deaths. If the veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, some or all of the cost of transporting the deceased may be reimbursed.  
*Nonservice-Related Death.* VA will pay up to \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses and a \$300 plot-interment allowance for deaths. The plot-interment allowance is \$150 for deaths. If the death happened while the veteran was in a VA hospital or under VA contracted nursing home care, some or all of the costs for transporting the veteran's remains may be reimbursed.
22. Filing a claim and establishing service-connected disabilities provide advantages in obtaining medical care at VA expense. These advantages include:
  - a. Instant proof of eligibility for medical care, thereby expediting the receipt of treatment.
  - b. Establishes eligibility for treatment of no service-connected disabilities on a space-available basis at VA hospitals and clinics.
  - c. If rated 50% or more for service-connected disabilities, may be treated for all nonuser vice-connected disabilities.
  - d. The VA may pay for emergency hospitalization in private facilities for service-connected disabilities if VA facilities are not available. The VA medical facility of jurisdiction should be notified within 72 hours of admission to the private facility.
  - e. The VA may pay for outpatient medical treatment from private doctors for any service-connected disability, and for all disabilities if the veteran is rated 50% or more for service-connected disabilities, if the veteran resides outside a certain miles radius which is determined by the nearest VA medical facility.
  - f. The VA furnishes free of charge medicines required for treatment of service-connected disabilities and for all disabilities if the veteran is rated 50% or more for service-connected disabilities.
  - g. Prosthetic appliances and services are available at VA expense for eligible veterans.
  - h. Medical care is provided for any condition while a Veteran is enrolled in Vocational Rehabilitation Training (Chapter 31).

The VA Life Insurance Program can be found at:

<http://www.insurance.va.gov/miscellaneous/index.htm>

See your Veterans Representative for the application form VA Form 21-526, Veterans Application for Compensation or Pension, or you can download the form at

<http://www.opm.gov/forms/>

You can also file a disability claim on-line at

You are encouraged to utilize the services of an advocate, such as the Idaho State Veterans Services, which can be reached at (208) 577-2300, or the Disabled American Veterans which can be reached at (208) 429-2140, when filing a disability claim. These advocacy groups are well versed on the VA rules and regulations and should be able to assist you in putting together a claim that will withstand VA

# VA Healthcare Enrollment

Go to <http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/>

Veterans enrolled in the health care system will be eligible to receive inpatient and outpatient services, including preventive and primary care. These include: diagnostic and treatment services; rehabilitation; mental health and substance abuse treatment; home health, respite and hospice care; and drugs in conjunction with VA treatment.

In October 1996, Congress passed Public Law 104-262, the *Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996*, which paved the way for the creation of a Uniform Benefits Package.

Under the new Uniform Benefits Package, the VA offers a comprehensive health care plan that provides the care you need, when you need it, and will generally be provided to all enrolled veterans regardless of your priority group. **You should enroll to ensure you will receive the comprehensive benefits package.**

**Determining your Eligibility** – Eligibility for health care through VA is a two-step process:

- 1) VA must determine your eligibility status as a veteran by reviewing your
  - Character of Discharge from active military service and your
  - Length of active military service
- 2) VA must determine whether you qualify for one of the eight enrollment priority groups.

## **Step 1. Determine your qualifying military service**

The character of discharge you received from the military can be a factor. It is not an issue if you received:

- An honorable discharge
- A general discharge
- A discharge under honorable conditions

The length of your service may also matter. It depends on when you served. There's no length of service requirement for:

- Former enlisted persons who started active duty before September 8, 1980, or
- Former officers who first entered active duty before October 17, 1981
- All other veterans must have 24 months of continuous active duty military service or meet one of the exceptions described below.

If you have a different character of discharge, you may still be eligible for care. Contact your Enrollment Coordinator at your local VA health care facility to see if you qualify.

## **Minimum Service Requirement**

You do not have to meet the 24 continuous months of active duty requirement if you:

- Were a reservist who was called to Active Duty and who completed the term for which you were called, and who was granted an other than dishonorable discharge, or
- Were a National Guard member who was called to Active Duty by federal executive order, and who completed the term for which you were called, and who was granted an other than dishonorable discharge, or
- Only request a benefit for or in connection with:
  - ◊ A service-connected condition or disability; or
  - ◊ Treatment and/or counseling of sexual trauma that occurred while on active military service; or
  - ◊ Treatment of conditions related to ionizing radiation; or
  - ◊ Head or neck cancer related to nose or throat radium treatment while in the military.
- Were discharged or released from active duty for a hardship; or
- Were discharged with an "early out"; or
- Were discharged or released from active duty for a disability that began in the service or got worse because of the service; or
- Have been determined by VA to have compensable service-connected conditions; or

- Were discharged for a reason other than disability, but you had a medical condition at the time that
  - ◊ Was disabling, and
  - ◊ In the opinion of a doctor, would have justified a discharge for disability (in this last case, the disability must be documented in service records)

**Step 2. Enrollment in VA Health Care System**

Generally, you must be enrolled in VA health care system to receive benefits offered in the Medical Benefits Package.

Certain veterans do not need to be enrolled to receive medical care benefits.

You do not have to be enrolled if you:

- Have been determined by VA to be 50% or more disabled from service-connected (SC) conditions
- Are seeking care for a VA rated service-connected disability only
- It is less than one year since you were discharged for a disability that the military determined was incurred or aggravated by your service, but that that VA has not yet rated

Priority	Description
Enrollment Priority 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 50% or more disabling, or</li> <li>•Veterans determined by VA to be unemployable due to service-connected conditions</li> </ul>
Enrollment Priority 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 30% or 40% disabling</li> </ul>
Enrollment Priority 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 10% or 20% disabling</li> <li>•Veterans who are former POWS</li> <li>•Veterans awarded the Purple Heart</li> <li>•Veterans whose discharge was for a disability that began in the line of duty</li> <li>•Veterans who are disabled because of VA treatment or participation in VA Vocational rehabilitation program</li> </ul>
Enrollment Priority 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Veterans who are receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits (on pension) from VA</li> <li>•Veterans who have been determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled</li> </ul>
Enrollment Priority 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Veterans receiving VA pension benefits</li> <li>•Veterans who are eligible for Medicaid programs</li> <li>•Veterans with income and assets below VA Means Test Thresholds</li> </ul>
Enrollment Priority 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Veterans with 0% service-connected conditions, but receiving VA compensation</li> <li>•Veterans seeking care only for disorders relating to Ionizing Radiation and Project 112/SHAD</li> <li>•Veterans seeking care for Agent Orange Exposure during service in Vietnam</li> <li>•Veterans seeking care for Gulf War Illness or for conditions related to exposure to Environmental Contaminants during service in the Persian Gulf</li> <li>•Veterans of World War I or the Mexican Border War</li> <li>•Veterans who served in combat in a war after the Gulf War or during a period of hostility after November 11, 1998 for 2 years following discharge or release from the military</li> </ul>
Enrollment Priority 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Veterans who agree to pay specified co-payments with income and/or net worth above VA Means Test threshold and income below the Geographic Means Test Threshold</li> <li>◊Subpriority a: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans who were enrolled in VA Health Care System on a specified date and who have remained enrolled since that date</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Sub priority c: Non- service-connected veterans who were enrolled in VA Health Care System on a specified date and who have remained enrolled since that date</li> <li>◇ Subpriority e: Non- compensable 0% service-connected veterans not included in Sub priority a above (<i>VA is not currently using Sub priority e.</i>)</li> <li>◇ Sub priority g: Non- service-connected veterans not included in Sub priority c above. (<i>VA is not currently using Sub priority g.</i>)</li> </ul>
Enrollment Priority 8:	<p>Veterans who agree to pay specified copayments with the income and/or net worth above VA means Test threshold and the Geographic Means Test Threshold.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sub priority a: Non- compensable 0% service-connected veterans enrolled as of January 16, 2003 and who have remained enrolled since that date</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sub priority c: Non- service-connected veterans enrolled as of January 16, 2003 and who have remained enrolled since that date</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sub priority e: Non- compensable 0% service-connected veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sub priority g: Non- service-connected veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003</li> </ul>

Certain non- service-connected veterans are required to fill out the financial worksheet, which the VA refers to as the “Means Test.” A means test is a gathering of financial information by which the VA determines your priority group for enrollment, and whether or not you are required to make co-payments for the service you receive. The means test is based on prior year income and net worth. However, you can apply for an exemption from paying those co-payments to avoid a hardship if projections of your income for the current year are that your income will be substantially below the applicable income threshold.

If you have Health insurance and you are receiving care for a non - service-connected disability, your insurance carrier will be billed. The VA does not bill your health insurance carrier for VA adjudicated service- connected disabilities. You will not be responsible for any unpaid balance that the insurance carrier does not pay.

**Enrollment for VA Healthcare is easy.** Just complete the following VA Form 10-10EZ and take to or mail to:

VA Medical Center  
Attn: Business  
Office 500 W. Fort  
Boise, ID 83702.

**Note:** The VA Form 10-10EZ is available to download from the internet at:

<http://www.va.gov/forms/data/10-10ez.pdf>

**For your convenience**, the VA has recently provided an online VA Form 10-10EZ, "Application for Health Benefits." Submission of this application provides the VA with the information that they need to begin the enrollment application process for you. By completing this application online, you can submit the form electronically to your VA health care facility of choice to expedite your enrollment. Apply for your health benefits now online with the VA's 10-10EZ format: <http://www.va.gov/forms/data/10-10ez.pdf>