

BARRE, MA VETERAN RESOURCES (November 2025)

MASSACHUSETTS BENEFITS WEB HOME:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/executive-office-of-veterans-services#org-nav-state-programs--benefits>

MassVets: Veteran Financial Benefits

NEW Benefit Estimator Tool

The MassVets Benefit Estimator helps Massachusetts veterans and their dependents determine their eligibility for financial assistance. This tool provides quick and easy access to information on potential monthly cash benefits.

[Find My Estimate](#)

SITE: <https://www.mass.gov/massvets-veteran-state-financial-benefits>

Chapter 115 Benefits/Safety Net Program

Massachusetts veterans, if you are facing financial difficulties the MA Executive Office of Veterans Services may be able to provide you with financial assistance.

Eligibility

Veterans may be eligible for benefits, which include:

- **Daily living expenses**
- **Medical costs**
- **Rent assistance**
- **Support of dependents**
- **Prevention of veteran homelessness**
- **Behavioral Health**
 - Veterans eligible for Chapter 115 financial benefits may now utilize benefits for outpatient behavioral health services, including outpatient psychiatric, substance use disorder, or other mental health care as well as prescriptions. However, veterans are not eligible for inpatient hospital stays through Chapter 115.

Municipalities are now allowed to send veterans their benefits either by physical check or by direct deposit. Please reach out to your local officials to see if your municipality offers Chapter 115 benefits through direct deposit.

To help determine your eligibility and see what you may qualify for, please use EOVS' [new Benefit Estimator Tool](#).

SITE: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/chapter-115-benefitssafety-net-program>

Veteran Annuity Benefit

The disabled veteran annuity is a financial benefit given to 100% disabled veterans, parents of deceased veterans, and unmarried spouses of deceased veterans living in Massachusetts.

HERO ACT UPDATE:

As part of the HERO Act, starting in August of 2025, veterans and eligible surviving spouses will receive one annuity check per year of \$2,500.

Note: EOVS offices are by appointment only, and annuity checks are not distributed from EOVS offices. Please allow **7 business days** from the expected date of payment before checking the status of payment.

Contact: VetsAnnuity@Mass.Gov or call 617-210-5480 if you have any questions or concerns about your benefits.

*Applications for the annuity must be received and approved by EOVS by **June 30th** in any given year.*

SITE: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/veteran-annuity-benefit>

Massachusetts Veterans Homes

Our mission is to provide Massachusetts Veterans the highest quality of long-term care services with dignity, honor and respect.

Veterans Home at Chelsea

Wheelchair Accessible

100 Summit Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150 [Directions](#)

Phone: [\(617\) 884-5660](tel:6178845660) Open daily

Established in 1882, the Veterans Home at Chelsea, formerly the Soldiers' Home, offers Residential and Long-Term Care services to eligible Massachusetts Veterans. Our mission is to provide, with Dignity, Honor, and Respect, the highest quality of personal health care services to Massachusetts Veterans.

Veterans Home at Holyoke

Wheelchair Accessible

110 Cherry Street, Holyoke, MA 01040 [Directions](#)

Phone: [\(413\) 532-9475](tel:(413)532-9475) Open daily

Site: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-veterans-homes/locations>

Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemeteries (MVMC)

Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemeteries honor Veterans and their families as a lasting tribute for their service and sacrifice to our nation.

Located in Agawam and Winchendon, our cemeteries offer free burial for eligible Veterans and charge a nominal fee for spouses and dependents.

Site: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-veterans-memorial-cemeteries>

Veterans' Bonus Division

The Veterans' Bonus Division is proud to provide bonus payments for veterans, servicemembers, and their families who were domicile (home of record) in Massachusetts for at least six months before entering the military and served during a wartime period or participated in a combat operation.

- **Out of state students that attended school in Massachusetts are not considered domicile in Massachusetts for the purpose of this bonus.**
- **Out of state active-duty military personnel that are not originally from Massachusetts are not considered domicile in Massachusetts for the purpose of this bonus.**

Online

[Veterans' Bonus Inquiry](#)

Phone

[\(617\) 367-9333 ext. 859](tel:(617)367-9333 ext. 859)

Address

1 Ashburton Place
12th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

[Directions](#)

Who we serve: Through our program, we serve veterans of the Commonwealth and their families by providing financial assistance when eligible. The Veterans' Bonus Division distributes bonuses for eligible

active duty, discharged, and deceased Massachusetts veterans who served during various conflicts in single or multiple deployments.

Veterans from Massachusetts that were discharged with an **Other Than Honorable** discharge due to their sexual orientation or HIV status maybe eligible for a bonus if they meet the other bonus requirements (*From Massachusetts, served during wartime or participated in combat operation*).

Property Tax Exemptions: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/guide-to-real-estate-tax-exemptions-for-qualifying-veterans-0/download>

Military and Veteran RMV Information

The RMV makes certain exemptions from regular procedures and waives certain fees for military service members, veterans, and their spouses/dependents.

Here you can find all the information you need to apply for license plates and decals, obtain Veteran's Indicator on a Massachusetts driver's license or ID card, understand the licensing requirements, and learn about available tax exemptions for disabled veterans:

Site: <https://www.mass.gov/military-and-veteran-rmv-information>

Veteran Transition Toolkit

This guide helps you and your family navigate the many programs, services, and benefits available as you transition to civilian life in Massachusetts.

[Download Toolkit](#)

Looking for United States Department of Veteran Affairs resources?

To make a change to your address, request a new DD214 form, or find readjustment counseling, follow the links below to the US Department of Veteran Affairs.

- [Request Your Military Service Records \(Including DD214\)](#)
- [National Archive of Historical Military Records](#)
- [Apply for a Discharge Upgrade for Federal Benefits](#)
- [VA Vet Centers \(Readjustment Counseling\)](#)

Veteran Education, Employment, & Training (VEET)

Vision

To empower veterans and their families with competitive employment and career opportunities.

Mission

The mission of the VEET Office is to provide meaningful connections for veterans to employment, training, and educational opportunities.

Site: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/veteran-education-employment-training>

Employment:

[MassHire Veterans Job Programs](#)

[MassHire Career Center Locations](#)

[Work for the Commonwealth](#)

[Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program \(DVOP\)](#)

[Veterans Employment Representatives \(VERs\)](#)

[Veterans Coordinated Approach Recovery and Employment \(VetsCARE\)](#)

[Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service](#)

[Department of Labor Veteran and Military Transition Center](#)

[Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeships](#)

[Veterans Transportation](#)

[VALOR Act benefits](#)

[Hilton Honors Military Program](#)

Training:

[Off-Base Transitioning \(OBTT\)](#)

[MassHire Job Training](#)

[Department of Defense SkillBridge Program](#)

[Edge4Vets](#)

EMS Certification

As part of the HERO Act, the Department of Public Health is creating a program to support military medics transitioning into emergency medical technician roles.

Veteran's Engagement Office (EOVS)

EOVS Engagement Office

We provide direct connections to the SAVE Team, SERVE Team, the Women Veterans Network and veteran constituent services.

Our Teams

Statewide Advocacy for Veterans Empowerment (SAVE)

The SAVE team is a statewide, peer-to-peer mobile outreach specializing in outreach and veteran case management.

[Learn More About SAVE](#)

Supporting and Empowering Reintegration for Veterans Equality (SERVE)

SERVE provides peer support and case management services across the Commonwealth for veterans involved in the justice system. The SERVE team is comprised of veterans, family members, and others connected to the veteran community.

[Learn More About SERVE](#)

The Massachusetts Women Veterans Network (WVN)

The WVN is dedicated to empowering women veterans, ensuring their voices are heard, their contributions acknowledged, and their well-being enhanced through education, advocacy, and collaboration.

[Learn More About the WVN](#)

Constituent Services

The Constituent Services team provides information, connections, and support to veterans across Massachusetts. We are committed to fostering a transparent, inclusive, and responsive dialogue with all veterans.

[Learn More about Constituent Services](#)

[Contact the Constituent Services Team](#)

Statewide Advocacy for Veterans Empowerment (SAVE)

SAVE is a statewide, peer-to-peer mobile outreach team specializing in outreach and veteran case management. SAVE team members operate regionally throughout the state and help veterans navigate any issues they may be facing.

Contact SAVE

Online

[Statewide Advocacy for Veterans Empowerment \(SAVE\) Program](#)

General inquiries email SAVE@mass.gov

Phone

SAVE Program Main Line [\(617\) 210-5743](tel:(617)210-5743)

Fax

(617) 210-5755

Address

600 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111

[Directions](#)

Site: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/statewide-advocacy-for-veterans-empowerment#org-nav-contact-save>

Supporting and Empowering Reintegration for Veterans Equality (SERVE)

SERVE provides peer support and case management services across the Commonwealth for veterans involved in the justice system. The SERVE team is comprised of veterans, family members, and others connected to the veteran community.

Vision

Veteran peers helping justice-involved veterans transition from court to community.

Mission

To empower veterans to navigate the justice system with confidence, providing them the tools and support necessary to achieve successful outcomes. Instead of operating within the traditional court system, Veterans Treatment Courts function on a separate track, offering peer specialists and treatment plans tailored to address veterans' specific needs. The SERVE team operates as trusted advocates committed to promoting justice, equality, and the overall well-being of our veteran community.

What We Do

- **Alternative Sentencing Options:** Veterans may have access to treatment instead of jail time, including in-patient drug and alcohol services, out-patient therapy, mental health counseling, and peer support through community-based providers. SERVE works directly with veterans to advocate on their behalf to the court, facilitate connections with court staff, and provide case management.
- **Comprehensive Treatment Plans:** Veterans may receive a psych-social evaluation from a community-based provider that informs a comprehensive treatment plan developed by that provider. In collaboration with clinicians, SERVE submits treatment options and recommendations to the court.
- **Vet-to-Vet Peer Mentor Program:** Veterans may receive continuous peer to peer connection and support from veteran members of the SERVE team for the duration of their treatment.

[Learn More & Meet the Team](#)

[Contact SERVE](#)

Site: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/supporting-and-empowering-reintegration-for-veterans-equality>

Massachusetts Women Veterans Network (WVN)

The mission of the Executive Office of Veterans Services (EOVS) is to provide the highest quality programs, benefits, and advocacy to Massachusetts veterans alongside federal and local partners. With this in mind, the Women Veterans Network WVN is dedicated to empowering women veterans, ensuring their voices are heard, their contributions acknowledged, and their well-being enhanced through education, advocacy, and collaboration.

Site: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-women-veterans-network>

Join the Network

Join the Massachusetts Women Veterans Network to get to know like-minded women veterans and participate in the women veteran community! Enjoy diverse activities like golf outings and wellness events, connect with local resources in your community, and network with other women veterans at our annual WVN Conference.

Sign up for monthly newsletter to stay up to date on programs and events:

[Become a Member](#)

[Get Involved](#)

Make Your Voice Heard

Your opinions matter, and we value your feedback, suggestions, and ideas for enhancing the WVN experience. Let us know your thoughts and suggestions by contacting the WVN.

EOVSWomenVets@mass.gov

Office of Housing, Equity, Resilience, & Outreach Services

Our mission is to ensure that every veteran and their family has access to safe, stable, affordable, and quality housing opportunities by partnering with the veteran community, non-profit service providers, and state and federal agencies.

Free Help for Homeless Veterans

Call 1-877-4AID VET ([877-424-3838](tel:877-424-3838))

Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness—and their family members, friends and supporters—can make the call to or chat online with the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans, where trained counselors are ready to talk confidentially 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Site: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/office-of-housing-equity-resilience-outreach-services>



Crisis Hotlines

Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Services
**STATEWIDE ADVOCACY FOR
VETERANS EMPOWERMENT**

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M Monday - Friday
Veteran-Centered Peer Mobile Outreach Team
Call: (617) 210-5743



24/7
Confidential Crisis Support
Call: 988, then Press 1



24/7
Substance Use, Harm Reduction, Treatment, & Recovery Services
Call: (800) 327-5050
Text: "HOPE" to 800327