



Free and Discounted Vacations for Wounded Warriors and Families

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- Free lodging for Veterans
 - Timeshare locations around the world - (timeshare locations from <http://www.rci.com/> or <http://www.intervalworld.com/>) - <http://www.tftfoundation.org/veterans-application.html>
 - Granby, CO - (Colorado Rockies retreat for the family) - <http://projectsanctuary.us/serving-military-families/our-program/>
- Free recreation and sports camp for severely injured veterans and their family
 - Alabama – Lima Foxtrot - <http://www.lakeshore.org/lima-foxtrot/>
- Free outdoor camp for active duty and medical retirees and family
 - Different cities – Operation Purple Healing Adventures - <http://www.militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/healing-adventures/>
- Free lodging for combat injured veterans only:
 - Custer, SD - (a large cabin) - <http://www.operationblackhillscabin.org/application.html>
 - Bluemont, VA - Boulder Crest Retreat – (log cabins with activities) - <http://www.bouldercrestretreat.org/>
 - Vail, CO – (outdoor camp) - <http://www.vailveteransprogram.com/>
- Free lodging for Purple Heart recipients only:
 - All around the country - (vacation homes and timeshares donated by individuals, no holiday weeks allowed) - (min of 5 day stay) - <http://www.vacationsforveterans.org/>
- Free lodging for Purple Heart recipients with dependents only:
 - Orlanda, FL - Bahama Bay Resort (free passes to Universal Orlando Resort, Sea World Orlando, and Wet 'n Wild Orlando) - (4 different units, must check availability on their site) - <http://www.wwfs.org/wounded-warriors-family-support/family-programs-application/the-bahama-bay-resort>
 - Galveston, TX - Victorian Resort - (one unit, must check availability on their site) - <http://www.wwfs.org/wounded-warriors-family-support/family-programs-application/the-victorian-resort>
 - Shenandoah National Park, VA - Shenandoah - (one unit, must check availability on their site) - <http://www.wwfs.org/wounded-warriors-family-support/family-programs-application/shenandoah>
 - Yellowstone National Park, WY - Yellowstone - (one unit, must check availability on their site) - <http://www.wwfs.org/wounded-warriors-family-support/family-programs-application/yellowstone>
 - Grand Canyon National Park, AZ - Maswik Lodge - (one unit, must check availability on their site) - <http://www.wwfs.org/wounded-warriors-family-support/family-programs-application/maswik-lodge>
- Discounted lodging for active duty and retirees:
 - Armed forces Vacation Club - <https://www.afvclub.com/>
- Discounted cruises for Veterans
 - <http://www.govarm.com/military-specials.html>



U.S. Army Wounded Warrior (AW2) Program

DoD Benefits for Military Retirees



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- No co-pay healthcare and free prescriptions at Military Treatment Facilities with scheduling appointments online if using Tricare Prime
- Adjust post 9/11 GI Bill months for dependents and update DEERS on <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect>
- Free wills and POAs for you and your spouse at Military legal offices - <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/MOS/f?p=MI:ENTRY:0>
- Access to RV parks on military bases and RV storage - <http://www.militarycampgrounds.us/milcamps>
- DoD branch financial assistance agency (i.e. Army Emergency Relief fund, Air Force Aid Society, etc.) - http://www.militaryonesource.mil/phases-military-leadership?content_id=267410
- Survivor Benefit Plan for dependents to receive 55% of retiree pay at death (unless eligible for DIC) - <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/sbp.html>
- Discounts at stores for service members - one usually has to ask if there is a discount available
- Delta Dental for service member and family - <http://www.trdp.org/>
- Budget and debt counseling on military bases through family support centers - <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/MOS/f?p=MI:ENTRY:0>
- CRSC (special pay for medical retirees with less than 20 years of service with combat related disabilities) - <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/disability/crsc.html>
- Military rental housing network - <https://www.ahrn.com/index.php>
- Federal Long Term Care insurance for dependents - <https://www.ltcfeds.com/>
- DoD branch Casualty Assistance Officer for family - http://www.militaryonesource.mil/family-and-relationships/casualty-assistance-and-surviving-loss?content_id=282930
- Commissary, BX and military gym access - <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/MOS/f?p=MI:ENTRY:0>
- Volunteer Income tax assistance (VITA) on military bases - <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/MOS/f?p=MI:ENTRY:0>
- Tricare health insurance for family - <http://www.tricare.mil/Plans/Eligibility/RSMandFamilies>
- MWR rental items like coolers and sports equipment - <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/MOS/f?p=MI:ENTRY:0>
- DoD branch and DFAS retiree newsletters
- Retirement flag if a regular retiree or permanently medically retired, visit retirement services - <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/MOS/f?p=MI:ENTRY:0>
- Lodging on military bases - <http://www.dodlodging.net/default.aspx>
- Presidential retirement certificate if a regular retiree or permanently medically retired, visit retirement services - <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/MOS/f?p=MI:ENTRY:0>
- Discounted tickets at MWR office on military bases - <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/MOS/f?p=MI:ENTRY:0>
- Move.mil to file a claim against moving company for retirement move - <http://www.move.mil/>
- Military ID for service member and dependents – locations can be found at the following link: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/appj/site:jsessionid=FnVxMtJaeedhzjoLXPjkdO8n6hzjz0O4sVuLZ45RCSHqPzMcQpSz!-2083012959?execution=e1s1>
- Behavioral and mental health services for family through Tricare as well as Family therapy - <http://www.tricare.mil/mentalhealth>
- Military retiree associations - <https://www.militarylife.com/resources/associations>
- Free pair of eyeglasses annually - <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nostra/order/Pages/Retiree.aspx>
- DoD online program to help your family be more fit and healthy - <http://www.usaffitfamily.com/new-home>
- Travel on military aircraft as Space A - <https://www.baseops.net/spaceatravel>
- Armed Forces Vacation Club for discounted hotels and vacation packages - <http://www.afvclub.com/>



Federal Benefits for those 100% disabled by the VA

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- Federal student loan discharge: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/disability-discharge>
- Free dental from the VA - http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/publications/IB10-442_dental_benefits_for_veterans_2_14.pdf
- Free VA healthcare for any medical issue and NO co-pays - <http://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/cost/copays.asp>
- Chapter 35 education benefits for dependents if 100% and total and permanent by the VA – http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor_dependent_assistance.asp - spouse gets benefits for up to 10 years after VA rating, kids must use between ages 18 and 26 – 45 months of over \$1,000 monthly cash benefit for each dependent in school full time
- After 5 years of a 100% rating, can cancel Military SBP since it is assumed the veteran will remain at 100% and the dependents will be eligible for DIC. There is an SBP and DIC offset which means under current law, the DIC is primary and the amount is deducted from the SBP payment. There is a push to remove the SBP offset though and there is currently a small amount given from DFAS to compensate for the offset. - <http://www.retirees.af.mil/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=11696>
- Spouse can get a civil service preference letter for federal jobs by request at 800-827-1000 - http://www.militaryonesource.mil/phases-career?content_id=267564
- Service academy appointments for children - 65 cadets per academy are appointed in order of merit established by examination from among the children of armed forces personnel who were killed in action, who are missing in action, and who had or have a 100% service-connected disability contracted in active service. Each academy has their own application form - <https://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33213.pdf>
- Expedited social security disability claims for those rated by that VA as 100% total and permanent. This is the same expedited process for service members and veterans classified as a wounded warrior - <https://www.ssa.gov/people/veterans/>
- You are eligible for the Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance if:
 - You were rated for a service-connected disability (even if only 0%)
 - You are in good health except for any service-connected conditions
 - You apply within 2 years from the date VA grants your new service-connected disability.You can get up to a \$10,000 policy. To apply or get more info, visit: <http://benefits.va.gov/insurance/s-dvi.asp> . If you are 100% disabled, then you can have your premiums waived. Also, you can get a supplemental policy to the above policy for an additional \$20,000. You have to apply for the supplemental policy within a year of being granted a waiver to your premiums.
- Dependency Indemnity Compensation is a monthly payment made to the spouse and possibly the children. For the veteran to be eligible, the veteran must have had VA Compensation for service-connected disability that was rated as totally disabling for at least 10 years immediately before death, OR was rated as 100% since the veteran's release from active duty and for at least five years immediately preceding death. - http://benefits.va.gov/compensation/types-dependency_and_indemnity.asp
- DoD military ID card for base access for those not retired from the military – bring VA rating letter to get your DD Form 1173 - <http://www.cac.mil/uniformed-services-id-card/> - to find locations of DEERS ID card facilities go to <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/appj/site?execution=e1s1>
- If rated 100% and also total and permanently disabled by the VA, there will be no more re-evaluations - <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-8760-ARE.pdf>