

# Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs

## State Benefits

### Claims Assistance

Assistance with filing claims with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA). Veterans Service Representatives travel on itinerant basis offering assistance in all seventy-seven (77) counties of Oklahoma. Travel schedules can be obtained by calling (888) 655-2838 or visiting <http://www.odva.ok.gov>

### Tax Exemptions

100% service connected, totally disabled veterans that are rated permanent and total are eligible for a sales tax exemption, excise tax exemption, property tax exemption, and "household" property tax exemption. Call (888) 655-2838 for assistance.

### Retirement Income Tax Breaks

The deduction for retirement income from any component of the Armed Forces of the United States is the greater of (\$10,000) or seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount included in the taxpayers Federal Adjusted Gross Income.

### Motor Vehicles

Reduced fee auto tags are for veterans that are 50% service connected or more and the surviving spouse of a veteran who qualified for reduced auto tags. Other special license plates are offered by the State of Oklahoma described in 47 O.S., Sec. 1135.2. Call (888) 655-2838 for assistance.

### Financial Assistance Programs

Benefits are available for Veterans who served 90 days of wartime service, have one year of Oklahoma residency, and are temporarily injured or whose income is reduced or changed due to illness, death or disaster. Veterans must apply through a local service organization post or chapter such as The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War, or Disabled American Veterans. Call (888) 655-2838 for assistance.

### State Parks

Free admission to state owned and operated parks and museums, proof of veteran status required. Fee discounts to veterans. For more information call (888) 655-2838 for assistance.

## **Hunting and Fishing Permits**

Veterans with 60% or more service connected or no service connected disability/disabilities. Call (888) 655-2838 to determine if you are eligible.

## **Oklahoma Cross of Valor**

Resident of Oklahoma at time of entering the service; officially listed as a captive during a war, campaign, or battle; and honorably discharged.

## **Employment Preference**

Eligible for preferences when applying for Merit System jobs with state agencies in Oklahoma. Contact Oklahoma Office of Personnel Management at <http://www.opm.ok.gov>

## **Special Disabled Veterans Employment**

Honorably discharged wartime veterans certified by the USDVA or Armed Forces of the United States as having a 30% or more service connected disability who have been legal residents of Oklahoma for at least one year are exempt from entrance examinations and hiring procedures required by the Office of Personnel Management in competitive and non-competitive jobs at any state agency.

## **Public Records**

County Clerks in each county of the State will record and furnish copies of military discharges without cost. Court Clerks, the Registrar of the Bureau of Vital Statistics and other official custodians of public records shall furnish any war veteran with certified copies of public records needed to secure state and/or federal benefits.