VETERANS BENEFITS CHECKLIST \$

Healthcare Benefits

- <u>VA Health Care System</u>: Veterans can receive care at VA facilities or through the Veteran Community Care Program if local services are unavailable.
 - How to Enroll: Call 877-222-8387 or apply online at <u>VA Health Care</u>.
 - <u>VA Puget Sound Health Care System</u> (Seattle & American Lake): (800) 329-8387
 - Puget Sound VA Clinic Locations
- <u>Caregiver Support Program:</u> Provides training and financial stipends to caregivers.
 - **Contact a Caregiver Support Coordinator** at (855) 260-3274 or <u>Caregiver.va.gov.</u>

Aid & Attendance (A&A) Benefits

- <u>Aid & Attendance (A&A) Benefits:</u> Funds for those who need help with daily activities.
 - How to Apply: Visit the <u>Pension Management</u> <u>Center</u> or work with a <u>Veteran Service Officer</u> (<u>VSO</u>).

Washington State Veteran's Services

- Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs
 (WDVA)
 - Important Washington Locations
 Contact: 1-800-562-2308
 - <u>Veterans Assistance Fund</u>: Financial aid for food, rent, and transportation.
 - Assistance by County
- <u>VA Veterans Homes in Washington State</u>
 - Orting, Port Orchard, Walla Walla, & Spokane: Long-term care facilities offering nursing care and support.
 - **Contact:** (877) 838-7787 for eligibility.

Key Contacts

- Veteran Service Officers (VSO): Free help with applications for benefits.
 - Find your local VSO at the <u>Washington State VSO</u> <u>Directory</u>.
- <u>Vet Centers (Readjustment Counseling)</u>: Confidential support for veterans and families.

VA Pensions & Disability Compensation

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- <u>VA Pension Program:</u> For low-income veterans aged 65+ or those with a disability unrelated to service.
- <u>Disability Compensation</u>: Provides tax-free compensation to veterans with service-connected disabilities.
 - Apply at <u>VA Disability Compensation</u> or call 800-827-1000 for help.

Burial Benefits

- **VA Burial and Memorial Benefits:** Veterans and eligible family members can receive burial benefits, including interment in a VA national cemetery, a government-provided headstone or marker, and a burial flag.
 - National Cemetery Eligibility: Most honorably discharged veterans and their spouses are eligible.
 - Apply at <u>National Cemetery Administration</u> or call 800-535-1117 for assistance.
 - <u>Request a Pre-Need Determination of</u> <u>Eligibility</u> to secure future interment arrangements
 - Learn more about <u>Veterans Burial &</u> <u>Transportation Benefits</u> to cover costs here.
- Headstones, Markers, and Burial Flags
 - Veterans may be eligible for a Veterans headstone, marker, medallion, plaque, urn, burial flag, and/or a Presidential Memorial Certificate. <u>Learn more</u> <u>here</u> or call 800-697-6947.

<u>Washington State Veterans Cemeteries</u>

- Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake offers free burial services for veterans and low-cost services for spouses and dependents.
- **Contact:** (509) 299-6280 or <u>WA State Veterans</u> <u>Cemetery</u>.
- Eligibility for Pre-Need Burial Determination
- <u>Seattle Vet Center</u>: (206) 658-4225
- Washington State VA Regional Office: (206) 220-6175
- <u>Veteran Crisis Hotline</u>: Call 988 (then Press 1) or text 838255
- National Center for PTSD: www.ptsd.va.gov



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