

New York State Veteran's Benefits & Discounts

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The state of New York provides several veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

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State Veterans Home

A 242 bed veterans home is operated by the State Department of Health at Oxford, Chenango County, for veterans, spouses and certain parents. The Department of Health also operates a 250-bed facility at St. Albans, Queens, a 126-bed facility adjacent to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Batavia, Genesee County and a 250-bed facility in Montrose, Westchester County. A 350-bed Veterans Home is located on the campus of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Long Island, and is operated by the university's Health Sciences Center. Health related care and skilled nursing services are available at all facilities. Admission preference is based on severity of illness or disability and need for care.



New York State Veterans' Home at Oxford

Serving the Veterans' and their families of the Central and Southern Tier regions of New York since 1897.

NYSVH Oxford is a 242 bed facility.

<http://www.nysvets.org/homes/oxford/default.aspx>



New York State Veterans' Home at St. Albans

Serving the Veterans' and their families of the New York City region since 1993. St. Albans is a 250 bed facility located in Jamaica NY.

<http://www.nysvets.org/homes/stalbans/default.aspx>



New York State Veterans' Home at Batavia

Serving the Veterans' and their families of Western New York since 1995. Batavia is a 126 bed facility.

<http://www.nysvets.org/homes/batavia/default.aspx>



New York State Veterans' Home at Montrose

Serving the Veterans' and their families of the Lower Hudson Valley since 2001. NYSVH Montrose is located on the VA Medical Center Grounds and has 252 beds.

<http://www.nysvets.org/homes/montrose/default.aspx>



* Long Island State Veterans' Home*

Serving the Veterans' and their families of Long Island since 1991. Located on the campus of Stony Brook University, the Veterans Home is a 350-bed skilled nursing facility. <http://www.nysvets.org/listate.aspx>

*Note: *LISVH is not part of the Department of Health, but part of the State University of New York. LISVH works closely with the Veterans' Homes.*

Homes for Veterans Program

This program, through State of New York Mortgage Agency (SONYMA), offers fixed-rate mortgages with interest rates 0.375% below the already low interest rates charged on SONYMA mortgages with down payment assistance. The Homes for Veterans Program features the following:

- Veterans and their spouses or co-borrowers need not be a first-time homebuyer.
- Interest rates that are 0.375% lower than standard SONYMA interest rates (for loans with down payment assistance).
- Down payment assistance up to the greater of \$3,000 or 3% of the home purchase price (not to exceed \$15,000).
- No points or origination fees.
- Minimum borrower cash contribution only 1% (the remaining 2% can come from a gift or other acceptable source).

The Veteran must have served in the active military and discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. In addition, any active duty service members, honorably discharged National Guardsmen, or honorably discharged Reservist, who are first time homebuyers may take advantage of the program benefits if they are:

- A U.S. military personnel (including those currently serving in the reserves) stationed in New York State, regardless of discharge status)
- An active or honorably discharged National Guardsman
- An active or honorably discharged Reservist

For more information on the Homes for Veterans Program, visit the Homes for Veterans Program website at: <http://www.nyshcr.org/Topics/Home/Buyers/SONYMA/HomesforVeteransProgram.htm>

Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program is a joint effort between HUD and VA to move Veterans and their families out of homelessness and into permanent housing. HUD provides

housing assistance through its Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) that allows homeless Veterans to rent privately owned housing. VA offers eligible homeless Veterans or Veterans at-risk of being homeless, clinical and supportive services through its health care system across the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam. For additional information on HUD-VASH, visit the website at: http://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash_eligibility.asp Or call the National Call Center for Homeless Vets: 1.877.4AID.VET or 1.877.424.3838

Financial Assistance Benefits

Income Tax

-- *Military Pay*: If your permanent home was New York state before entering the military, active-duty income is not subject to state taxes, IF you meet all three of the following conditions:

1. Did not maintain any permanent place of abode in New York state during tax year;
2. Maintained a permanent place of abode outside New York during the entire year;
3. Spent less than 30 days in New York state during tax year. (Barracks, bachelor officers' quarters, quarters assigned on vessel do not constitute permanent abode.)

It also is not subject to tax if taxpayer was in a foreign country for at least 450 days during any period of 548 consecutive days.

-- *Retired Pay*: Not taxable

Property Tax Exemption

Partial exemption from real property taxes is based on condition of service, with additional benefits based upon degree of service-connected disability. Applications must be filed before Taxable Status Day. Qualifying widow(er)s may file for benefit based on their spouse's service. Exemption applies to local and county property taxes.

- The Alternative Veterans' Exemption is available only on residential property of a Veteran who has served during a designated time of war or received an expeditionary medal.
- The Cold War Veterans' Exemption is available only on residential property of a Veteran who served during the Cold War period.
- The Eligible Funds Exemption applies to property that a Veteran or certain other designated person purchases. Such owners must purchase the property with pension, bonus, or insurance monies

Supplemental Burial Allowance

A supplemental burial allowance of up to \$6,000 is authorized for certain military personnel killed in combat or while on active duty in hostile or imminent danger locations on or after September 29, 2003.

New York State Blind Annuity

A New York State Blind Annuity is available to visually impaired wartime veterans and certain unremarried spouses. Refer to <http://veterans.ny.gov/content/new-york-state-blind-annuity-program> for information on this program

New York State Gold Star Annuity

Gold Star Parent Annuity authorizes an annuity payment of up to \$500 per Gold Star parent of a deceased veteran. Refer to <http://veterans.ny.gov/content/gold-star-parent-annuity-program> for information on this program

E-ZPass for Disabled Veterans

The New York State Thruway Authority offers free, unlimited travel anywhere on the Thruway to certain, qualifying disabled Veterans. The Thruway Authority's only qualifying criteria for the Disabled Veterans E-ZPass Non-Revenue program is a fee-exempt vehicle registration from Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). You must find out whether you are eligible for a fee-exempt registration before applying for the program. Eligibility is not determined by percent disabled designations, specialty license plates, or other similar criteria.

New York State Motor Vehicle Registration Fee Exemption

Through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Veterans can qualify to be exempt from registration fees and vehicle plate fees if:

- You are a qualified disabled Veteran under Federal Title 38, Part III, Chapter 39, or
- You qualify for and apply for Congressional Medal of Honor custom plates, or
- You are 62 years of age or older and you qualify for and apply for Former Prisoner of War custom plates.

For additional information, including required application forms, visit the DMV website at:

<http://www.dmv.ny.gov/armedforces>

Sales Tax Exemption for Motor Vehicles Purchased Out-Of-State by Military Service Members

New York State tax law offers a full exemption from New York State sales and use tax on a motor vehicle purchased in another state by a person in the military Service of the United States, so long as that other state's sales, use, excise, usage or highway use tax was paid

Death Benefits

New York State offers surviving family of military members killed in a combat zone a Supplemental Burial Allowance of up to \$6,000.

Employment Benefits

Disabled Veterans Civil Service Preference

Ten additional credits are granted on civil service examinations to qualified disabled veterans. Eligible lists established after January 1, 2014 will include the additional disabled veteran credits in scores of candidates who meet the above two conditions and provide the necessary documentation to establish eligibility to the Department of Civil Service. **Note: IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NEEDED IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE ADDITIONAL VETERAN CREDITS.** For additional eligibility and application information refer to <http://www.cs.ny.gov/vetcredits/>

Civil Service Credit Preference

Ten-point additional credit preference toward original appointment for disabled wartime veterans; five-

points for wartime service; and two and a half points for competitive promotional exams. Job retention rights applicable to veterans and spouses of totally disabled veterans.

Veterans with Disabilities Employment Program

Section 55-c of the New York State Civil Service Law authorizes 500 positions to be filled with qualified wartime Veterans with disabilities. Applicants must meet the minimum qualifications for the position but are not required to take an examination. Eligible Veterans are not guaranteed state employment and are not placed on a hiring list.

Military Service Credit for State & Local Retirement System Members

Veterans may be entitled to receive additional credit toward retirement for your military service through New York State and Local Retirement System.

There are different sections of the law that allow the crediting of qualifying military service. Once the Retirement System receives your request, they will determine under what section the Veteran may qualify and what would be most advantageous to the Veteran.

In most cases, purchasing additional service credit will increase the pension. However, there are certain situations where additional service credit may not increase the pension at retirement.

New York State Peddler's License

New York State Veterans with other than dishonorable discharges from the United States Armed Forces are eligible to apply for a free lifetime Veterans Peddler's License provided the Veteran served overseas in peace or war.

Veterans Temporary Hiring Program

It is the policy of New York state to use honorably discharged veterans for temporary appointments in state agencies rather than utilizing temporary employment service companies. A state agency must select a veteran from the veteran temporary hiring list when making a temporary appointment provided the veteran possesses the applicable skills needed for the temporary assignment.

Other

For information on the following refer to <http://veterans.ny.gov> and click the 'Employment' tab:

- xEperience Counts
- Hire-A-Vet Credit
- Individual Unemployability Benefit for Service Connected Disability
- Military Service Claim for Unemployment Benefits
- New York State Department of Labor Employment Services
- New York State Peddler's License
- Renewal of Temporary Teaching Certificates
- Starting a Veteran-Owned Business
- Troops To Energy
- Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)
- Veterans with Disabilities Employment Program (55-c)
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program

Education Benefits

Veterans Tuition Awards

The Veterans Tuition Awards, managed by the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC), awards are for full-time study and part-time study for eligible Veterans matriculated at an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting institution or in an approved vocational training program in New York State. Eligible students are those who are New York State residents discharged under honorable conditions from the U.S. Armed forces and who are one of the following:

- Vietnam Veterans who served in Indochina between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975.
- Persian Gulf Veterans who served in the Persian Gulf on or after August 2, 1990.
- Afghanistan Veterans who served in Afghanistan during hostilities on or after September 11, 2001.
- Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who served in hostilities that occurred after February 28, 1961 as evidenced by receipt of an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal or a Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal.

These students must also:

- Establish eligibility by applying to HESC.
- Be New York State residents.
- Be US Citizens or eligible noncitizens.
- Be matriculated full or part-time at an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting institution in New York State or in an approved vocational training program in New York State.
- Have applied for the Tuition Assistance Program for full-time undergraduate or graduate study.

For more information on Veterans Tuition Awards, including eligibility, amounts, duration and how to apply, visit the HESC website at: http://www.hesc.ny.gov/content.nsf/SFC/Veterans_Tuition_Awards.

Regents Awards for Children of Deceased & Disabled Veterans

Through the New York State Higher Education Services (HESC), the Regents Awards for Children of Deceased & Disabled Veterans provides up to \$450 per year to students whose parent(s) served in the United States Armed Forces during specified times of war or national emergency, and as a result of such service, the Veteran either died, suffered a 40 percent or greater United States Department of Veterans Affairs service-connected disability rating percentage, was classified as missing in action, or was a prisoner of war. The Veteran must currently be a New York State resident or have been a New York State resident at the time of death. For more information, including how to apply, visit the HESC website at: http://www.hesc.ny.gov/content.nsf/SFC/NYS_Regents_Awards_for_Children_of_Deceased_and_Disabled_Veterans.

Military Service Recognition Scholarship

Through the New York State Higher Education Services (HESC), the Military Service Recognition Scholarship (MSRS) provides financial aid to children, spouses, and dependents of members of the United States Armed Forces or state organized militia who, at any time on or after August 2, 1990, while a New York State resident, died or becomes severely and permanently disabled while engaged in

hostilities or training for hostilities. Additional information on eligibility and how to apply can be found on the HESC website at: http://www.hesc.ny.gov/content.nsf/SFC/New_York_State_Programs.

Operation Recognition - High School Diplomas

Certain Veterans who left high school without graduating are eligible to earn New York State high school diplomas. Operation Recognition, created by Section 305 of New York's Education Law, recognizes the devotion and sacrifice of World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam Era Veterans who left school early by presenting them with a high school diploma. To be eligible, a Veteran must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a New York State resident.
2. Engaged in active duty service for at least one day during one of the following wartime periods:
 1. World War II: December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946
 2. Korea: June 27, 1950 - January 31, 1955
 3. Vietnam: May 1, 1961 - April 30, 1975
3. Received a satisfactory discharge from military service.

Deceased Veterans can receive a diploma. The child or spouse of a deceased Veteran who met the criteria listed above may apply and accept a posthumous diploma on the Veteran's behalf. Qualifying Veterans or their family members must present evidence of the Veteran's military service, including dates of service and discharge status. Acceptable verifying documents include a DD Form 214 (the Department of Defense discharge form), a WD AGO Form 53-55 form (Enlisted Record and Report of Separation), an Honorable Discharge Certificate, or a Special Discharge form from the Coast Guard or Merchant Marines. Veterans and family members can obtain Operation Recognition information by contacting the New York State Department of Education at (518) 474-8940.

New York Veteran Recreation Benefits

Hunting Licenses & Permits

Veterans with a 40-percent or greater disability rating are eligible for low-cost hunting and fishing licenses, and free use of state parks, historic sites and recreation sites.

Hunting & Fishing Licenses for Nonresident Military Members

Non-residents stationed in NY for more than 30 days are entitled to resident prices for fishing, hunting or trapping licenses.

Hunting & fishing Licenses for NY Resident Military Members

Active military members stationed outside New York who are home on leave for 30 days or less are entitled to free hunting, fishing or trapping licenses (*Note: if you are a New York resident stationed in New York, regular license fees apply*).

Lifetime Liberty Pass for NYS Veterans With Disabilities

The Lifetime Liberty Pass benefits includes free vehicle entry to state parks and DEC-operated day-use areas, as well as numerous state boat launch sites, historic sites, arboretums and park preserves; free golf at 28 State Park golf courses; free swimming pool entrance at 36 State Park pools, and discounted camping and cabin rentals at all 119 State Park and DEC campgrounds. Wartime veterans with 40% or greater service-connected disability are eligible..

Visit the [New York State Division of Veterans Affairs](#) website for more information on any of these programs.

Other State Veteran Benefits

Burial and Cemeteries

To honor servicemembers who gave their lives in combat, New York State offers surviving family members a Supplemental Burial Allowance of up to \$6,000. Eligible individuals must prove their relationship to a servicemember who:

(1) Is a New York State resident at the time of his/her death, OR was a member of the New York Army National Guard or New York Air National Guard at the time when he/she entered active duty status, during which period of service he or she died; and

(2) Either:

- Passed away in a combat zone;
- Passed away while receiving hazardous duty pay, pursuant to Title 37, Section 310 (a)(4) of the United States Code; or
- Passed away from wounds sustained in a combat zone or while receiving hazardous duty pay.

This money is used to defray funeral and interment costs not covered by the federal government. A family member must bear part or all costs of the servicemember's funeral and/or interment to be eligible. To apply for the Supplemental Burial Allowance, fill out the Burial Allowance application online at http://veterans.ny.gov/sites/default/files/supplementalburial_application_jan2015.pdf , download and submit copies of the following documents along with your application:



- One document proving the servicemember's combat-related death (such as a casualty report from the military, a death certificate listing cause of death, etc.).
- One document proving EITHER: (1) The servicemember was a resident of New York State at the time of his/her death, or (2) The servicemember was a member of the New York Army National Guard or New York Air National Guard at the time when he/she entered active duty status, during which period of service he or she died. § **** NOTE:** Documents to prove proof of residence include, but are not limited to, a New York State driver's license or non-driver ID card; a voter registration notification card; a current utility bill (such as water, electricity, trash collection, cable TV, etc.) listing the applicant's name and address; a residential lease issued within one year of the current date; a property tax or school tax bill or receipt for the year in which the servicemember passed away; a federal or New York State income tax or earning statement; or any other official document showing the servicemember's status as a New York State resident.**
- Document(s) showing the amount of money that the Burial Allowance applicant paid for the funeral and/or interment costs of the servicemember.
- One document showing proof of the applicant's family relationship to the servicemember.
- Document(s) showing how much money, if any, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs paid the applicant or other family members to assist in covering the funeral and interment expenses.

The below National cemeteries are established for veteran use. There are no state veteran cemeteries in New York:




Cemetery	Address	Contact	Burial Space
Bath National Cemetery	San Juan Avenue Bath, NY 14810	Phone: 607-664-4853 FAX: 607-664-4761	Open
Calverton National Cemetery	210 Princeton Boulevard Calverton, NY 11933	Phone: 631-727-5410 FAX: 631-369-4397	Open
Cypress Hills National Cemetery	625 Jamaica Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11208	Phone: 631-454-4949 FAX: 631-777-7017	Closed
Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery	200 Duell Road Schuylerville, NY 12871	Phone: 518-581-9128 FAX: 518-583-6975	Open
Long Island National Cemetery	2040 Wellwood Avenue Farmingdale, NY 11735	Phone: 631-454-4949 FAX: 631-694-5422	Cremation Only
Woodlawn National Cemetery	1825 Davis Street Elmira, NY 14901	Phone: 607-732-5411 FAX: 607-732-1769	Cremation Only
Albany Rural Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	Cemetery Avenue Albany, NY 12204	Phone: 518-581-9128 FAX: 518-583-6975	






Customized Military and Veteran License Plates

Specialty plates for veterans and military members are available as indicated below. All vehicles that are registered in NYS as a passenger class vehicle or as a commercial class vehicle are eligible. Certain custom plates are available for Motorcycles also.





Information & Requirements	Initial Custom Plate Fee / Annual Plate Renewal Fee <i>In addition to your regular registration fee</i>		How to Order	Sample Plate Image
	Designated Series Plate Number	Personalized Plate Number		
Air Force Reserve Click image to enlarge Requirements: letter from Commanding Officer or copy of active Air Force Reserve ID.	\$38.75/\$0	Not available	DMV order form	
Air National Guard Click image to enlarge Requirements: letter from Commanding Officer.	\$38.75/\$0	Not available	DMV order form	









<p>Airborne Requirements: copy of Airborne Association membership card, or copy of DD-214, or copy of Airborne ID card.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>\$70.00/\$31.25</p>	<p><u>DMV order form</u></p>	
<p>American Legion Requirements: copy of current membership card.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>\$70.00/\$31.25</p>	<p><u>DMV order form</u></p>	
<p>Army National Guard Click image to enlarge Requirements: letter from Commanding Officer.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>Not available</p>	<p><u>DMV order form</u></p>	
<p>Army Reserve Click image to enlarge Requirements: letter from Commanding Officer.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>Not available</p>	<p><u>DMV order form</u></p>	
<p>Coast Guard Auxiliary Requirements: copy of membership card.</p>	<p>\$47.50/\$18.75</p>	<p>\$78.75/\$50.00</p>	<p><u>DMV order form</u></p>	
<p>Coast Guard Reserve Click image to enlarge Requirements: letter from Commanding Officer or copy of active Coast Guard Reserve ID.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>Not available</p>	<p><u>DMV order form</u></p>	
<p>Combat Infantrymen Requirements: copy of DD-214; DMV order form and approval from Division Commander</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>\$70.00/\$31.25</p>	<p>Perry Marchigiani Division Commander of the State of New York Combat Infantrymen</p>	



<p>of the State of New York Combat Infantrymen.</p>			<p>221 Dunwoodie Street Yonkers, NY 10704 Phone: 1 (914) 760-3670 FAX: 1 (914) 751-3171 e-mail</p> <p>DMV order form</p>	
<p>Congressional Medal of Honor Click image to enlarge Requirements: proof of award.</p>	<p>No fees</p>	<p>Not available</p>	<p>DMV order form</p>	
<p>Disabled American Veteran Requirements: approval by organization.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>\$70.00/\$31.25</p>	<p>Organization: Prospero M. Sodano 1-516-887-7100 and use DMV order form</p>	 <p>Click image to enlarge</p>
<p>Disabled Veteran Click image to enlarge Copy of DD-214 proving war-time veteran; and for applicants who do not already have a plate with the International Symbol of Access, MV-664.1, OR a letter from a Medical Doctor, Doctor of Osteopathy, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant or Doctor of Podiatric Medicine verifying a permanent disability that affects mobility.</p>	<p>\$28.75/\$0</p>	<p>Not available</p>	<p>DMV order form and form MV-664.1</p>	

<p>Eighth Air Force Historical Society Requirements: must be an active member, copy of membership card. \$15 of the annual fee supports the Eighth Air Force Historical Society Fund for veterans' counseling services.</p>	\$43.75/\$15.00	\$75.00/\$46.25	DMV order form	 <p>A New York license plate with a blue border. At the top, it says '- New York -'. On the left is a circular emblem with a yellow '8' and a blue star. The main text is '234EAF' in large blue letters. At the bottom, it says 'EIGHTH AIR FORCE'.</p>
<p>Former Prisoner of War Requirements: copy of DD-214 or letter from Veterans Administration verifying Former POW status.</p>	No Fees	Not available	DMV order form	 <p>A New York license plate with a blue border. At the top, it says '- New York -'. On the left, it says 'FORMER PRISONER OF WAR' in red. The main text is '2345' in large blue letters.</p>
<p>40 & 8 (The Grande Voiture du New York, La Societe Des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux) Requirements: copy of current membership card.</p>	\$60.00/\$31.25	\$91.25/\$62.50	DMV order form	 <p>A New York license plate with a blue border. At the top, it says '- New York -'. On the left is a yellow triangular emblem with '40 & 8' and 'La Societe Des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux'. The main text is '234GNY' in large blue letters. At the bottom, it says 'Voyageur Militaire'.</p>
<p>Gold Star Mother Click image to enlarge Requirements: official documentation stating child died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.</p>	\$28.75/\$0	Not available	DMV order form	 <p>A New York license plate with a blue border and an American flag background. At the top, it says '- NEW YORK -'. On the left, it says 'GOLD STAR MOTHER' in white. The main text is '2345' in large blue letters.</p>
<p>Jewish War Veterans of America Click image to enlarge Requirements: proof of membership in the Jewish War Veterans of America Association.</p>	\$38.75/\$0	Not available	DMV order form	 <p>A New York license plate with a blue border and an American flag background. At the top, it says '- NEW YORK -'. On the left, it says 'JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF AMERICA' in white. The main text is '2345' in large blue letters.</p>

<p>Korean War Veterans Requirements: copy of DD-214 or letter from Veterans Administration verifying service dates between 6/27/50 - 1/31/55.</p>	\$38.75/\$0	\$70.00/\$31.25	DMV order form	
<p>Marine Corps League Requirements: letter from MCL Paymaster.</p>	\$38.75/\$0	\$70.00/\$31.25	DMV order form	
<p>Marine Corps Reserve Click image to enlarge Requirements: letter from Commanding Officer or copy of active Marine Corps Reserve ID.</p>	\$38.75/\$0	Not available	DMV order form	
<p>Naval Militia Click image to enlarge Requirements: letter from Commanding Officer.</p>	\$38.75/\$0	Not available	DMV order form	
<p>Navy Reserve Click image to enlarge Requirements: letter from Commanding Officer or copy of active Navy Reserve ID.</p>	\$38.75/\$0	Not available	DMV order form	
<p>Pearl Harbor Survivor Click image to enlarge Requirements: copy of DD-214 and official statement verifying military service at Pearl Harbor on 12/7/1941.</p>	\$38.75/\$0	Not available	DMV order form	

<p>Persian Gulf Veteran Requirements: DD-214 verifying service dates in the Persian Gulf between 8/2/1990 and 4/6/1991.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>\$70.00/\$31.25</p>	<p>DMV order form</p>	 <p>A New York license plate with a blue top border containing the text '- New York -'. The plate number is '234PGV' in large blue letters. To the left of the number is a gold medal emblem with a ribbon. Below the number, it says 'Persian Gulf Veteran' in a smaller font.</p>
<p>Purple Heart Recipient (Vehicle Plate) Requirements: copy of DD-214 or letter from the Military verifying award.</p>	<p>\$28.75/\$0</p>	<p>\$60.00/\$31.25</p>	<p>DMV order form</p>	 <p>Click image to enlarge</p> <p>A New York license plate with a blue top border containing the text '- NEW YORK -'. The plate number is '2345 P H' in large blue letters. To the left of the number is a purple heart emblem with a ribbon. Below the number, it says 'PURPLE HEART' in a smaller font.</p>
<p>Purple Heart Recipient (Motorcycle Plate) Requirements: copy of DD-214 or letter from the Military verifying award.</p>	<p>\$16.25/\$0</p>	<p>\$35.00/\$18.75</p>	<p>DMV order form</p>	 <p>Click image to enlarge</p> <p>A New York motorcycle license plate with a blue top border containing the text '- NEW YORK -'. The plate number is 'P H 234' in large blue letters. To the left of the number is a purple heart emblem with a ribbon. Below the number, it says 'PURPLE HEART' in a smaller font.</p>
<p>Saratoga National Cemetery Honor Guard Association Requirements: Copy of current membership card and approval by Organization.</p>	<p>\$43.75/\$15.00</p>	<p>\$75.00/\$46.25</p>	<p>Organization: James DeConno 1-518-587-2141 E-mail</p>	 <p>A New York license plate with a blue top border containing the text '- New York -'. The plate number is '234SNC' in large blue letters. To the left of the number is a circular emblem featuring a building and a figure. Below the number, it says 'HONOR GUARD' in a smaller font.</p>
<p>State Guard Click image to enlarge Requirements: letter from Commanding Officer.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>Not available</p>	<p>DMV order form</p>	 <p>A New York license plate with a blue top border containing the text '- NEW YORK -'. The plate number is '2345' in large blue letters. To the left of the number is an emblem of a soldier standing with a rifle. Below the number, it says 'STATE GUARD' in a smaller font.</p>
<p>US Naval Armed Guard Requirements: copy of DD-214 or a letter from the U.S. Naval Armed Guard authority verifying honorable discharge.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>\$70.00/\$31.25</p>	<p>DMV order form</p>	 <p>A New York license plate with a blue top border containing the text '- New York -'. The plate number is '234NVL' in large blue letters. To the left of the number is an emblem of an eagle with wings spread. Below the number, it says 'U.S. NAVAL ARMED GUARD' in a smaller font.</p>

<p>US Submarine Veterans Requirements: approval by organization.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>\$70.00/\$31.25</p>	<p>Organization: Ed Rivoire 1-516-938-8104 <u>E-mail</u></p>	
<p>US Veteran (Vehicle Plate) Requirements: Copy of DD-214 or discharge papers.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>\$70.00/\$31.25</p>	<p><u>DMV order form</u></p>	 <p>Click image to enlarge</p>
<p>US Veteran (Motorcycle Plate) Requirements: Copy of DD-214 or discharge papers.</p>	<p>\$26.25/\$0</p>	<p>\$45.00/\$18.75</p>	<p><u>DMV order form</u></p>	 <p>Click image to enlarge</p>
<p>Veterans of Foreign Wars Requirements: copy of current membership card.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>\$70.00/\$31.25</p>	<p><u>DMV order form</u></p>	
<p>Vietnam Veteran Requirements: copy of DD-214 verifying service dates between 12/22/1961 - 5/7/1975.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>\$70.00/\$31.25</p>	<p><u>DMV order form</u></p>	 <p>Click to enlarge image</p>
<p>Vietnam Veterans of America Requirements: copy of DD-214; approval by organization.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>\$70.00/\$31.25</p>	<p>Organization: 1-607-563-2901 or visit <u>web site</u> ; and use <u>DMV order form</u></p>	
<p>War on Terror Veteran Requirements: DD-214 verifying service in the Persian Gulf or Afghanistan on or after 9/11/2001.</p>	<p>\$38.75/\$0</p>	<p>\$70.00/\$31.25</p>	<p><u>DMV order form</u></p>	

West Point	\$60.00/\$31.25	\$91.25/\$62.50	DMV office; 1-518-402-4838; order on line: <input type="button" value="Order now!"/>	
World War II Veterans Requirements: copy of DD-214 showing service dates between 1941 and 1945.	\$38.75/\$0	\$70.00/\$31.25	<u>DMV order form</u>	

Additional Assistance:

If you would like to learn more about the benefits and services you may be eligible for as a Veteran, servicemember, or as a family member of a Veteran or servicemember, please call the New York State Division of Veterans’ Affairs Help Line at 1.888.838.7697 (VETSNYS), where you may also schedule an appointment with one of our State Veteran Counselors.

Visit the New York Division of Veterans Services website <http://veterans.ny.gov> for contact information and benefits assistance.

[Source: <http://www.military.com/benefits/content/veteran-state-benefits/new-york-state-veterans-benefits.html> | December 2017 ++]

Military Discounts in New York

1. MVDC has over 12,000 business locations in New York that have discounts for military personnel and veterans. In addition to businesses providing discounts, the state of New York also provides discounts for those that have served. To find business discounts, enter your zip code and category in the search box at <http://militaryandveteransdiscounts.com/location/new-york.html>

2. **Veterans Designation on drivers license:** Yes.

3. **Discounted Fees and Taxes**

- Free hunting and fishing licenses under the Patriot Plan for NYS residents who are active service members of either the New York State Organized Militia, US Reserve Forces, or certain members of the US Armed Forces
- License and permits at reduced cost for eligible disabled veterans.
- Free Empire Passports to New York State Parks for personnel called to federal or state active duty in response to an emergency after 9/11.

- Disabled Veteran Non-Revenue E-Z Pass allows free, unlimited travel on the NYS Thruway system for qualified veterans with a fee exempt vehicle registration from the NYSDMV.
- Certain disabled veterans are exempt from registration fees and vehicle plate fees.

4. Property tax and Financial Benefits

- Partial exemption on real property taxes to certain veterans or their family members.
- Military pay received in Title 10 status is exempt from state income taxation.
- Any state military pay received while serving on any emergency state active duty is exempted from state income taxation.
- Fixed-rate mortgages for veterans with interest rates .5% below the interest rates charged on SONYMA mortgages with closing cost assistance.
- Annuity payment of up to \$500 per Gold Star Parent of deceased veteran

5. Education Discounts

- Veteran tuition awards provide up to 98% of tuition cost of a SUNY undergraduate tuition to eligible veterans in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting institution or vocational training in NYS.
- Combat service scholarships equal to annual in-state tuition for SUNY for eligible qualified applicants.
- Members of the US Armed Forces who are on full-time active duty and stationed in NYS, and their dependents are eligible for in-state tuition.
- Refund or credit for tuition during military leave of absence.
- Regents Awards for Children of Veterans provide up to \$450 a year to students whose parent served in the US Armed Forces during specified times of national emergency and is deceased or disabled.
- Military Enhanced Recognition, Incentive and Tribute (MERIT) Scholarship program provides financial aid to veterans, children, and spouses of members of the US Armed Forces who died or became severely or permanently disabled while engaged in hostilities or training

6. To find businesses that provide military discounts refer to <http://militaryandveteransdiscounts.com/>

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