

# Maryland State Veteran's Benefits & Discounts



**2017**

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

- Housing Benefits
- Financial Assistance Benefits
- Employment Benefits
- Recreation Benefits
- Other State Veteran Benefits

## **Maryland Veteran Housing Programs**

### **Charlotte Hall Veterans Home**

Maryland's veteran's home is located on 125 acres on the site of the former Charlotte Hall Military Academy in Charlotte Hall, Maryland. Opened in 1985, the 504-bed facility provides a continuum of care from the 226-bed Assisted Living unit to a higher level of care in the 278-bed Nursing Home. Specialized care, for those suffering from Alzheimer's and other related dementia, is provided in a 42-bed secured unit. Listed below are the eligibility requirements:

- Honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the legal spouse of a veteran eligible to be admitted to Charlotte Hall\*
- Maryland resident

- Age 62 or older, unless disabled and unable to work

To apply for admission you will need a:

- Copy of your DD 214 and a completed Admission Application downloadable at the website <http://www.charhall.org/content/admissions/file/ADMISSION%20APPLICATION%20WITH%20CHECKLIST%2011.28.14.pdf>
- Medical Documentation (must be dated within 30 days of admission date)

Send your completed application to: [admissions@charhall.org](mailto:admissions@charhall.org), or Lisa Murphy, Admissions Coordinator, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road , Charlotte Hall, Maryland 20622 Tel: 301-884-8171 Ext. 1409# or 1-800-522-VETS | FAX 301-263-7194. For additional information refer to <http://www.charhall.org>



**Charlotte Hall Veterans Home**  
29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

### **Housing Services**

Maryland offers a number of programs designed to support home ownership and to ensure the availability of affordable housing. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development facilitates a number of these programs, in addition to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs which provides services under the U.S. VA Health Care System. Programs exist to help low income citizens pay heating bills and make energy costs more affordable. The Maryland Department of Human Resources offers a number of homeless and home ownership programs through local Departments of Social Services, as well as food assistance through a variety of collaborative partnerships.

Refer to <http://veterans.maryland.gov/housing-services> for amplifying information on available housing services.

### **Maryland Financial Assistance Benefits**

#### **Tax Preparation**

Maryland CASH Campaign through its partners offers free tax preparation for those earning under \$54,000 annually. For tax site information, visit: <http://mdcash.org/free-tax-preparation/info-for-taxpayers/free-tax-prep-locations>. Need help finding the nearest free tax preparation program? Go to <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep> for a full listing of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE).

### **Property Tax Exemption**

A property tax exemption is available to veterans who are permanently and totally disabled from service-connected causes, for their primary residence located in the State of Maryland. The exemption passes to the veteran's spouse upon his or her death. The surviving spouse of active duty military personnel who died in the line of duty as well as the surviving spouse of a totally disabled veteran, or a spouse who receives the dependency and indemnity compensation (effective June 30, 2006) may also receive an exemption. Go to <http://www.dat.state.md.us>, Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation, website at for additional information.

### **Active Duty Pay Income Tax Exemption**

Up to \$15,000 of military pay may be excluded if earned while serving outside the United States or its possessions.

### **Military Retired Pay Income Tax Exemption**

Military retirees are exempt from Maryland income tax on the first \$5,000, with an increase to the first \$10,000 (once they become over the age of 65), of their retirement income.

### **Maryland Exclusion**

If you are 65 or older, totally disabled, or your spouse is totally disabled, you may qualify for Maryland's maximum pension exclusion of \$27,100. If you're eligible, you may be able to subtract some of your taxable pension and retirement annuity income from your federal adjusted gross income. This subtraction applies only if:

- You were 65 or older or totally disabled, or your spouse was totally disabled, on the last day of the tax year; and
- You included on your federal return income received as a pension, annuity or endowment from an "employee retirement system." A traditional IRA, a Roth IRA, a simplified employee plan (SEP), a Keogh Plan or an ineligible deferred compensation plan does not qualify

### **Vessel Excise Tax**

Active duty military personnel are exempt from the 5% vessel excise tax levied on the sale, resale or transfer of a vessel. The exemption is for not more than one year to current owners of vessels who are members of the armed services and who are serving on active duty.

### **Motor Vehicle Excise Tax – Exemption for Returning Military Members**

As a new resident of Maryland, you must title your vehicle within 60 days of moving to Maryland. Proof of military status (i.e. military ID or equivalent) must be submitted to be eligible for an excise tax credit.

Active duty military personnel who are residents of Maryland seeking to register an out-of-state vehicle may not be required to pay the full Maryland excise tax if they apply for a transfer of title and tags to Maryland within one year of becoming a Maryland resident or within a year of returning from deployment. For more information on titling an out-of-state vehicle in Maryland visit the Motor Vehicle Administration website <http://www.mva.maryland.gov> for more information.

### **Scholarships**

A number of scholarships are available to veterans, military personnel, and dependents in Maryland. In addition to the following scholarships listed, more information on financial assistance, programs, applications, and condition of awards, can be found by going to the Maryland Higher Education Commission at <http://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/default.aspx>

### *1. Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship*

The Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial assistance to United States Armed Forces personnel who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts, and their sons, daughters, or spouses who are current high school seniors, and full-time and part-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled in an eligible accredited Maryland post secondary institution. Eligibility extends to Uniformed Services Members of the United States who served in Afghanistan, or contiguous air space as defined in federal regulations, on or after October 24, 2001, and before a terminal date to be prescribed by the United States Secretary of Defense; or in Iraq, or contiguous waters or air space as defined in federal regulations, on or after March 19, 2003, and before a terminal date to be prescribed by the United States Secretary of Defense, may apply for a scholarship if they are:

- A veteran who served at least 60 days in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts, as defined above;
- An active duty member of the Armed Forces who served at least 60 days in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts, as defined above;
- A member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Maryland National Guard who was activated as a result of the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts and served at least 60 days, as defined above; or
- A son, daughter, or spouse of:
  - A veteran or active duty member of the Armed Forces who is serving or has served in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts at least 60 days, as defined above; or
  - A member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces or Maryland
  - National Guard who was activated as a result of the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts and served at least 60 days, as defined above.

### *2. Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship*

The Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship is designed to provide aid for tuition and other educational expenses to veterans and their family members who are attending an institution of higher learning within the borders of the State of Maryland. You must be:

- The son or daughter of a member of the United States Armed Forces who died, or is 100 percent disabled as a direct result of military service;
- A veteran who suffers, as a direct result of military service, a disability of 25 percent or greater and has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans educational benefits;
- The son, daughter or surviving spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, who died as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania;
- A POW/MIA of the Vietnam Conflict or his/her son or daughter;
- Or a state or local public safety employee or volunteer who was 100 percent disabled in the line of duty.

## **Veterans Trust Fund**

Legislation establishing the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund was passed during the 2009 Session of the Maryland General Assembly and signed into law on May 19th, 2009. In 2013, the legislation was amended and the Trust is now a 501(c)(3) fund. The legislation authorizes the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs to receive donations, and then make grants and loans to veterans and their family members who are in dire financial situations, or to private organizations that help veterans (homeless programs, substance abuse programs, etc.). The Trust Fund gives citizens, businesses, and other organizations a way to express their support to veteran causes through their donations and contributions.

Applications for grants/loans from the Trust Fund are reviewed by the Maryland Trust Fund Review Committee, which consists of the Deputy Secretary, MDVA Directors, and representatives from the Maryland Veterans Commission and the Maryland Veterans Home Commission. Recommendations are made to the Secretary or designee, who makes the final decision on whether or not an application is approved.

For more information and to request an application for the Veterans Trust Fund contact the MDVA Grant Administrator, Mark Hendricks at 800-446-4926, ext. 6460. Please note, incomplete applications will not be accepted. Upon completion of the application, mail to:

Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs  
Attn: Grant Administrator  
Federal Building, Room 3020  
31 Hopkins Plaza  
Baltimore, MD 21201

Refer to <http://veterans.maryland.gov/category/services/finance> for amplifying information on available financial assistance benefits.

## **Maryland Employment Benefits**

### **Employment Veterans' Preference (State)**

The appointing authority for skilled and professional appointments will award a credit of ten points on any selection test to:

- An eligible Veteran,
- The Spouse of an eligible Veteran who has a service-connected disability, or
- The surviving Spouse of a deceased eligible Veteran.

A credit of two additional points will be given to any Veteran with a service-connected disability.

### **Military Personnel Veteran-Owned Small Business No-Interest Loan Program**

The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, in consultation with the MDVA, offers no-interest loans via the Military Personnel and Veteran-Owned Small Business No-Interest Loan Program for the following categories:

- A small business owned by a military reservist or a National Guard member called to active duty
- A small business that employs a military reservist or National Guard member called to active duty
- A Veteran small business owner or a Veteran seeking to start a small business

- A small business that employs a service disabled Veteran

### **CDL License**

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration will waive the CDL skills test requirements for Veterans discharged within 12 months of application date, and active-duty personnel who meet the specific criteria and wish to obtain a CDL for classes A or B.

### **Employment & Business Assistance Programs**

Maryland offers several employment assistance programs to help veterans successfully transition to a civilian career. In addition the state offers several programs to help veterans start and run their own small business enterprises. Refer to <http://veterans.maryland.gov/category/services/jobs-and-training> for amplifying information on available employment and business assistance benefits

## **Maryland Veteran Recreation Benefits**

### **Free Hunting Licenses for Disabled Veteran**

A free lifetime hunting license is available to Maryland residents certified as a former Prisoners of War, or 100% service connected disabled veterans. The lifetime license includes the bow stamp, muzzleloader stamp, and furbearer permit. The Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp is not part of the Complimentary License.

### **Free Fishing Licenses for Disabled Veterans**

A free lifetime license is available to Maryland residents who are 100% service connected disabled American Veterans or former Prisoners of War (POW).The license incorporates both the non-tidal angler's license and the Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license. It does not, however, include the trout stamp.

### **Active Duty MD Resident Hunting Licenses**

Maryland residents on active duty and home on leave do not need to purchase a hunting license, deer stamps, or DNR Managed Hunt Permit; however, they must purchase a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp, a federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, and a Furbearer Permit.

### **Active Duty MD Resident Fishing Licenses**

Maryland residents on active duty and home on leave do not need to purchase a fishing license for fishing in tidal waters.

### **Admission to State Parks**

The Maryland Park Service offers an Access MD Pass for free entry to State Parks to individuals with disabilities. Additionally, the Golden Age Pass allows free entry to individuals 62 and older.

## **Other Maryland State Veteran Benefits**

### **Veterans Benefit Claims Assistance Program**

The Service and Benefits Program of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs assists veterans and eligible dependents in acquiring their benefits. The staff of the Service Program is authorized to represent

veterans and their dependents before the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as well as provide general information to those seeking assistance, regardless of representation.

Statistic indicates that veterans represented by accredited organizations receive significantly greater disability benefits than their non-represented counterparts. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs certified Service Officers honor and assist veterans, their dependents and survivors with all aspects of their Federal and State benefits. The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs has 10 Service Offices and 14 Satellite Outreach Offices throughout the state ensuring quality representation in the community. You are encourage to use them. To contact the Maryland service offices refer to the below. To contact the Outreach offices call the nearest Service Office or refer to the Maryland Service guide at: <https://veterans.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2015/04/MDVA-Benefits-Guide-Proof-April-2015-Compressed.pdf>

- Baltimore: Regional Office, 31 Hopkins Plaza, Room 3020, Baltimore, MD 21201 Tel: 800-446-4926, ext. 6450
- Bel Air: State Office Building, Bel Air, MD 21014 Tel: 410-836-4900 Russ Biondo, Veterans Service Officer
- Camp Springs: Harriet Hunter Building, 6420 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, MD 20748 Tel: 301-248-0463 Telisha Johnson, Veterans Service Officer
- Charlotte Hall: 29431 Charlotte Hall Road, Room 211, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 Tel: 301-884-8171 extension 7155
- Cumberland: 12501 Willowbrook Road, Room 2-014, Cumberland, MD 21502 Tel: 301-759-5251/5252 Aaron Clark, Veterans Service Officer
- Easton: 11 South Harrison Street, P.O. Box 1148 (mailing address), Easton, MD 21601 Tel: 410-690-7181 Janet C. Thomas, Area Supervisor
- Frederick: Multi-Service Center, 100 West Patrick Street, Rm 2120, Frederick, MD 21701 Tel: 301-600-2155 George Kauffman, Area Supervisor
- Hagerstown: District Court, 33 W. Washington Street, Room 201, Hagerstown, MD 21740 Tel: 301-791-0356 James Lichtinger, Veterans Service Officer
- Rockville: Montgomery College, Counseling & Advising Bldg, Room CB103, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville, MD 20850 Tel: 240-567-5405, 240-567-4361
- Salisbury: 201 Baptist Street, Salisbury, MD 21801 Tel: 410-713-3482 Michelle Licata, Veterans Service Officer

### **State Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Program**

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs' Cemetery Program is the largest State Veterans Cemetery Program in the nation and provides a dignified and compassionate interment for veterans and their dependents. Interment services are conducted Monday through Friday, excluding State holidays and weekends. Cemeteries are open to visitors daily from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The gates close at 4:45 p.m. to allow visitors to exit the cemetery; however, on Memorial Day (the date of State observance) the cemetery remains open until 8:00 p.m.

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs administers a system of five state veterans' cemeteries, across the State and oversees the Washington Confederate Cemetery located in the Rose Hill Cemetery. A burial plot is provided to eligible veterans and their eligible dependents, when the veteran is a resident of the State of Maryland and has received an honorable discharge. Plots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no cost to the veteran for burial plot, opening/closing, headstone and State liner (if used). Eligible dependents have a minimal opening/closing cost and a direct cost for State liner (if used). There is also a pre-interment program where veterans can indicate their desire to be buried in one of the five State veteran's cemeteries below and verify their eligibility for burial.

- Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Hwy, Cheltenham MD 20623 Tel: (301) 372-6398
- Crownsville Veterans Cemetery, 1122 Sunrise Beach Rd, Crownsville MD 21032 Tel: (410) 987-6320
- Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery, 6827 East New Market Ellwood Rd, Hurlock MD 21643 Tel: (410) 943-3420 Also offers claims assistance. Phone: (410) 943-0417 or (866) 497-3684 calls from Maryland phone numbers only
- Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery, 11501 Garrison Forest Rd, Owings Mills MD 21117 Tel: (410) 363-6090
- Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery, 14205 Pleasant Valley Rd, NE, Flintstone MD 21530 Tel: (301) 777-2185
- Washington Confederate Cemetery, 600 South Potomac, St. Hagerstown MD 21740 (No longer open for burials)



Cheltenham



Rocky Gap



Eastern Shore



Crownsville



Garrison Forest

Refer to <http://veterans.maryland.gov/cemetery-and-memorial-program> for more information on Maryland's veteran cemeteries including costs and visitation policies.

### **Maryland Veterans Memorials**

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs manages three veteran memorials. The Maryland World War II Memorial is in Annapolis, Korean War and Maryland Veterans Vietnam Memorials are in Baltimore. The Department shares joint responsibility for the War Memorial Building in Baltimore with the City of Baltimore. Location are:

- Maryland World War II Memorial, Route 450 at Naval Academy Bridge 1920 Ritchie Highway, Annapolis, MD 21401
- Maryland Korean War Memorial, Canton Water Park, 2903 Boston Street, Baltimore, MD 21224



- Maryland Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Middle Branch Park 2825 South Hanover Street  
Baltimore, MD 21225
- War Memorial Building, 101 North Gay Street, Baltimore, MD 21201



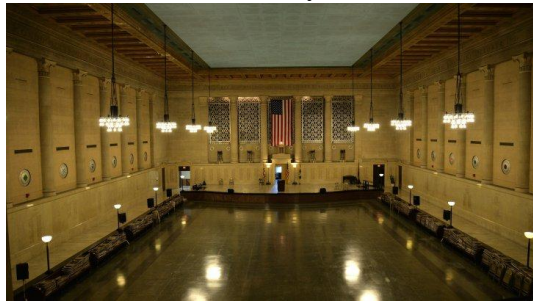
Maryland World War II Memorial



Korean War Memorial



Maryland Vietnam Veterans Memorial



War Memorial Building

### Obtaining Copies of Documents

Whenever a veteran requests benefits and services, a copy of the individual's discharge papers is required to verify eligibility. This includes admission to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Maryland's five veteran cemeteries, VA claims and a myriad of other services provided to veterans and their families. World War II veterans who were Maryland residents at the time of entry into the service, and veterans who were discharged after October 15, 1979 and had a Maryland address at the time of discharge, can contact our Baltimore Office to inquire if we have a copy of their discharge papers. Veterans and their next of kin can also request a copy of the service member's DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty from the National Archives.

### Veteran Designation on Maryland Driver's Licenses

Maryland residents can now have 'veteran' designated on driver's licenses. Request this designation at renewal time at no cost to you; or, you may request the veteran designation before your license is up for renewal at the cost of \$20. Please take a copy of your DD214 with you to your local Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) Branch Office.

### Disabled Auto Tags

The MVA will accept a letter from the Veterans Administration stating that you have a total (100%) disability and will issue a disability license plate. You can choose any plate, including a veteran plate, and it will display the universal wheelchair symbol.

### Veteran Designation on Maryland License Plates

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) has service license plates available for veterans who wish to convey their sense of pride in having served in the U.S. Military. Honorably discharged veterans

of the United States Armed Forces are eligible to apply for one of the license plates which display the logos of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, or Navy. Combat-related license plates can only be issued to a veteran or active member of the military who furnishes documentation proving receipt of the military award or honor recognized on the plates. Samples of combat-related license plates are available for you to view. You can apply for the plates in person at any of the MVA's full service branch offices. You also can mail your application to the MVA's Specialty Tag Unit in the Glen Burnie office, or go to an MVA licensed tag and title service where they will assist you in applying. To download an application go to <http://www.mva.maryland.gov/resources/docs/VR-120.pdf> Typically, the application documents needed include:

- Application for Military Related License Plates (form #VR-120) – Be sure to include the vehicle's information.
- Proof of combat-related award:
  - Copy of military discharge papers (form #DD214); or
  - Copy of document verifying award (e.g., Purple Heart Certificate); or
  - Written proof from the National Personnel Records Center that the applicant received the award.

Vehicles in the following classes only are permitted to display combat-related license plates:

- A (passenger car)
- M (multi-purpose vehicle)
- EPO (truck with a one ton or less manufacturer's rate capacity)

**The following Military Specialty plates are available at a fee of \$25:**



[Afghanistan Campaign](#)



[Afghanistan Campaign \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Air Force Cross](#)



[Air Force Distinguished Service Medal](#)



[Air Medal](#)



[Air-Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Airman's Medal](#)



[Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal](#)



[Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Army Commendation Medal - Motorcycle](#)



[Army Commendation Medal - Vehicle](#)



[Army Distinguished Service Medal](#)



[Asiatic Pacific Medal](#)



[Bronze Star Medal](#)



[Bronze Star Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Coast Guard Commendation](#)



[Coast Guard Commendation \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal](#)



[Coast Guard Medal](#)



[Coast Guard Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Combat Action Badge](#)



[Combat Action Badge \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Combat Action Medal](#)



[Combat Action Ribbon](#)



[Combat Action Ribbon \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Combat Infantry Badge](#)



[Combat Infantry Badge \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Combat Medical Badge](#)



[Combat Medical Badge \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Congressional Medal of Honor](#)



[Congressional Medal of Honor \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Defense Distinguished Service Medal](#)



[Defense Meritorious Service Medal](#)



[Defense Superior Service Medal](#)



[Distinguished Flying Cross Medal](#)



[Distinguished Flying Cross Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Distinguished Service Cross Medal](#)



[Global War on Terror \(GWOT\) Expeditionary Medal Plate \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Global War on Terrorism \(GWOT\) Expeditionary Medal](#)



[Global War on Terrorism \(GWOT\) Service Medal](#)



[Gold Lifesaving Medal](#)



[GWOT Service Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Honorable Discharged Veteran](#)



[Honorable Discharged Veteran \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Iraq Campaign Medal](#)



[Iraq Campaign Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Joint Service Commendation Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Joint Service Commendation Medal Vehicle](#)



[Korean Service Medal](#)



[Korean Service Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Kosovo Campaign](#)



[Legion of Merit](#)



[Legion of Merit \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Marine Corps Expeditionary](#)



[Meritorious Service Medal](#)



[Meritorious Service Medal \(Motorcycle\)](#)



[National Defense Service Medal](#)



[National Defense Service Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Navy and Marine Corps Medal](#)



[Navy Commendation Medal](#)



[Navy Commendation Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Navy Cross](#)



[Navy Distinguished Service Medal](#)



[Navy Expeditionary Medal](#)



[Navy Expeditionary Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Navy Unit Commendation](#)



[Navy Unit Commendation \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Presidential Service Badge](#)



[Purple Heart Medal](#)



[Purple Heart Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Silver Star \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Silver Star Medal](#)



[Soldier's Medal](#)



[Southwest Asia Service Medal](#)



[Southwest Asia Service Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Transportation Distinguished Service Medal](#)



[United States Air Force](#)



[United States Air Force \(motorcycle\)](#)



[United States Army](#)



[United States Army \(motorcycle\)](#)



[United States Coast Guard](#)



[United States Coast Guard \(motorcycle\)](#)



[United States Marine Corps](#)



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[United States Navy](#)



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[Veteran U.S. Air Force](#)



[Veteran U.S. Air Force \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Veteran U.S. Army](#)



[Veteran U.S. Army \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Veteran U.S. Coast Guard](#)



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[Veteran U.S. Marine Corps \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Veteran U.S. Navy](#)



[Veteran U.S. Navy \(motorcycle\)](#)



[Vietnam Service Medal](#)



[Vietnam Service Medal \(motorcycle\)](#)



[World War II Veteran](#)



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Visit the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs website <http://www.mdva.state.md.us/index.html> and Services Guide <https://veterans.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2015/04/MDVA-Benefits-Guide-Proof-April-2015-Compressed.pdf> for contact information and benefits assistance.

[Source: <http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-benefits/maryland-state-veterans-benefits> October 2017 ++]

## **Military Discounts in Maryland**

1. MVDC has close to 4000 business locations in Maryland that have discounts for military personnel and veterans. In addition to businesses providing discounts, the state of New Jersey also provides discounts for those that have served. To find business discounts, enter your zip code in the search box at <http://militaryandveteransdiscounts.com/location/maryland.html>.
2. Veterans Designation on drivers license: Yes
3. Discounted Fees and Taxes
  - \$5,000 of military retirement income exempt from state income tax.
  - \$15,000 of military pay exempt from state income tax when active duty overseas.
  - Active duty service members exempt from 5% excise tax for one year on purchase of a vessel.
  - Exemption from property tax for primary residence of 100% disabled veteran and spouse, surviving spouse active duty military killed in the line of duty, and surviving spouse receiving dependency and indemnity compensation.
  - Active duty members establishing residency are eligible for tax credit on title tax paid in another state.
4. **Education Discounts**
  - Maryland National Guard members eligible for up to 50% off tuition waiver at state colleges, universities and some private colleges.
  - Hodson Trust Star Scholarship: A nonprofit fund and four universities that provide undergraduate and graduate scholarships to eligible veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq.
  - Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Program: provide financial assistance to service members who served in Afghanistan or Iraq and their family members.
  - Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship for eligible veterans and their family members who are attending an institution of higher learning within Maryland.
  - Maryland National Guard soldiers or airmen will not pay out-of-state tuition at public institutions of higher learning, regardless of state residence if they are currently serving in critical skill areas.

5. State Ranking For Military Discounts - 6

[Source: <http://militaryandveteransdiscounts.com/location/maryland.html> October 2017 ++]