

The Hospice Benefit for Veterans

Department of Veterans

Affairs (844) 698-2311 or va.gov

Healthcare

Veterans Health Administration

(877) 222-8387

va.healthcare.gov/health

Benefits

Veterans Benefits Administration

(800) 827-1000

va.healthcare.gov/benefits

or vets.gov

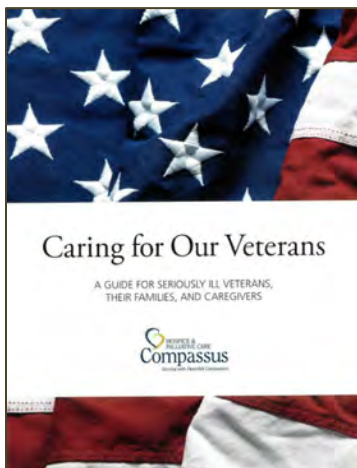
Burials and Memorials

National Cemetery Association

(800) 827-1000

cem.va.gov

Veterans and their family may receive a ***Caring for our Veterans*** guide with worksheets and resources for personalized care.



Hospice: A benefit you have earned

Hospice care is part of the Veterans Health Administration benefits package. As a veteran, you are eligible for care if you are enrolled in benefits and you meet the medical need for hospice.

Enrollment information is found on the Veterans Affairs website or call a Compassus care coordinator at a [location near you](#).

Care at no cost to veterans or their family

Expenses for hospice-related services or enrolled veterans are covered at 100 percent. Compassus receives payment in full from Medicare, Medicaid, Tri-Care, the Veterans Administration. We also provide charity hospice care to our uninsured veterans.

We Honor Veterans program

We partner with the [We Honor Veterans](#) program to improve our care for veterans. The program offers resources and training to align our care with the unique physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of our veteran patients.

Hospice Care Benefits

- Care available at your home, nursing home, assisted living or wherever you call home
- No co-pay for hospice care
- Medical equipment, medication and personal care supplies
- Pain and symptom management centered on your goals
- Care coordinated with your doctors
- Physical, occupational and other therapy services
- Spiritual care and support
- Volunteers with military experience (when available)
- Ongoing grief counseling

Call Compassus toll-free at (931) 283-2854

Grant a Wish

Some seriously ill veterans might have wishes they want to carry out before they get too sick. These groups can help.

Honor Flight Network

www.honorflight.org

Honor Flight flies vets to Washington, D.C. for free.

Directory of service organization that may be able to help
va.gov/vso/

Basic Eligibility

Hospice care is available for veterans who have a terminal condition with a diagnosis of six months or less to live. You decide when it's the right time for hospice. You can end hospice at any time if you change your mind and return to curative treatments.

Active duty military who were separated under any condition other than dishonorable, typically qualify for VA healthcare benefits. Current and former members of the Reserve or National Guard called to active duty by a federal order and serving the full period for which they were ordered may also be eligible for VA health benefits.

Visit the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs [Geriatrics and Extended Care page](#) for hospice and palliative care application forms.

Benefits of the veterans program include:

- Streamlined referral and admission process
- Familiarity with the VA and help with accessing benefits
- Coordination of care with the local VA medical center, including joint visits

Specialized emotional support

Military service may leave some veterans with physical or emotional wounds. Potential problems from service in combat are well known. What may be less visible are problems from exposure to chemical or biological hazards, extreme weather, diseases or emotional trauma. These wounds can be present, even for veterans in non-combat roles.

Military service values perseverance, even in the face of difficulty or pain. Some veterans may suppress problems until the end of life. We support our veterans to help them find peace and make the most of the time they have with family and friends.

We can help you with the following

- Military discharge papers, DD-214 or Report of Separation
- Replacing lost medals
- VA pensions, including Aid and Attendance
- Compensation benefits for diseases or disabilities acquired while serving
- Burial benefits and death pension
- Survivors' benefits for spouses and dependents

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