

Veteran Services Guide

A Helpful Guide for Ohio Veterans & Their Families

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Disclaimer

This guide is provided by I&R CARES to help veterans and their families find trusted resources in Ohio. Programs, eligibility, and contact information may change over time. Please visit each organization's official website or contact them directly for the most current information.

If you are experiencing an emergency, call **911**. For immediate crisis support, call or text **988** and press **1** for the Veterans Crisis Line.

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Veteran Benefits

Veterans may qualify for healthcare, disability compensation, education benefits, home loans, pensions, employment support, and housing assistance. Eligibility depends on military service and discharge status.

Healthcare Services

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Provides healthcare, disability benefits, caregiver support, home loans, and other services for eligible veterans.

Website: <https://www.va.gov>

Phone: 800-827-1000

VA Central Ohio Health Care

Provides primary care, specialty care, mental health services, pharmacy, and telehealth for eligible veterans.

Website: <https://www.va.gov/central-ohio-health-care/>

Phone: 614-257-5200

Housing Assistance

Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS)

Connects veterans with housing assistance, benefits, county veterans service offices, and support programs across Ohio.

Website: <https://dvs.ohio.gov>

Phone: 614-644-0898

National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV)

Provides information and connects veterans experiencing homelessness with housing and support programs.

Website: <https://nchv.org>

Phone: 877-424-3838

Employment Resources

OhioMeansJobs

Offers job search tools, career counseling, resume assistance, and workforce training.

Website: <https://ohiomeansjobs.ohio.gov>

Phone: 888-296-7541

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Provides employment resources, transportation assistance, and help with VA benefit claims.

Website: <https://www.dav.org>

Phone: 877-426-2838

Education Benefits

GI Bill®

The GI Bill helps eligible veterans pay for college, career training, apprenticeships, certification programs, and other education opportunities.

Website: <https://www.va.gov/education>

Phone: 888-442-4551

Financial Assistance

VA Financial Benefits

Eligible veterans may receive disability compensation, pensions, home loan benefits, life insurance, and survivor benefits.

Website: <https://www.va.gov>

Phone: 800-827-1000

Mental Health & Crisis Support

Veterans Crisis Line

Confidential support available 24 hours a day for veterans, service members, National Guard, Reserve members, and their families.

Website: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net>

Phone: Call 988, then Press 1

Text: 838255

VA Mental Health Services

Provides counseling, therapy, treatment programs, and suicide prevention services for eligible veterans.

Website: <https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov>

Phone: 877-222-8387

Important Documents Checklist

Keep copies of these documents in a safe place:

- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge)
 - Government-issued Photo ID
 - VA Health Identification Card
 - Social Security Card
 - Health Insurance Information
 - Medical Records
 - Benefit Award Letters
 - Emergency Contact Information
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Helpful Tips

- Keep your DD Form 214 in a safe location.

- Apply for benefits as early as possible.
 - Keep copies of important documents.
 - Ask your local County Veterans Service Office for assistance.
 - Reach out if you need help navigating available programs.
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About I&R CARES

I&R CARES supports veterans by connecting them with housing, community resources, and supportive services that promote stability, independence, and long-term success. We are committed to helping those who have served access the assistance they deserve.

Emergency Contacts

- **Emergency:** 911
- **Veterans Crisis Line:** Call **988**, then Press **1**
- **VA Benefits:** 800-827-1000
- **Ohio Department of Veterans Services:** 614-644-0898