

## RESOURCES

### Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA)

[in.gov/dva](http://in.gov/dva) | 317-232-3910

Toll-free in state: 800-400-4520

*Focuses on aiding and assisting Hoosier veterans, and qualified family members or survivors, who are eligible for benefits or advantages provided by Indiana and the U.S. government*

### AMVETS

[amvets.org](http://amvets.org) | 317-923-4320

*Aims to enhance and safeguard the entitlements for all American veterans who have served honorably and to improve the quality of life for them, their families, and the communities where they live through leadership, advocacy and services*

### Disabled American Veterans

[dav.org](http://dav.org) | 317-632-9266

*A nonprofit charity that provides a lifetime of support for veterans of all generations and their families*

### American Legion

[legion.org](http://legion.org) | 800-433-3318

*Committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans*

### Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

[vfw.org](http://vfw.org) | 317-377-1795

*Fosters camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts, serves veterans, the military and our communities. Advocates on behalf of all veterans*

### Hoosier Women Veterans Program

[in.gov/dva/2344.htm](http://in.gov/dva/2344.htm)

*Provides outreach to the over 33,000 women veterans living in Indiana*

## Did you know?

**Veterans' Problem-Solving Courts** are meant to help veterans that commit low-level offenses who may be dealing with drug addiction or mental health issues.

Find a local contact at:

[courttaps.in.gov/reports/api/pscdirectory](http://courttaps.in.gov/reports/api/pscdirectory)

**The Military Family Relief Fund** provides emergency financial assistance to households of veterans who served on active-duty during any armed conflict.

[in.gov/dva/2329.htm](http://in.gov/dva/2329.htm) | 317-234-8648

# Supporting Hoosier VETERANS



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## TAX RELIEF

### Property Tax Deduction for Partially Disabled Veterans

An honorably discharged veteran with a service-connected disability of at least 10% (or the veteran's surviving spouse) is entitled to a \$24,960 property tax deduction each year.

Any veteran or surviving spouse who does not use the entire above amount is entitled to an auto excise tax credit.

### Property Tax Deduction for Totally Disabled Veterans or Partially Disabled Veterans Age 62+

An honorably discharged veteran with a total disability or who is at least 62 years old with a disability of at least 10% (or the veteran's surviving spouse) is entitled to a \$14,000 property tax deduction if the assessed value of the property is less than \$200,000.

### Military Service Income Tax Deductions: Active and Retirement Pay

Military income earned while in a combat zone is exempt from Indiana income tax, provided that it is also exempt from federal income tax.

A person who is retired from the military and receiving military retirement or survivor's benefits (or the person's surviving spouse) is also eligible for a deduction/exemption.

After 2021, military retirement benefits like pensions will be completely exempted from income tax.

### National Guard and Reserve Component Members Deduction

Members of the reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or the Merchant Marine, or members of the Indiana National Guard may receive an income tax deduction for qualified military income received while they were deployed and mobilized for full-time service, or during the period their National Guard unit was federalized.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

### In-State Tuition for Veterans

All honorably discharged veterans who enroll in an Indiana public college within one year of discharge are eligible for in-state tuition. If they reside in a state that borders Indiana, all honorably discharged veterans who enroll in an Indiana public college within three years of discharge are eligible for in-state tuition.

### Free College for Indiana National Guard Members

The National Guard Supplemental Grant ensures that all Indiana Air and Army National Guard members receive 100% tuition and fee support while attending higher education.

### Free College for Purple Heart Recipients

The state pays for 8 semesters (124 credits) of college for honorably discharged Purple Heart recipients from Indiana.

### College Credit for Military Work

State universities are required to award credit to veterans for courses they completed at other higher education institutions during their military service and competency tests they passed during their military service.

### Free Re-enrollment or Refund for Military Deployment

If a college student is called for active duty after having paid their tuition for the semester, they may re-enroll free of charge when they return or receive a full refund for the tuition.

## EMPLOYMENT

### Exemption from Professional Licensing Requirements

Veterans are exempt from professional licensing requirements if they received relevant training as part of their military service.

## Vendor's Licenses

Any wartime veteran who has been honorably discharged is exempt from the city and county fees for licenses to sell goods door-to-door, provide a business service or sell merchandise from various locations.

### Local Government License Fees

Local governments waive business and professional license fees for veterans and their spouses.

### Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP)

Department of Workforce Development (DWD) program that specializes in tailored training and job placement opportunities for veterans with service-connected disabilities

### Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) Program

DWD program that coordinates services provided to veterans, including counseling, testing and identifying training and employment opportunities

*To reach a DVOP or LVER representative, visit the nearest Indiana Workforce Development Office and ask for the location of the closest veteran's representative. Visit [in.gov/dva/2390.htm](https://in.gov/dva/2390.htm) to find an office near you.*

### Veterans' Employment and Training Program Preference

Veterans and their spouses receive priority placement in any federal or state employment or training program administered by DWD.

### Private Employment Preference Policies

Allows private employers to establish an employment preference policy for hiring, promoting or retaining veterans

### State Employee Hiring

Provides for the addition of points for veterans applying for merit positions or promotions within state government

## State Contracting Goal

The state has established and met a goal of making 3% of its contracts with Indiana veteran-owned businesses.

## OTHER BENEFITS

### Golden Hoosier Passport

This provides unlimited admission to all Indiana state-owned parks, recreation areas, reservoirs and forests. Disabled veterans can receive the passport at a discount, and former prisoners of war can receive the passport for free.

### Resident Veteran Hunting & Fishing License

Indiana residents with a service-connected disability can purchase an Indiana license to hunt and fish for a very reduced fee.

### Disabled Hoosier Veteran License Plates and Parking Placards

Disabled Hoosier veterans are eligible for special license plates and parking placards that exempt them from being charged or fined in metered parking spots.

### Hyperbaric Treatment Pilot Program

Running through 2025, Indiana offers a hyperbaric oxygen treatment pilot program for qualifying veterans suffering from a traumatic brain injury or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

### Veteran's Service Organization Charity Gaming License

The Indiana Gaming Commission may issue special three-year charity gaming licenses to veterans' service organizations. These permits can be used for charity games such as raffles and bingo that raise money for veterans' organizations.

*Visit [IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/veterans](https://IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/veterans) for a list of hyperlinks you can use to connect to these resources.*