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PREFACE

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	(3) Any disabled veteran who was discharged under honorable conditions, is a citizen, resident of Georgia, who is a wartime veteran and who has been adjudicated by the Department of Veterans Affairs as being totally and permanently disabled and entitled to receive service-connected benefits so long as he is 100% disabled and receiving or entitled to receive benefits for a 100% service connected disability; (4) A veteran of any war or armed conflict who is disabled due to loss or loss of use of one lower extremity together with the loss or loss of use of one upper extremity which so affects the functions of balance or propulsion as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes or a wheelchair; (5) A veteran becoming eligible for assistance in acquiring housing under Section 801 of the United States Code as hereafter amended on or after January 1, 1985. (6) The unremarried surviving spouse or minor children of any such disabled veteran as defined above shall also be entitled to an exemption of the greater of $32,500.000 or the maximum which is granted to a disabled veteran under Section 802 of the United States Code as amended on the homestead so long as the unremarried surviving spouse or minor children continue actually to occupy the home as a residence and homestead. Note: Section 801 of the Code applies to specially adapted housing for disabled veterans.	
	Sales Tax Exemptions on a vehicle purchased by a service connected disabled veteran with a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs because of a service connected loss, or permanent loss of use of one or both hands or feet, or permanent impairment of vision of both eyes to a prescribed degree.	Code Ann. 48–8–3.

	Exemption from all ad valorem taxes may be granted to a service connected disabled wartime veteran who is a citizen and resident of Georgia and who was discharged under honorable conditions and who has been adjudicated by the Department of Veterans Affairs as being 100% totally and permanently disabled and entitled to receive service connected benefits and any veteran who is receiving or who is entitled to receive a statutory award from the Department of Veterans Affairs for loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet; loss of permanent loss of use of one or both hands; loss of sight in one or both eyes; permanent impairment of vision of both eyes. This exemption will be granted on the vehicle that the veteran owns and on which he actually places free Handicapped Veterans (HV) motor vehicle license plates he receives form the State of Georgia.	Ga. Const., Art. 7, Sect. 1, Para. 4.
Income tax exemptions	Military personnel who serve on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States in combat activities, during a period designated by the President of the United States and are hospitalized as a result of an injury or confined as a prisoner of the opposing forces of the United States, may claim exclusion of Georgia Income Taxes for the period of service in the combat zone, plus the period of continuous hospitalization attributable to the injury, plus the period of confinement and the next 180 days thereafter.	Code Ann. 48–7–36.
	Military personnel who die as a result of wounds, disease, or injury incurred while serving as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States in a combat zone, during a period designated by the President of the United States, shall be exempt of all income taxes imposed by the laws of Georgia for the taxable year of his or her death, nor shall such taxes apply with respect to any prior taxable year ending on or after the first day he served in combat zone after June 24, 1960.	Code Ann. 48–7–37.
Excise tax exemption	Cigars and cigarettes purchased exclusively for use by patients at the Georgia War Veterans Home, Milledgeville, Georgia, and the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home, Augusta, Georgia, are exempt from Georgia Cigar and Cigarette excise tax.	Code Ann. 48–11–2.

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		(Section)
Veterans state employment retirement benefits.	Prior service is credited for periods of honorable service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and public health services of the U.S. from 1917–1920 and from 1941–1949 or if one was called to active duty after 6–24–50, is granted (up to 4 yrs. credit, if one has 8 yrs. in the retirement system).	HRS 88–57(4), 88–51(8), 132, 132.5, 140, 51(8).
Voting privileges	Absentee registration is permitted for members of the Armed Forces	HRS 15–2(1).

TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA

Type of law	Résumé	Citation
		(Section)
Exemptions	*Excise tax on imported autos.*—Exemption for severely disabled individuals.	Ch. 10 Sec. 11.10031, ASCA.
Territorial Veterans' Affairs Office.	Veterans Affairs Territorial Office provides claims assistance to veterans, dependents.	Title 2, Ch. 2.01, Sec. 2.0103–2.0105, 1961 Code of Amer. Samoa.
Veterans employment, Government of American Samoa (ASG).	The American Samoa Code guarantees restoration of ASG employees' job position after being ordered to active or reserve duty. The Admin. Code defines the terms veteran and disabled veteran and gives them 5 and 10 points, respectively, preferences in ASG competitive examinations. Military service is credited by the Code for leave purposes.	Amer. Samoa Code Ann. Title 7 Ch. 02 Sec. 7.0208, 7.0202, 7.1203(b), Amer. Samoa Admin. Code, Title 4 Ch. 02, Sec. 4.0308, 4.02107, 4.02148, 4.0238.
Veterans guardianships	Clerk of the High Court of American Samoa will provide guardianship for veterans.	40 Amer. Samoa Code Ann. Ch. 4 Sec. 40.0401–40.0410.
Veterans holiday	Holiday recognized as veterans day	Title 1, Ch. 05, Sec. 1.0501(9), Amer. Samoa Code Annotated (May 1988) (ASCA).
Veterans housing	None to date. Appropriation of Excess local revenues, if any, of FY 1984 for $500,000 to the A.S. Development Bk. for use for veterans home loans.	P.L. 18–49 of 1984.

	Note: Bills dealing with alienation of land must under Art. I Sec. 3 and Art. II Sec. 9, be passed by a ⅔ vote of the entire membership of both Houses and signed by the Governor, at 2 successive legislative sessions. However, loans to aliens are restricted, Amer. Samoa Code Ann. Sec. 28.0109, Amer. Samoa Constitution Art. 1 Sec. 3, Amer. Samoa Code Ann. Sec. 37.0204. An effort to reenact P.L. 18–49 of 1984 in 1986, H.B. 170, failed. See Governor's Gen. Memo. No. 52–1985 (March 1985), and P.L. 21–23 (1989), adding Sec. 37.1111(a) A.S.C.A., on mortgages guaranteed on communal lands.	

TERRITORY OF GUAM

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		(Section)
Guam guardianships	Guardianships for veterans by Superior or Court Clerk of Guam, Probate Court provided for.	15 Guam Code Ann. Div. 4 Ch. 35–48 Sec. 3501–4802, 19 Guam Code Ann. Ch. 9 Sec. 9101–9116; Guam Probate Rules 1–13 Form #3.
Taxation exemptions, fees for veterans.	.....	Not enacted yet for individual veterans, see Bill No. 928, 20th Legis., 1st Session (9–15–89).
	Govt. Cars exempt	16 Guam Code Ann. Ch.7 Sec. 7169(a).
	U.S. Govt. medical professional need not have a Guam license	10 Guam Code Ann. Ch. 12 Sec. 12227.
Territorial employment retirement benefits.	Credit for the Gov. Guam employment retirement system for veterans is given. Up to 5 yrs. credit can be granted.	4 Guam Code Ann. Title 4 Ch. 8 Sec. 8108.
Territorial Office of Veterans Affairs.	Territorial Office of Veterans Affairs created to assist in veterans claims and other services, e.g. territorial veterans' bonuses, burials.	10 Guam Code Ann. Ch. 67 Sec. 67100–67106, 68102 and 2 Guam Admin. Rules Title 15 Ch. 1 Subch. A Sec. 14000 et seq.
Territorial veterans bonus .	Every resident person who served in active duty in the armed forces of the U.S. in WWII, the Korean War, or the Indo-China.	Guam Govt. Code Sec. 8982 and 10 Guam Code Ann. Ch. 68 Sec. 68100–68403; 2 Guam Admin. Rules Title 15 Ch. 1–4 Subch. A.

TERRITORY OF GUAM—Continued

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		(Section)
	Conflict, separated under conditions other than dishonorable or who is still in active or reserve service, or his unremarried spouse or children shall receive $30/mo. for each mo. of active service up to $720, if applied for before 12–31–86. For the Guam Combat Patrol, Wake Island Defenders, and Guam Scouts, the bonus is $2,500 with different application processes and expiration dates.	Sec. 14000–14000.13; see also P.L. 20–149 of 1990 and P.l. 20–196 of 1990. Expired December 31, 1989.
Territorial veterans bonus .	.....	See also P.L. 21–40 of 1991 regarding compensation of lost pay of Guam National Guardsmen and Reservists called up for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.
Territorial veterans cemetery.	Territorial Veterans Cemetery shall be used for the burial of persons who served honorably in the armed forces of the U.S., the Insular Guard, the Guam Militia, the Guam Scouts, the Guam Combat Patrol, or who were mployed as Wake Island Defenders in WWII, their spouses and dependents.	Guam Govt. Code Sec. 8978.1; and see also 10 Guam Code Ann. Ch. 67 Sec. 67105 ("any veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces" eligible). Guam Dept. of Parks and Recreation Admin. Regs. Sec. 2.02 of 1988.
Veterans employment	Residents of Guam who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the U.S. or members of the Guam Police Combat Patrol shall receive a preferential credit of 5 points added to their competitive examination score.	Title V Ch. 1 Guam Govt. Code Sec. 4003.
	Credit for active service in the Armed Forces of the U.S. for pre service Gov Guam employees.	Title V Ch. III Guam Govt. Code Sec. 4207.
Veterans holiday	Veterans honored on veterans' day, November 11 each year, and on liberation day, July 21 each year, and on memorial day, last Monday in May each year.	1 Guam Code Ann. Ch. 10 Sec. 1000, 1011.

Veterans housing	Voting residents of Guam who are veterans of the armed forces of the U.S. honorably discharged may receive Guam Housing Corp. direct loans, regardless of other financing, up to $16,000.	12 Guam Code Ann. Ch. 4 Art. I Sec. 4109; see also P.L. 20–109 (1989) amending 12 GCA Sec. 4103 to encourage low and moderate income housing.
Veterans Memorial Committee for Guam Veterans.	Guam Veterans Memorial Committee for Guam's 12000 veterans created to prepare for design and construction of Veterans Memorial Bldg.; supplemental appropriations of P.L. 20–214 monies for design and construction of Guam Insular Guards Memorial; funding for Korean War Monument and Guam Veterans Cemetery services, costs..	P.L. 21–31 of 1991.

IV. COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANAS (CNMI)

Type of law	Résumé	Citation
		(Section)
Exemptions	Military servicepersons exempt from motor vehicle operator's license requirement..	II CMC Ch. 2 Title 9 Sec. 2202(a).
Holidays	CNMI recognizes veterans day and memorial day.	I CMC Ch. 3 Title 1 Sec. 311.
Veterans Affairs Office Dept. Comm. and Cultural Affairs.	The Veterans Affairs Office assists veterans claimants and performs other duties.	1 Comm. Code (CMC) Div. 2 Ch. 7 Art. 1 Sec. 2353 (1986) (H.B. 7–181, 3rd Session, 1990, would detail and expand the Veterans Affairs Office, under the Governor's Office.)
Veterans guardianship	Guardianship can be applied for in CNMI Superior Court.	Superior Court Rules of Probate Procedure Rule 27; Title 8, CMC.

IV. COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANAS (CNMI)—Continued

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Veterans housing	No CNMI or U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs program for home loan guaranty to date, due to practical title insurance, secondary mortgage market, and title litigation problems and lack of approved DVA lending activity. Several CNMI general loan programs exist.	Since Congress of Micronesia Senate Joint Resolution 7–60 2–25–78 and 5th No. Mar. Comm. Legis. 1st Sess. 1986, P.L. 5–8, efforts have been pending to permit U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs home loan guaranty despite CNMI Constitution Art. XII as amended restraints on alienation of land.
Income tax relief for deployed personnel of Persian Gulf War.	Interpretation of Federal Internal Revenue Code, U.S. P.L. 102–2, as applied in CNMI.	See 19 No. 92 Marianas Variety newspaper pg. 14 (Fri., Feb. 8, 1991) and Vol. 2, Title 4, CMC, Div. 1, Ch. 7 Sec. 1701 (1991)

V. REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Art. XVI Sec. 7, Constitution of 1987: "The State shall provide immediate and adequate care, benefits, and other forms of assistance to war veterans and veterans of military campaigns, their surviving spouses and orphans. Funds shall be provided therefor and due consideration shall be given them in the disposition of agricultural lands of the public domain and, in appropriate cases, in the utilization of natural resources."

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Burial benefits	A burial flag and 4000 Pesos assistance are available unless duplicatory of U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs benefits.	R.A. 6948 Title II Part G Sec. 19, 20 (1990).
Death gratuity for next of kin, veterans preference in Agricultural Land Settlement, Back Pay Act.	For WWII Veterans only	R.A. 30 of 1946; R.A. 304 of 1948: R.A. 897 of 1953; R.A. 610 of 1951.
Death pension benefits	500 Pesos/mo. for a surviving spouse and 250 Pesos/mo. for children to age 18 (present exchange rate apx. 28 Pesos to $1).	R.A. 6948 Title II Part E Sec. 12–14 (1990).

Disability pension	600 to 1125 Pesos a mo. to 10% to 100% service connected disabled veterans in Phil. Army or guerrilla forces from 12–8–41 to 7–3–46, in Phil. New Scouts, P.C., or Phil. Armed Forces after 7–4–46, in Phil. Expeditionary Forces in Korea 9–15–50 to 5–31–55, in the Phil. Civic Action Group or Phil. Contingent in Vietnam between 8–31–64 to 12–20–69. Ratings are reevaluated unless static, permanent, or the veteran is over 57 yrs. old.	R.A. 6948 Title II Part B Sec. 4–8 (1990).
Exemption of benefits	PVAO Benefits are without charge or fee generally and are exempt from creditors' claims.	R.A. 6948 Title III Sec. 23, 24 (1990).
	U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs benefits are also exempt from taxation and creditors' claims.	R.A. 360 of 1949.
Guardianship benefits	Free guardianship—custodian—representative or supervised payee services under the Uniform Veterans Guardianship Act are available through the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.	R.A. 390 of 1949; see also R.A. 136 of 1947.
Limit on claims fees	A limit of 20 Pesos is established for private agents, claims representatives, attorneys.	R.A. 145 of 1947.
Old age pension	65 yrs. old or older veterans can receive 500 Pesos/mo. if a similar pension is not received from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.	R.A. 6948 Title II Part D Sec. 10 (1990).
Phil. Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO).	The PVAO shall formulate and promulgate, subject to the approval of the Secretary of National Defense, policies governing the adjudication and administration of veterans claims and benefits, adjudicate and administer benefits, provide medical care and treatment, and provide other services and assistance to implement Republic Act (R.A.) #6948 (4–9–90) and other laws.	Pres. Decree #1 (1972), E.O. #292, Title 8 Subtitle II, Ch. 5 Sec. 31–32 of 1987.
Veterans' bill of rights	Educational, Pension, Agricultural Preference benefits law for WWII, Korean veterans and POW's of WWII.	R.A. 65 of 1946.
Veterans' educational benefits.	Education benefits are provided, subject to regulations. Generally free tuition and fees for up to 2 yrs. are covered.	R.A. 6948 Title II Part A Sec. 3 (1990).
Veterans health care	The Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC), Quezon City, Metro Manila, is the primary veterans hospital. Contract facilities provide care in the Provinces or for other needs.	R.A. 6948 Title II Part F Sec. 15–18 (1990).
Veterans' housing	Only Philippine citizens can own over 1,000 sq. meters of land	Phil. Constitution Art. XVII Sec. 11 (1973), R.A. #1705 (1982).
	Land leases for veterans are provided for, as are homesteads. No U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs loan guaranty or specially adapted housing is provided.	R.A. 1853 of 1957, R.A. 897 of 1953.
Veterans preference in Phil. govt. employment.	5% preference for veterans and 10% for service connected veterans, widows or widowers is created.	E.O. 790 of 1982. R.A. 1363 of 1955.

VI. OTHER AREAS

A. Code of Federated States of Micronesia

This 2 Vol. 1987 Code restricts land ownership to citizens of the Trust Territoris, I Code Fed. St. Micro. Ch. I Sec. 113 (and Art. XIII Sec. 4 of the FSM Constitution), and excludes active military persons' wages/salaries from FSM income taxes, II Code Fed. St. Micro. Title 54 Sec. 112(6), (11). No mention is made of veterans in the Code.

1. STATE OF YAP (Part of Federated States of Micronesia)

1 Yap State Code Sec. 806 recognizes Veteran's Day. 25 Yap State Code Sec. 302 exempts persons in the military service of the U.S. from motor vehicle operator's licenses. No other provisions relate to veterans in the 1987 Code (1 vol.).

2. STATE OF TRUK (Now called Chuuk), Part of FSM

Real Estate mortgage Law, TSL 4–91, Act 1–138 (1981) Sec. 28, only gives mortgagees a lien and not any ownership interest as a non-citizen of Truk. Act No. 3–53 (1988) Sec. 4(a) recognizes the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs as a deed of trust beneficiary only, not as an owner-citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia land, Sec. 21. The Truk Constitution also limits ownership of land by non-citizens. No mention of veterans is made in Truk law.

B. REPUBLIC OF PALAU (Belau)

The 2 Vol. Republic National Code does not refer to veterans. Title 38 Ch. 3 Sec. 301 and the Belau Constitution, Art. XIII Sec. 8 restrict land ownership to citizens of Palau. Title 42 Ch. 4 Sec. 402 exempts persons in the military service from motor vehicle operator's licenses (1986).

C. The Marshall Islands Revised Code does provide for guardianships, II M.I. Rev. Code Title 25 Ch. 2 Sec. 1–15; recognize memorial day, I. M.I. Rev. Code Ch. 9 Title I Sec. 1 (on March 1 each year); exempt active military persons from operator's license requirements for motor vehicle, I. M.I. Rev. Code Title 13 Ch. 1 Part III Sec. 12(1); and, restrict land ownership to citizens of the M.I. only, II M.I. Rev. Code Title 24 Part II Sec. 13.

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	Director, State Veterans' Council, exempt from certain limitations of law while acting as guardian.	R.S.A. 465:3,5,11.
	Commitment to the Department of Veterans Affairs or other Federal agency.	R.S.A. 116:1–4.
	Investments by guardians of beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs.	R.S.A. 463:22.
Veterans' home	Name changed from N.H. Soldiers' Home to N.H. Veterans' Home	R.S.A. 119:1.
	Admission of veterans to N.H. Veterans' Home	R.S.A. 119:9.
	The care of veterans at N.H. Veterans' Home includes nursing home care.	R.S.A. 119:1.
Hospital benefits	Commitment of incompetent veteran to the Department of Veterans Affairs or other Federal agency.	R.S.A. 116:1–4.
Loans, contracts of minors, veterans, etc.	Removal of minority disabilities of minor veterans and their minor spouses eligible for benefits under Servicemen's Readjustment Act.	R.S.A. 117:1.
	Mortgage loans to veterans under Servicemen's Readjustment Act may be extended and reamortized.	R.S.A. 479:18a to 18d.
Patriotic holidays	Municipalities may appropriate up to $2,000 for observance of Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans' Day or other holidays.	R.S.A. 31:4,6.
	Veterans' Day on November 11; Memorial Day on May 30	R.S.A. 288.1.
	Disabled veterans may hunt from motor vehicle, boat or aircraft under certain conditions.	R.S.A. 207:7–a.
Relief and rehabilitation	Aid shall be granted by city or town to wartime veterans, their wives or widows who become poor.	R.S.A. 165:5.
	Paroled prisoners who enter the Armed Forces; suspension of supervision by parole board and final discharge from receipt of honorable discharge.	R.S.A. 651–A:13.
	Benefits under Unemployment Compensation Act	R.S.A. 282–A.
Tax and license fee exemptions.	*Fish and game license.*—Honorably discharged veterans who are residents of the State and who are totally and permanently disabled from a service-connected disability may be issued a free perpetual license.	R.S.A. 214:13.

	Patients at V.A. Hospital in Manchester, New Hampshire and in Vermont may fish without a license on permit issued by doctor in charge.	R.S.A. 214:14.
	Residents of N.H. Veterans' Home may fish without a license on permit issued by the Superintendent of the Home.	R.S.A. 214:14a.
	Peddler's license.—Service-connected veterans and their unremarried widows exempt from payment of fees.	R.S.A. 320:11.
	Peddlers can operate at veterans' conventions only with specific approval of organization.	R.S.A. 320:13a.
	Property tax.—Property owned and operated by certain veterans' organizations or its departments, local chapters or posts shall be exempt from taxation.	R.S.A. 72:23a, 23c.
	Residential property owned by veterans, their wives or widows, exempt in the amount of $50, with $100 exemption if both husband and wife are qualified.	R.S.A. 72:28 I, II, III.
	Widow of veteran who died of service-connected death exempt of $50 on any real property.	R.S.A. 72:31.
	$700 exemption from taxes on real estate or personal property of widow of veteran who was killed while on active duty in Armed Forces of the United States or any government associated with the United States.	R.S.A. 72:29a.
	$700 exemption from taxes on real estate occupied as principal place of abode by totally and permanently disabled service-connected veteran, double amputee or paraplegic or unremarried surviving spouse, including house trailer if prinicipal place of abode.	R.S.A. 72:35.
	Veteran totally and permanently disabled and who is a double amputee or paraplegic as a result of service connection and who owns a specially adapted homestead acquired with assistance of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or with proceeds from the sale of any previous homestead acquired with the assistance of the Department of Veterans Affairs, he or his unremarried surviving spouse shall be exempt from taxation.	R.S.A. 72:36a.
Transportation, motor vehicles, etc., privileges.	Amputee, paraplegic, totally disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients may be furnished a special number plate for one motor vehicle without charge.	R.S.A. 261:86.
	Veteran determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs to be totally blind because of a service-connected disability who owns a motor vehicle may be furnished a special number plate without charge for one vehicle.	R.S.A. 261:87.

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	No charge will be made in Surrogate's Court for any certificate or certified copy required to be filed by Department of Veterans Affairs.	Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, § 2402(17)(c).
	Suspenson of a committee's powers during war service	Mental Hygiene Law, § 78.27.
	Wills nuncupative and holographic made by persons in actual military or naval service; validity. Handwriting must be proved before admitting to probate.	Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, § 1405.
	Uniform Veterans' Guardianship Act with modifications.—Provides for the appointment of a guardian of an incompetent veteran or the minor child of a veteran, to receive certain benefits on behalf of such ward.	Mental Hygiene Law, Art. 79.
	World War II bonus payments to a minor or mental incompetent	Unconsolidated Laws, § 9701.
Herbicide—Agent Orange	A 2-year statute of limitations for suits involving Agent Orange beginning from the date of discovery of such injury.	Civil Practice law and Rules, § 214b.
	Claims where the statute of limitations has expired prior to June 16, 1985, the cause of action is revived or extended if commenced by June 16, 1992.	1990 New York Sess. Law, Chap. 265.
	Agent Orange benefits excluded from income for purposes of determining eligibility under any means-tested state or state assisted program.	Military Law, § 235-a.
	Commissioner of health shall establish, promote and maintain a public information program on dioxin.	Public Health Law, § 2475.
Homes (institutional)	$14 million allocated for New York State home for veterans in New York City.	Public Authorities Law, §§ 403, 403-b, 409a; Public Health Law, § 2630 et seq.
	New York State Home, Oxford, N.Y., permits admission to honorably discharged veterans and their dependents of all wars, including Korean and Vietnam periods.	Public Health Law, § 2632(1).
Hospitals	Residence not lost by reason of absence from the State while serving in the Armed Forces, when residence is prerequisite for care and treatment in institutions for mental defectives.	Mental Hygiene Law, § 67.03.

	Residence not lost by reason of absence from State while serving in the Armed Forces, when residence is a prerequisite for care and treatment in a tuberculosis hospital.	Public Health Law, §§ 2200(3), and 2200–1(b).
	Upon admission to general hospital—Staff shall require whether or not the person admitted is a veteran, list such information on the admission form, and inform the veteran of the possible availability of services at a VA hospital. At veterans' request, staff shall make arrangements for transfer to VA hospital.	Public Health Law, § 2805–b(5).
Housing	Amounts of loans made by insurance companies on which there are guarantees under Title 38, United States Code, Section 1801 are exempt from state limits.	Insurance Law, § 6406.
	Emergency.—Utilization of condemned property—The authority of the city of New York to use such property for veterans extended to June 30, 1975.	§ B 15–20.0 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.
Loans, contracts of minors, etc.	Bank loans, etc., pursuant to provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act are authorized.	Banking Law, §§ 5–6.
	Rates of interest on loans insured or guaranteed under title 38, United States Code, as amended, are exempt from State interest limitations..	General Obligations Law, § 5–501 subdivision 5.
	Removal of minority disability of veterans who are eligible for benefits under title 38, United States Code, sec. 1801, et seq.	General Obligations Law, § 3–103.
Medals, etc	Campaign badges for service during Spanish-American, Philippine, and China campaigns.	Unconsolidated Laws, § 4531.
	Conspicuous service cross awards	Military Law, § 247.
	Unauthorized wearing or use of badge, insignia, name, ritual, etc., of certain veterans' organizations, is declared a misdemeanor.	General Business Law, § 137.
Monuments, memorials, etc .	City or county may construct and maintain a building, park or monument in commemoration of soldiers and sailors.	General Municipal Law, § 77–a.
	Land may be acquired by municipal corporations or monument associations for the erection of Armed Forces memorials.	General Municipal Law, § 72–b.
	State throughways shall be designated "Blue Star memorial highways", as a tribute to veterans of World War I and World War II and the Korean conflict.	Highway Law, § 356–b; Public Authorities Law, § 356b.
National Guard Service	Retirement of and pensions for certain war veterans	Military Law, § 215.
Patriotic holidays	Cities may, appropriate money for observance of Memorial Day and Veterans' Day.	General City Law, § 13.
	———Eleventh (11th) day of November, known as Veterans' Day, shall be considered a public holiday.	General Construction Law, § 24.
	Leave of absence to veterans in public service of the State and local units on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day.	Public Officers Law, § 63.

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Type of law	Résumé	Citation
		(Section)
	Towns may appropriate money for observance of Independence Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day, to be expended through veterans' organizations.	Town Law, §64(12).
	Annual pension of $500 is provided for blind veterans and their widows	Executive Law, §§362–364.
Prisoners of war	A temporary administrator may be appointed for the estate of a prisoner of war, or one who has been detained in a foreign country, if such person has an interest in property in the state.	Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, §901.
Records, relics, etc	*Bureau of War Records.*—Provision for the preservation and safekeeping of records and relics in the capitol.	Military Law, §24.
Recreational benefits	*Horse and harness races.*—Soldiers and sailors in uniform may be admitted to horse and harness races at half price.	Unconsolidated Laws, §8002(2a).
	Recreation centers.—Towns adjoining military camps are authorized to establish and maintain recreation centers.	Town Law, §64(12a).
Relief and rehabilitation	Counties may provide assistance, relief and medical care of veterans and their dependents.	Social Services Law, §§168–178.
	General functions, powers, and duties of the State division of veterans' affairs and local veterans' service agencies.	Executive Law, Article 17.
	Health, medical and rehabilitation services are provided by State Veterans' Service Agency.	Executive Law, Article 17.
	State home.—Assistance and care for veterans and their dependents in that part of the New York State Home for Veterans and their Dependents at Oxford designated as an intermediate care facility, if and for so long as Federal aid is available. Such care now includes treatment for narcotic addiction.	Social Services Law, §§365, 368.
Relief and Rehabilitation	Veterans Outreach Center, 5 year demonstration project, commencing April 1, 1990.	Executive Law, §361–a.
Tax and license fee exemptions.	*Income tax.*—Abatement of income tax of a member of the Armed Forces upon death in active service.	Tax Law, §378.
	———Exemption of military compensation received during any month during any part of which taxpayer served in combat zone, or was hospitalized as a result of such service.	Tax Law, §359(2e).

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Century Code

Type of law	Résumé	Citation
		(Section)
Bonus	*Vietnam conflict.*—Under Veterans' Adjusted Compensation Act, payments are allowed as follows: $12.50 for each month of domestic service and $17.50 for each month of foreign service. If the veteran is deceased, payments shall be made to the beneficiary; and if the veteran died in active service, payment to the beneficiary shall not be less than $600. Filing deadline will be June 30, 1982. However, in the cases of those veterans who were prisoners of war or missing in action, the deadline for receipt of an application shall be 4 years from the date upon which they first set foot on American soil, or June 30, 1982, whichever is later. No payment shall exceed $1,500, or the largest amount paid through March 21, 1973. Payments exempt from taxation and creditors' claims except amounts paid from educational assistance and veterans aid will be deducted.	§§ 37–25–01 to 37–25–10.
	Desert Storm.—Provision for bonus of $50.00 a month or major fraction of a month for domestic service and $100.00 a month or major fraction of a month for foreign service. Law provides for payment of $2,500 in lieu of monthly bonus if veteran received a Purple Heart for foreign service. Claim can be filed with Adjutant General after April 1, 1991, but not later than six months after the end of the period of service.	§ 37–26–02.
	Where a veteran who died as a result of active service during the period of service, his/her beneficiary may receive $2,500.00 in lieu of any other compensation under the statute.	§ 37–26–03.
Burial allowances and allied benefits.	*Grave registration.*—The adjutant general is required to register and compile records of persons who rendered military service, service with the Merchant Marine, and who assisted in the administration of the Selective Service Act, during World War II and the Korean conflict.	§ 37–03–12.

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Type of law	Résumé	Citation
		(Section)
	———Fixtures, buildings, and improvements up to $10,000 assessed valuation, when owned and occupied as a homestead by a paraplegic, veteran or any veteran who has been awarded specially adapted housing, or his unremarried widow. Up to $5,000 assessed valuation for same purpose allowed to veteran with 50 percent or greater service-connected disability or his unremarried widow based on income of claimant.	§ 57–02–08(20).
	Exemption.—Veterans disability pension benefits exempt from process levy except for child support.	§ 28–22–30.1.
Transportation, motor vehicle privileges, etc.	Amputees are exempt from payment of registration fee, use and sales tax on automobiles; but are required to pay $1 for special license plates.	§§ 39–04–18, 39–04–19.
Union service dates	Establishes uniform service dates for all wars up to and including Vietnam era which begins August 5, 1964, and ends on May 7, 1975.	§ 37–01–40.
Veterans' organizations	*Games of chance.*—Veterans' organizations are allowed to conduct certain games of chance without violating gambling laws of the State.	§§ 53–06.1–01 to 53–06.1–02.
	Insignia.—Unauthorized wearing or use of badge, button, or insignia of a veterans' organization is declared a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from $10 to $100.	§ 12–38–18.
	Meeting places.—Use of armories authorized	§ 37–10–04.
	Parades.—Veterans' organizations are authorized to parade in public with firearms.	§ 37–01–21.
	Uniforms.—Members of veterans' associations are exempt from the prohibition on the wearing of military uniform.	§ 37–01–16.
Veterans' service agency	County veterans' service officer	§§ 37–14–18; 37–14–19 and 57–15–06.4.

	Department of Veterans' Affairs: commissioner; confidential veteran records; assistance to veterans and dependents.	§§ 37–18–01; 37–18–04 to 37–18–08; and 37–18–11.
	Administrative Committee on Veterans' Affairs established to supervise the North Dakota Soldiers' Home and the North Dakota Department of Veterans' Affairs and shall consist of 12 regular members appointed by the Governor and 4 ex officio nonvoting members consisting of the adjutant general, the center director of the Veterans' Administration, the executive director of the North Dakota Employment Security Bureau and the Director of Institutions.	§§ 37–18.1–01 thru 37–18.1–04.

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		(Section)
Bonus	*World War II.*—Amount: $10 for each month of domestic service; $15 for each month of foreign service; $400 maximum payment. (Now obsolete.).	Constitution, art. VIII, § 2b.
	Korean conflict.—Amount: $10 for each month of domestic service; $15 for each month of foreign service; $400 maximum payment. (Now obsolete.).	Constitution, art. VIII, § 2d.
	Vietnam conflict.—Payments to qualified residents who served on active duty in the Armed Forces during the periods from Feb. 28, 1961, through July 1, 1973, and as to Vietnam service, Aug. 5, 1964, through July 1, 1973, as to other service, the maximum cash amount that any one person received was $500. Payments to survivors of persons who died as a result of Vietnam service the bonus is taken as educational assistance by the veteran. Applications for payments of such compensation or educational bonuses had to have been filed with the Board of Commissioners before Jan. 1, 1978. (Now obsolete.).	Constitution, art. VIII, § 2j.
Burial allowance and allied benefits.	*Burial.*—County allowance of $100 for the burial of indigent veterans their mothers, wives, or widows. Burial may not be in potter's field.	§§ 5901.25–5901.32.
	———Privilege of removal and internment of bodies in soldiers' plot	§§ 5901.16, 5901.18–5901.20.
	Burial grounds.—Powers of cemetery associations	§ 1721.11.
	———Powers of counties, townships, and municipalities to provide soldiers' burial plots.	§§ 5901.16, 5901.21–5901.24.

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	Grave care and registration.—Adjutant general is required to maintain and preserve the record of the death and burial place of all veterans.	§ 5913.11.
	———County recorder shall be custodian of records concerning the location of veterans' graves and upon request from a veterans' organization 30 days prior to Memorial Day, shall furnish such organization with a list of all veterans' burials within the county.	§ 317.25.
	———Expense for care of soldiers graves, a charge on the local unit	§§ 5901.17, 5901.22, 5901.35, 5901.37.
	Headstone and markers.—Cemeteries may not prohibit the erection of a headstone provided by the United States or by the State of Ohio for soldiers' graves.	§§ 155.04, 155.99.
	———The county shall apply to the United States for a suitable headstone for the grave of a deceased veteran and have the same set in place.	§ 5901.32.
	———The county shall furnish, on petition, markers for soldiers' graves for the purpose of designating such graves for memorial purposes.	§ 5901.34.
Civil relief and war emergency provisions.	Acknowledgements, execution or notarial acts performed by commissioned officers.	§§ 147.39, 147.51.
	Administration of estates of persons missing in action and presumed to be dead.	§§ 2121.01, 2121.02.
	Persons in active military service are exempt from motor vehicle license requirements during furlough, and from examination until 6 months after discharge.	§§ 4507.03, 4507.10.
	Discrimination against members of Armed Forces or auxiliaries by refusal of entry, refusal to employ, etc.	§ 5903.08.
	Fiduciary powers may be suspended during military service.	§§ 1339.14, 2109.25.
Civil rights	Absentee registration and voting by members of the Armed Forces or their spouses who reside outside of the State for the purpose of being with or near such servicemember.	§§ 3511.01–3511.12.
	Soldiers' homes.—Provisions for voting by inmates	§§ 3501.20, 3503.03.

Claims, assistance in obtaining benefits; safekeeping of papers.	*Commissioners.*—Representatives of veterans organizations may obtain special notarial seals.	§ 147.32.
	Notary services.—The chief of the division of soldiers' claims and veterans' affairs may administer oaths without charge.	§§ 5913.25, 5913.26, 5919.99.
	Public-record certification.—Free copies of public records for Applicant for benefits from the U.S. Veterans Administration.	§ 5905.18.
	———The county recorder shall issue without charge a certified copy or certified photostatic copy of discharge papers.	§ 317.27.
	Recording of discharges.—Recordation of discharge papers including DD 214; no fee to be charged.	§ 317.24.
	Expungement of records.—Expungement of discharge record; expungement of record or separation program number.	§ 317.24 (B), (C).
	Records for purpose of bonus payments.—The adjutant general may microfilm certificates of discharge and separation submitted by Ohio veterans of World War II for use in conjunction with bonus payments.	§ 5913.012.
	Service officers, etc.—The county veterans service office shall assist veterans, their wives or widows, children, parents, or dependents in presenting claims or obtaining benefits under any Federal or State law.	§§ 5901.07–5901.15.
	———The chief of the division of soldiers' claims and veterans' affairs shall assist veterans, their heirs or representatives, with their claims against the United States, or the State of Ohio.	§§ 5913.21–5913.26, 5913.99.
Educational benefits, qualification for the professions and trades.	Reissuance or renewal of license or certificate to practice a trade or profession to veterans.	§ 5903.10.
	Waiver of college tuition for certain honorably discharged veterans	§ 3333.26.
Educational opportunities for children of veterans.	Education of children admitted to the Ohio Veterans' Children's Home .	§§ 5909.12–5909.14.
	Priorities for veterans in State administered, Federal funded, employment and training programs.	§ 5903.11.
	Scholarships for needy children of decreased veterans, and children of certain disabled veterans (World War I, World War II, Korean Conflict and Vietnam) ages 16 to 21, at colleges and universities receiving State support and at private institutions.	§§ 5910.01–5910.06.
	Scholarship eligibility for children of certain decreased members and certain disabled members of the Ohio National Guard.	§§ 5910.01, 5910.031.
	Scholarship eligibility for children of prisoners of war or servicemen missing in action.	§ 5910.032.
Employment preferences, privileges, etc.	Benefit rights under the Unemployment Compensation Act	§§ 4123.63, 4141.01, 4141.311, 4141.312.

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	Convention facilities have a veterans hiring preference policy	§ 351.07.
	Members of the soldiers' relief commission and service officers, appointed by the commission in each county shall be veterans.	§§ 5901.02, 5901.07.
	Period of service with the Armed forces is not counted in determining eligibility for appointment to a position in the police or fire department re-created within 3 years after its abolition.	§ 124.37.
	Preference shall be given to veterans in employment of caretakers of county or township memorial buildings.	§ 345.16.
	Preference shall be given to veterans in the selection of officers and members of the board of trustees of town, municipal, or county memorials and in employment on the construction of such memorials.	§§ 345.08–345.10.
	Preference is given to veterans, their wives, widows, and children in employment by the soldiers' relief commission, as investigators, etc.	§ 5901.06.
	Preference shall be given to veterans under civil service, in State and local units.	§§ 124.23, 124.26, 124.27, 124.28.
	Reinstatement of classified civil service employees of the State after termination of military service including peacetime service; preservation of civil-service rating. Armed Forces career personnel not included.	§ 124.29.
	Restoration of public and private employees to former positions after termination of military service.	§§ 5903.01–5903.07, 124.28, 124.29.
	Representatives of congressional chartered veterans' organizations may be appointed commissioners of the State of Ohio for veterans' affairs and may, without fee and within the State, administer oaths, take acknowledgments and attest the execution of instruments in connection with or used before the Veterans Administration.	§ 147.32.
Handicapped employees	Superintendent of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home shall be a veteran.	§ 5909.03.
	Service credit under the Public Employee's Retirement System	§§ 145.30, 145.301.
	Service credit under the School Employee's Retirement System	§§ 3309.01–3309.021.
	Service credit under the State Teacher's Retirement System	§§ 3307.01–3307.021.
Guardianship.	Guardianships/Conservatorships under the state law	§§ 2111.01–2111.51.

	No probate court costs shall be taxed in proceedings involving the collection, disbursement, or administering of money awarded by the Veterans Administration, if estate less than $1,500.	§ 2111.02.
	The Superintendent of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home shall be the guardian of the estate of all minors admitted to the home.	§ 5909.04.
	Uniform Veterans' Guardianship Act.—Provides for the appointment of a guardian of an imcompetent veteran or the minor child of a veteran to receive certain benefits on behalf of such ward.	§§ 5905.01–5909.19.
Soldiers' home	*Ohio Veterans Home.*—Admission of World War I, World War II veterans, veterans of the Korean conflict, Vietnam, and certain others.	§§ 5907.01–5907.09.
	Robert T. Secrest Nursing Home.—Nursing home for use of Ohio Veterans Home residents.	§ 5907.10.
Childern's Home	*Ohio Veterans' Children's Home (formerly Ohio Soldiers' and Sailers' Orphans' Home).*—Established to care for and educate children of deceased and disabled veterans.	§§ 5909.01–5909.16.
	Ohio Veterans' Children's Home.—Liquor and house of ill fame prohibited within 1,200 yards.	§ 4399.11.
Hospital benefits	Any county or municipality may acquire land upon which a veterans' hospital may be constructed, maintained, and operated by the U.S. Government.	§ 5901.36.
Housing	Commitment of an incompetent veterans to a Federal hospital under the Uniform Guardianship Act.	§§ 5905.02, 5122.16.
	Homestead exemption.—Disability benefit payments not countable income.	§ 323.151(c).
	Nonprofit corporations may be formed for the purposes of providing housing for veterans.	§ 3735.62.
	Preference shall be given to veterans and the families of veterans and servicemen, including families of deceased veterans, in the selection of tenants for housing projects.	§ 3735.42.
Loans, contracts of minors, etc.	*Domestic, life.*—Insurance companies may make loans pursuant to the Servicemen's Readjustment Act.	§ 3907.14.
	Loans under authority of the federal administration of veterans affairs	§ 1151.31.
	Removal of minority disability of veterans (and other spouses) eligible for benefits under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, and for benefits under the Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952.	
Marriage	All marriages of soldiers performed in the State from the beginning of World War I up until Feb. 28, 1919, under marriage licenses issued by commanding officers or other military authority are declared valid and binding..	Throckmorton's Code, (1948), § 11198–1. (Not included in Page's Code.)

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Meeting places, memorial building privileges.	Any township, municipality, or county may establish and maintain a memorial building for the benefit of the community and to provide a meeting place for veterans and veterans' organizations.	§§ 345.0–345.18, 511.08–511.17.
Patriotic holidays	*Memorial Day.*—Annual appropriations are authorized to be made by a county, city or town, for appropriate observance; funds to be expended through veterans' organizations.	§ 307.66.
	County commissioners shall provide markers for veterans' graves upon petition of any Memorial Day association or veterans' organization; and shall pay the expense of placing such markers.	§ 5901.34.
	Veterans' Day.—The 11th day of November shall be known as Veterans' Day and is declared a legal holiday.	§ 5.21.
Records	Adjutant general to maintain records of death and burial of veterans ...	§ 5913.11.
	Special publication to preserve various obsolete laws relating to affairs, war monuments and historic events, the provisions of which have been wholly executed.	Laws (1947), p. 27 (not included in Page's Code.)
Relief and Rehabilitation	Emergency relief in case of sickness, accident, or great destitution	§ 5901.15.
	Relief to needy veterans, their wives, widows, children, and parents; duties of county soldiers' relief commission.	§§ 5901.02–5901.15.
Tax and license fee exemptions.	*Business and occupational licenses.*—A disabled or unemployed veteran may do business as a vendor, as defined in the Retail Sales Tax Act, in more than one county under a single license.	§ 4141.01; 4141.03–4141.11. § 5739.17(A).
	Exemption from payment of boat trailer registration and service fees and taxes for Medal of Honor recipients, former prisoners of war, permanently and totally disabled veterans in receipt of compensation or pension, 100 percent service-connected disabled veterans, and veterans who have been awarded funds for the purchase of a motor vehicle under 38 USC 1901.	§ 4503.173(B).
	Exemption from payment of watercraft registration fees for Medal of Honor recipients, former prisoners of war, 100 percent service-connected disabled veterans, and veterans who have been awarded funds for the purchase of a motor vehicle under 38 USC 1901.	§ 1547.54(P).

	Exemption from payment of state park camping fees for former prisoners of war, permanently and totally disabled veterans in receipt of compensation or pension, and veterans who have been issued free disabled veteran license plates.	§ 1541.03.
	Exemption from payment of automobile registration and license fees for Medal of Honor recipients, former prisoners of war, 100 percent service-connected disabled veterans, and veterans who have been awarded funds for the purchase of a motor vehicle under 38 USC 1901. Special plate issued.	§ 4503.41, 4503.43, 4503.46.
	Exemption from payment of handicapped parking card fees for veterans who have been issued free disabled veteran license plates, 100 percent service-connected disabled veterans, and veterans whose service-connected disabilities qualify for a parking card.	§ 4503.44.
	Exemption from payment of fees for hunting and fishing permits and licenses for former prisoners of war, permanently and totally disabled veterans in receipt of compensation or pension, veterans who have been issued free disabled veteran license plates, and servicemembers on leave or furlough.	§ 1533.12.
	Peddlers license.—Veterans of Civil War, Spanish-American War, and World War I, are required to pay a nominal fee only.	Throckmorton's Code (1949) § 6351. (Not included in Page's Code.)
	Property tax.—Exemption on real estate held or occupied by soldiers' memorial associations, monumental building associations, etc. Such property is not relieved from levy of special assessments.	§ 5709.17.
	———Funds raised and set apart for the purpose of building monuments to the soldiers of the State, and monuments and memorial buildings are exempt from tax.	§ 5709.15.
Veterans-Agent Orange	Creates an Agent Orange Advisory Council and reporting to a designated medical facility of studies, counseling and testing.	§§ 5903.21–5903.26.
Veterans' organizations	Amounts bequested or transferred to veterans' organizations may be deducted from estates.	§ 5731.17.
	Group insurance.—Provision is made for policies of group life insurance covering members of veterans' organizations.	§ 3917.01 (B), (5).
	Highways designated to recognize veterans and veterans groups	§ 5533.01–5533.56.
	Meeting places, etc.—Memorial buildings established and maintained by counties, townships, and municipalities shall provide, with or without cost, suitable and convenient headquarters for nationally organized veterans' organizations chartered by the Congress of the United States.	§§ 345.01–345.18.
	———Provides for office space for veterans' organization in new Columbus State office building.	§ 123.024.

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		(Section)
	———Powers of certain counties to erect memorial structures with rooms suitable for a meeting place for the Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, or any other organization for the benefit of Civil War veterans or their descendants.	Throckmorton's Code (1948) §§ 14849–1 to 14849–5. (Not found in Page's Code.)
	———Suitable rooms, including hear, light, and janitor service, shall be provided in State armories for various veterans' organizations, unless a State, country, or municipal memorial building has been provided.	§ 5911.07.
	———Township memorial buildings are to be open and free to and for the use of veterans' and allied organizations as meeting places.	§§ 511.08–511.17.
	Office space.—For veterans' organizations in Ohio public buildings	§ 123.024.
	Parade privileges.—A special $2 license may be issued for vehicles of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or Forty and Eight, used in parades, etc. 12 times or less a year.	§ 4503.18.
	Patriotic holiday observance.—Counties, cities, and towns may make annual appropriations to veterans' organizations for Memorial Day observance.	§ 307.66.
	Tax exemptions.—Real estate and tangible personal property held or occupied by a veterans' organization shall be exempt from tax. Items sold to the state headquarters will be exempt from sales tax.	§§ 5709.17, 5739.02.
	Uniforms.—Exempts members of associations composed of veterans from prohibition as to wearing uniforms.	§§ 5923.33, 5923.99.
Veterans' service agency	County veterans' service officers	§ 5901.07.
	Division of Soldiers' Claims and Veterans Affairs	§§ 5913.18.
	County Veteran Service Commissions	§§ 5901.02–5901.05.

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		(Section)
	Medical officers of World War II are exempt from certain requirements under the basic science law.	§ 36–3–15. Repealed.
Educational opportunities for children of veterans.	Free tuition in State educational institutions, shall be granted to children of veterans who died as a result of service, or who are MIA's.	§§ 13–55–6 to 13–55–9.3.
Employment preferences, privileges, etc.	County service officer, preference shall be given to veterans	§§ 33–16–24 to 33–16–28.
	Veterans department.—Preference shall be given to veterans in appointment of director.	§ 33–16–8.
	Public department, and public works of State and local units—Veterans shall be given preference in employment and promotions.	§§ 33–3–1 to 3–3–6.
	Unmarried spouse of deceased veteran entitled to preference	§ 3–3–7.
	Spouse disabled veteran entitled to preference	§ 3–3–8.
	Reinstatement of officers and employees of State and local units; written application is required.	§ 3–6A–14.1.
	Leave of absence without loss of status shall be granted to State officers and employees during military service.	§§ 3–6–22 to 3–6–25, 33–17–15.
	Extends to National Guardsmen and members of Reserve components reemployment rights.	§§ 3–6–22; 33–17–15.
Exemption from garnishment, executions, etc.	World War II bonus payments shall not be subject to claims of creditors.	Laws (1949), ch. 158.
	Veterans Disability pension benefits is not earnings for garnishment purposes except to enforce child support obligations	§§ 12–18–27.1; 25–7–6.3.
	Pension can be used to determine parents monthly child's support	§ 25–7–6.3.
Guardianship	Provision is made for appointment of a guardian for persons entitled to benefits.	§§ 30–33–9; 33–16–19.
	Uniform Veterans Guardmanship Act.—Provision is made for the appointment of a guardian or an incompetent veteran or the minor child of a veteran to receive certain benefits on behalf of such ward.	§§ 30–33–1 to 30–33–47.
Hospital Benefits	Commitment of an incompetent veteran to a Federal hospital under the Uniform Guardianship Act.	§ 30–33–2.

	Mentally ill member of State Veterans' home shall be received and cared for by the South Dakota Human Services Center and expenses paid for by the state.	§ 27A–4–11.
	Receipt of military patients from Federal Authorities, expenses shall be paid by the U.S.	§ 27A–4–12.
	Any veteran committed to the South Dakota Human Services Center may be transferred to a VA Hospital if would benefit treatment there.	§ 27A–4–14.
	Hospitalization of adult voluntary patient at VA Medical Center	§ 27A–8–1.
	Involuntary commitment	§ 27A–9–18. Repealed.
Housing	Low rent housing—Veterans and servicemembers given preference	§ 11–7–63.
	Conditions waived in admitting servicemen and veterans to housing projects.	§ 11–7–66.
Loans, contracts of minors, etc.	Building and loan associations are authorized to make, buy, or sell loans as provided for under the terms of the National Housing Act.	§ 51A–4–30. (Revised.)
	Removal of minority disability of veterans (and their spouses), eligibility for benefits under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act.	§ 26–2–2.
	Allows wife of serviceman under provisions of Public Law 91–584 to sign for home loan notwithstanding homestead exemption.	§ 43–31–17.
Monuments, memorials, etc .	*American Legion Memorial Highway.*—U.S. Highway 281 across the State, is designated as "American Legion Memorial Highway".	Laws (1959), ch. 165.
	Authorizes Veterans' Department to create Freedom Memorial	Laws (1970), ch. 193.
Patriotic holidays	Veteran's Day (Nov. 11) and Memorial Day (May 30) are declared to be legal holidays.	§§ 1–5–1; 1–5–2.
Records, relics, etc	World War I—Compilation and publication of history under supervision of the State historical society.	§§ 33–20–1; 33–20–2. Executed.
	World War II—Compilation and publication of history under direction of World War II History Commission.	Laws (1945), ch. 179, (1949) ch. 406.
Relief and rehabilitation	War veterans' fund created for the purpose of extending emergency aid and assistance to veterans and their dependents, is administered by the State veterans' department.	§§ 33–17–7 to 33–17–11.
	Veterans' on-the-job training fund is provided for	Laws (1949) ch. 403, 404 § 33–17–9.
	Veterans' on-the-farm training program.—Appropriations are authorized to enable the State to cooperate with the Federal Government in carrying out program.	Laws (1953), ch. 443.
State veterans' homes	Admission of veterans, their wives or widows to the soldiers' home	§§ 33–18–1 to 33–18–32; Specifically 33–18–22 to 33–18–26.
Tax and license fee exceptions.	*Alcoholic Liquors.*—Liquor purchase identification cards are not required of World War II veterans.	Omitted.

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	Fish and game license.—Licenses may be issued free of charge to patients in veterans' hospitals. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in State may obtain a resident license. Disabled veterans.	(Section) §§ 41–6–35; 41–6–10.2; 41–6–52.

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