

# Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs

## State Benefits

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(888) 655-2838

<http://www.odva.ok.gov>

### Claims Assistance:

Assistance with filing claims with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA). Veterans Service Representatives travel on itinerant basis offering assistance in all seventy-seven (77) counties of Oklahoma. Travel schedules can be obtained by calling (888) 655-2838 or visiting <http://www.odva.ok.gov>.

### Tax Exemptions:

100% service connected, totally disabled veterans that are rated permanent and total are eligible for sales tax exemption, excise tax exemption, property tax exemption, and "household" property tax exemption. Call (888) 655-2838 for assistance.

### Retirement Income Tax Breaks:

The deduction for retirement income from any component of the Armed Forces of the United States is the greater of (\$10,000) or seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount included in the taxpayers Federal Adjusted Gross Income.

### Motor Vehicles:

Reduced fee auto tags are for veterans that are 50% service connected or more and the surviving spouse of a veteran who qualified for reduced auto tags. Other special license plates are offered by the State of Oklahoma described in 47 O.S., Sec. 1135.2. Call (888) 655-2838 for assistance.

### Financial Assistance Programs:

Benefits are available for Veterans who served 90 days of wartime service, have one year of Oklahoma residency, and are temporarily injured or whose income is reduced or changed due to illness, death or disaster. Veterans must apply through a local service organization post or chapter such as The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or Disabled American Veterans. Call (888) 655-2838 for assistance.

### State Parks:

Free admission to state owned and operated parks and museums, proof of veteran status required. Fee discounts to veterans. For more information call (888) 655-2838 for assistance.

### Hunting and Fishing Permits:

Veterans with 60% or more service connected or non service connected disability/disabilities. Call (888) 655-2838 to determine if you are eligible.

### Oklahoma Cross of Valor:

Resident of Oklahoma at time of entering the service; officially listed as a captive during a war, campaign, or battle; and honorably discharged.

### Employment Preference:

Eligible for preferences when applying for Merit Systems jobs with state agencies in Oklahoma. Contact Oklahoma Office of Personnel Management at <http://www.opm.ok.gov>.

### Special Disabled Veterans Employment:

Honorably discharged wartime veterans certified by the USDVA or Armed Forces of the United States as having a 30% or more service connected disability who have been legal residents of Oklahoma for at least one year are exempt from entrance examinations and hiring procedures required by the Office of Personnel Management in competitive and non-competitive jobs at any state agency.

### Public Records:

County Clerks in each country of the States will record and furnish copies of military discharges without cost. Court Clerks, the Registrar of the Bureau of Vital Statistics and other official custodians of public records shall furnish any war veteran with certified copies of public records needed to secure state and/or federal benefits.

### Eligibility for Admission to a Veterans Center:

Veterans must have service at least ninety (90) days, except where discharged due to or as a result of a service connected disability, with one or more days being during a wartime period. (Oklahoma Statutes, Title 72.) Veterans must be disabled by age, disease or other reason determined through physical examination by an Oklahoma Veterans Center physician.

#### Wartime Periods:

WWI	04-06-17 to 11-11-18
WWII	12-07-41 to 12-31-46
Korean Conflict	06-27-50 to 01-31-55
Vietnam Era	08-05-64 (02-28-61, for veterans who service "in country" before 08-05-64), to 05-07-75
Persian Gulf War	08-02-910 through future date to be set by law or Presidential Proclamation

### State Veterans Centers Services:

The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs provides the highest quality of care possible for each patient by offering a full continuum of care that includes medical, nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, social services, radiology, laboratory, recreational, custodial and laundry services and staffing of licensed physicians, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified nurse aides and registered pharmacists.

### State Veterans Centers:

**Ardmore Veterans Center** – (580) 223-2266  
1015 S Commerce  
Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402

**Claremore Veterans Center** – (918) 342-5432  
3001 W Blue Starr Dr  
Claremore, Oklahoma 74018

**Clinton Veterans Center** – (580) 331-2200  
1901 S 4<sup>th</sup>  
Clinton, Oklahoma 73601

**Lawton Veterans Center** – (580) 351-6511  
501 SE Flower Mound Rd  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73501

**Norman Veterans Center** – (405) 360-5600  
1776 E Robinson St  
Norman, Oklahoma 73070

**Sulphur Veterans Center** – (580) 622-2144  
304 E Fairlane  
Sulphur, Oklahoma 73086

**Talihina Veterans Center** – (918) 567-2251  
10014 SW 1138<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Talihina, Oklahoma 74571

### Claims and Benefits Office:

Muskogee Claims	(918) 781-7766
Muskogee Toll Free	(888) 655-2838
Muskogee VAMC Claims	(918) 577-3633
Oklahoma City VAMC Claims	(405) 456-5477
Tulsa Outpatient Clinic	(918) 628-2566
Tulsa Behavioral Clinic	(918) 610-2017
Lawton Claims	(580) 354-3033
Oklahoma Central Office	(405) 321-3684

Online: <http://www.odva.ok.gov>

### G. I. Bill Education:

The State Accrediting Agency approves the training of eligible veterans and dependents under Title 38, U. S. Code and Title 72 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Call (405) 521-3807.