

On Veterans Day 2013, Governor Tom Corbett established the **Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans Services**, Pennsylvania's first interagency cooperative approach to Veterans services. This initiative will review, evaluate and assess state Veterans programs in collaboration with senior staff from state agencies and commissions. It will increase information sharing, ensure program fidelity, coordinate complementary programs and facilitate meaningful enhancements in service accessibility to Veterans benefits and services within Pennsylvania.

### VETERANS BENEFITS/SERVICES LISTED BY AGENCY



DEPARTMENT OF AGING

[www.aging.state.pa.us](http://www.aging.state.pa.us)

- Veterans Directed Home and Community-based Service Program



DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND SECURITIES

[www.banking.state.pa.us](http://www.banking.state.pa.us)

- Investing for Veterans & Military Families
- Military Partnerships
- Pennsylvania Military Finance Alliance
- Financial Field Manual for Military Families



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

[www.cor.state.pa.us](http://www.cor.state.pa.us)

- Newly appointed DOC Veteran Coordinator
- Verifying Veterans through the DOD
- Two specialized Veteran Service Units
- Veteran's Coordinators identified at each facility
- Contracted Community Corrections Centers specifically for Veterans



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[www.education.state.pa.us](http://www.education.state.pa.us)

- 630 educational institutions approved for Veterans programs
- 615 Apprenticeships/On-the-Job Training Program
- Outreach Activities - Outreach and direct support from offices in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Harrisburg
  - ⇒ Informational brochures for Veterans
  - ⇒ Governor's Welcome Home Program
  - ⇒ Mass mailings to returning Veterans
  - ⇒ Training at Army War College for Transition Assistance
  - ⇒ Job fairs
  - ⇒ Annual Meeting for Educational Institution Officials
  - ⇒ New student/employee orientations on GI Bill
  - ⇒ Support the PA Advisory Council for Military/Veterans Education



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[www.health.state.pa.us](http://www.health.state.pa.us)

- Smoking Cessation Program at 1-800-QUIT-NOW
- Free certified copies of birth and death certificates for Veterans
- Arthritis Foundation Program at Philadelphia VA Medical Center



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY

[www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us)

- DAV Outreach Program Specialists - 40 statewide
- Local Veterans employment representatives - 31 statewide
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Statewide Veterans Coordinators - one coordinator in each of 15 district offices



DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

[www.dmva.state.pa.us](http://www.dmva.state.pa.us)

- Blind Veterans Pension
- Paralyzed Veterans Pension
- Disabled Veterans Transportation
- Burial Detail Honor Guard
- Educational Gratuities
- Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans Benefit Act
- Outreach and Reintegration
- Two mobile Veterans outreach vans
- Military Family Relief Assistance Program
- Veterans in Need of Temporary Assistance
- Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund
- Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption Program
- Veterans' Trust Fund
- State Veterans' Homes
- Veterans Service Officer Accreditation Program
- DD 214/215 Program
- State Veterans' Commission: A commission of Pennsylvania Veterans organizations, providing policy guidance on Veterans issues

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BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE  
[www.parole.state.pa.us](http://www.parole.state.pa.us)

- Veterans Reentry Program
- Veterans Service Units within State Correctional Institutions
- Staff education on Veterans issues
- Veterans Outreach Services

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE  
[www.dpw.state.pa.us](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us)

- PA Family & Behavioral Health Coalition
- Behavioral Health Veteran Forum
- Certified Peer Specialist Training
- Military Suicide Prevention Symposium
- Suicide Prevention Plan
- Veterans Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery
- Compeer of Central Susquehanna Valley

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STATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
[www.scsc.state.pa.us](http://www.scsc.state.pa.us)

- Veterans recruitment
- Veterans job fairs
- Veterans resume evaluations and other job-related services
- Veterans preference points on Civil Service exam

## COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS

- Mental/Behavioral Health
- Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery for Veterans Program
- Justice Outreach Program
- Veterans Courts
- Financial Assistance Workshop
- Learn to Access Recreation Program
- Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans Services



Honoring Our Veterans License Plates




Veterans Designation on PA Driver's License/ID Cards

[www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us)

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***A consolidated listing of programs, benefits and services for Veterans and their Families in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania***

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