

FOR CAREGIVERS

As a caregiver, you play an important role in caring for a veteran at home or in the community. To learn about benefit information, please contact a Veterans Service Officer.

VA PROGRAMS

The VA has two programs for caregivers: General Caregiver Support Services for eligible veterans of all eras, and the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers for eligible post 9/11 veterans and veterans who served prior to May 7th, 1975 (eligibility to be expanded soon to all veterans as a result of the Mission Act of 2018).

GENERAL CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM

Provides information/referral to in-home or support services, support groups and other resources. It also provides education and training, peer support, mental health counseling and programs that focus on caregiver self-care.

COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS PROGRAM

Provides monthly stipend, travel payments, training, education, mental health services, respite care and more. Under the VA MISSION Act, this program Expanded to veterans who served before May 7, 1975 and Post 9/11 and will open to veterans of all war eras in 2022.

VA Caregiver Support (855) 260-3274

VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System Reno: (775) 326-5775

VA Southern Nevada Health Care System Las Vegas: (702) 791-9000 ext.13051

VA Salt Lake City Health Care System Salt Lake City: 801-582-1565 Ext. 1520



CAREGIVER RESOURCE LIST

NEVADA RESOURCES

- Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Aging and Disability Services Division (775) 687-4210
Senior Care Centers listed by county:
adsd.nv.gov/Resources/NevadaSeniorCenters/
- Access To Health Care Network (877) 861-1893
(Counties: Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, Washoe and White Pine)
- Carson City Senior Center (775) 883-0703
- Jewish Family Service Agency (702) 933-1191
(Clark County)
- Lyon County Human Services (775) 577-5009
- Nevada Care Connection (877) 861-1893
- Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NLRCC) (725) 999-2245
- Nevada Senior Services (844) 850-5113
(Counties: Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye)
www.nevadaseniorservices.org

PROGRAMS FOR MILITARY CAREGIVERS

- Elizabeth Dole Foundation's Hidden Heroes (202) 249-7170
- Military and Veteran Caregiver Network, Red Cross (info.mvcn@redcross.org)
- Military One Source (800) 342-9647
- Operation Family Caregiver (229) 928-1234

OTHER RESOURCES

- AARP Family Caregiving (877) 333-5885; Spanish: (888) 971-2013
- Caregiver Action Network (855) 227-3640
- Eldercare Locator (800) 677-1116
- Family Caregiver Alliance (800) 445-8106
- National Alliance for Caregiving (202) 918-1013
- National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (202) 872-0888
- National Family Caregiver Support Program, Administration for Community Living (ACL), (202) 401-4634
- Rosalyn Carter Institute for Caregiving (229) 928-1234

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

Our Veterans Service Officer (VSO) can assist you with the following:

- 1 Eligibility
- 2 Support
- 3 Training
- 4 Aid & Attendance
(Additional financial help)
- 5 Assisted Living
- 6 Skilled Nursing Care
- 7 Hospice/Palliative Care
- 8 Adult Medical Day Care



CONTACT A VSO

- Las Vegas (702) 224-6025
- Reno (775) 321-4880
- Pahrump (775) 751-6372
- Carson City (775) 300-6796
- Elko (775) 777-1000
- Fallon (775) 428-1177



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CAREGIVERS & SURVIVORS GUIDE

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



FOR SURVIVORS

This guide is intended to help survivors work through the difficulty and pain of losing a loved one who served in the U.S. military.

STARTING POINT:

You will need your loved one's discharge documents. These important documents are the gateway to all federal and state veterans benefits. If you do not have these documents, contact a Veterans Service Officer.

BURIAL BENEFITS:

Eligible veterans, their spouses and dependents can be interred in one of Nevada's two State Veterans Memorial Cemeteries located in Fernley and Boulder City. There is no cost for the veteran. For others, the cost is \$450 (subject to change). Burial benefits for the veteran include (at no cost) opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a government headstone or marker, a burial flag and a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

NORTHERN NEVADA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY:

(775) 575- 4441

SOUTHERN NEVADA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY:

(702) 486-5920

For additional resources and information, visit www.veterans.nv.gov

WHAT SURVIVORS SHOULD KNOW

DEPENDENCY INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC):

DIC is one of the most valuable benefits available to veterans' survivors. People who meet the criteria for DIC can get tens of thousands of dollars a year in tax-free payments. To learn more, contact a Veterans Service Officer.

SURVIVORS BENEFIT PLAN (SBP):

For retirees who opted-into SBP, survivors can continue to receive a portion of their loved one's retirement income. Contact the Defense Finance and Accounting Service at (800) 321-1080 for questions.



HEALTH CARE: While VA Health Care programs for surviving family members are limited, there are several important programs to know about. These include Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA). CHAMPVA provides coverage to survivors of a veteran who is rated permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected condition at the time of death, or who died of a service-connected disability, or died on active duty. In some cases, there are health care benefits for children of veterans who have been exposed to hazards during military service, including Agent Orange. For details, talk with a Veterans Service Officer.

HOME LOANS: Surviving spouses who meet certain criteria can obtain a VA guaranteed home loan to buy, build or improve a home or to refinance a mortgage. In many cases, these loans can help you save money by not requiring the buyer to make a down payment or pay monthly mortgage insurance premiums.

PENSION: Eligible survivors with modest incomes and who have not remarried, can receive a monthly payment benefit. The benefit is also available to unmarried dependent children of wartime veterans. The amount of the pension is set by Congress. Eligibility is determined by a complex calculation that considers net worth as well as various kinds of income and expenses. For surviving spouses without a dependent child, the maximum annual pension is around \$9,000. Those who are homebound or require assistance for basic daily activities may qualify for additional payment.

LIFE INSURANCE: Veterans who receive a disability rating connected to their service can qualify for a Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI) life insurance policy, which provides up to \$10,000 of coverage. Veterans who are totally disabled are eligible to have their premiums waived. Totally disabled veterans who are approved for a premium waiver can apply for up to \$30,000 in additional coverage, but premiums for the supplemental coverage cannot be waived.

EDUCATION BENEFITS FOR SURVIVORS

EDUCATION: Financial help is available for survivors of service members interested in pursuing education or vocational training. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in some cases, will pay all or a large part of tuition costs for college and other educational programs. Two key programs that eligible surviving spouses and children should explore are the Fry Scholarship and the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program. Under the Fry program, the government pays the full cost of in-state tuition at public institutions, or more than \$20,000 a year toward the cost of tuition at private institutions, as well as a monthly housing allowance and an annual stipend for books and supplies. Under the DEA program, the maximum amount for full-time students is around \$1,200 per month. The DEA and Fry programs can be used for college, vocational and business technical programs, apprenticeship programs, certification tests and tutoring.

NEVADA NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATION BENEFITS:

The University of Nevada system may grant a waiver of tuition and laboratory fees for any child or surviving spouse of a Nevada National Guard member killed in the line of duty. A child may use the waiver for 10 years after they attain the age of 18 years. A surviving spouse may use the waiver for 10 years after the member's date of death.

NEVADA ACTIVE DUTY EDUCATION BENEFITS FOR DEPENDENTS:

Dependents of an active duty member killed in the line of duty, while permanently stationed in Nevada, may be eligible for a financial grant that does not require repayment.