

## AUSA – Sixth Region – Military - VA Information by State

### Oregon

**ARNG**

[OR Military Dept.](#) 800-452-7500

**Branches of Service**

[OR State Agencies](#)

**Employment Services**

[OR Employment Dept.](#) 800-237-3710

**FAC****Human Services**

[OR Human Services Dept.](#)  
(503) 945-5944

**ISFAC****JFHQ**

Family Programs  
1776 Militia Way SE  
Salem, OR 97309-5047  
(503) 584-3543  
Cell: (503) 932-2810

**Military State Office**

[OR Military Dept.](#) 800-452-7500

**Other Critical****State Dept. of Ed**

[OR Dept. of Education](#) (503) 947-5600

**State Vocational Rehab**

[State of Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation Division](#)  
877-277-0513

**VA**

[State Directory](#)  
[Regional Office](#) 800-827-1000

**VSO**

[OR Dept. of Veterans' Affairs](#)  
800-828-8801

## State of Oregon

### Military Benefits Fact Sheet

**Summary:** Oregon offers special benefits for its military service members and veterans including, State Employment Preferences, Education and Tuition Assistance, Vehicle Tags, Special Access Pass for Veterans with disabilities and Active Military on Leave, as well as Hunting and Fishing License privileges. Eligibility for some benefits may depend on residency, military component and veteran disability status.

## State Benefit Highlights and Eligibility

### **State Taxes:**

**State Tax Advantage:** None

**Retired Military Pay:** Retired military personnel may be able to subtract some or all of their federal pension income. This includes benefits paid to the retiree or to the surviving spouse. For more information, contact the [Oregon Department of Revenue](#).

**Military Disability Retired Pay:** Disability Portion depends on Length of Service Pay; *Member on September 24, 1975 - No tax; Not Member on September 24, 1975 - Taxed, unless combat incurred.* Retired Pay - Based solely on disability: *Member on September 24, 1975 - No tax; Not Member on September 24, 1975 - Taxed, unless all pay based on disability and disability resulted from armed conflict, extra-hazardous service, simulated war, or an instrumentality of war.*

**VA Disability Dependency and Indemnity Compensation:** Not subject to federal or state taxes

**\$15,000.00 Disabled War Veteran or Surviving Spouse Property Tax Exemption:** The exemption amount increases by 3 percent each year. The exemption is first applied to your home and then to your taxable personal property.

**Eligibility:** In the year prior to the exemption year, your total gross income cannot be more than 185 percent of the annual Federal Poverty Level Guidelines. A disabled war veteran or the non-remarried surviving spouse of a war veteran who is officially certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the United States Armed Forces as having disabilities of 40 percent or more and you must own and live on your homestead property.

### **Education Benefits:**

**Veterans Tuition Assistance:** Rate of \$50.00 per month for full-time undergraduate studies; or other studies at \$35.00 per month.

**Eligibility:** Active Duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for not less than 90 days and received a campaign or expeditionary medal, or ribbon awarded by the U.S. Armed Forces and separation from military service under honorable conditions. Educational aid is not available for courses receiving Federal GI Bill or Vocational Rehabilitation benefits.

**Veterans Loan Repayment:** Will repay student loans up to \$10,000.

**Eligibility:** Army Reserves and National Guard Member.

### **Employment Benefits:**

**Oregon Veterans Employment Preference:** A five-point preference in public employment for veterans and a lifetime 10-point preference for disabled veterans. Oregon law provides a uniform method by which special consideration is given to eligible veterans and disabled veterans seeking public employment.

**Eligibility:** Veterans who have been discharged from active military service with less than 15 years of service.

**Oregon Veterans Reemployment Rights:** A veteran is entitled to their old job without loss of seniority or other benefits upon discharge from active military duty. A veteran who is restored to their old job shall not be discharged without cause within one year after returning to that job.

**Eligibility:** Veterans who have been discharged from serving in any component of active military service.

**Employment Assistance:** State employees receive 15 calendar days of military leave each year.

**Eligibility:** National Guard service member.

### **Special Vehicle License Plates:**

**Oregon Veteran License Plates:** Veterans may purchase a license plate set displaying the word VETERAN for a \$10 surcharge in addition to normal fees from a local Oregon Division of Motor Vehicles office.

**Eligibility:** Proof of honorable military service is required. The \$10 surcharge goes to the support of the Oregon Veterans' Home.

**National Guard Plate:** Regular rate plus an additional \$2.50.

**Eligibility:** National Guard service member and certificate of eligibility required when submitting DMV application.

**Disabled Veteran:** Issued to disabled veterans who have a service-connected disability. Does not, in itself, grant special parking privileges. No additional fees other than regular plate fees or replacement plate fees.

**Eligibility:** A disabled veteran whose disability results from causes connected with service in the Armed Forces of the United States and has been a member of and discharged or released under honorable conditions and whose service was for not less than 90 consecutive days or who was discharged or released on account of a service-connected injury or illness prior to the completion of the minimum period of service.

**POW Plate Tag:** Issued to persons qualifying as former Prisoners of War. Does not, in itself, grant special parking privileges. No additional fees other than regular plate fees or replacement plate fees (if applicable).

**Eligibility:** Must have been a Prisoner of War to be eligible for POW Tag. Proof of POW status must be provided before plates can be issued.

**Purple Heart Tag:** \$10.00 per two-year period Purple Heart Tags for those wounded in action. Fee goes to Department of Oregon Military Order of Purple Heart.

**Eligibility:** Must be wounded-in-action to be eligible for Purple Heart plate. Proof of Purple Heart award must be provided before plates can be issued.

**Health and Insurance Benefits:**

**Injury and Death Benefits:** State worker's compensation

**Eligibility:** National Guard State Active Duty and state military employee.

**Injury:** Worker's Compensation

**Eligibility:** National Guard State Active Duty and state military employee.

**Hunting and Fishing Licenses:**

**Hunting and Fishing Privileges:** A free lifetime Oregon hunting and angling license; disabled veterans are also eligible for an Oregon Elk tag at a reduced cost.

**Eligibility:** Disabled veterans with a service connected disability of 25% or more.

**Miscellaneous Benefits:**

**Special Access Pass for Veterans with Disabilities and Active Military on Leave:** The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department offers free camping and day-use to veterans with a service-connected disability, in honor of their sacrifice and service. You may camp for free in a tent or RV site for 5 days at a time in a single state park, and 10 days in all state parks in a month. If you stay longer than 5 days at a park, you will need to pay the going rate for the extra days. The fee waiver does not cover yurts, cabins or other special park features.

**Eligibility:** Apply for a pass with verification from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs stating the veteran has a service-connected disability. Leave papers issued to active duty personnel by the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard or National Guard. Personnel on leave should present a copy of DA Form 31 (for everyone but the Coast Guard), or CG-2519 (for Active Duty Coast Guard). State parks only, county, federal and state campgrounds operated by other agencies will still charge you a fee. The pass is valid for four years.

**Home Loans:** The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Home Loan Program provides low-interest home purchase and home improvement loans to eligible veterans, in accordance with Oregon's Constitution and other applicable laws. The maximum loan amount for veterans is presently \$417,000 (effective January 2, 2006). In some cases we can loan up to 100 percent of the appraised property value. Interest rates generally run about one percent below market.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible, the veteran must be honorably discharged who served at least 210 consecutive days on active duty for purposes other than training, unless discharged due to a service-connected injury. If honorably discharged and has less than the above mentioned 210 consecutive days of active duty service, the veteran may still qualify if served in a theater of operations for which a campaign or expeditionary ribbon or medal is authorized by the United States.

**Home Improvement Loans:** Home improvement loans are available with no loan fee. Minimal costs include escrow closing and title fees.

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**Oregon Public Records:** A program to provide free certified copies of Oregon marriage, death, divorce, and birth records for VA claims purposes. County clerks will record a veterans' discharge papers (DD Form 214) and provide copies of recorded documents free of charge.

**Eligibility:** Veterans who have been discharged from serving in any component.

**Jury Duty:** Exempt from jury duty.

**Eligibility:** National Guard service member.

**Federal Credit Union:** Membership in the Federal Credit Union.

**Eligibility:** National Guard service member.

**Legislation:** [Oregon Revised Statutes chapter 408](#) and Administration rules are located in [chapter 274](#).

## Military Installations and Veterans Affairs Facilities in Oregon

### **Active Duty:**

No active duty Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps installations are located in Oregon.

### **U.S. Coast Guard Group/Air Station Astoria:**

<http://www.uscg.mil/d13/units/gruastoria/>

Located in Warrenton, Oregon; Services available include ID cards and DEERS enrollment, medical and dental facility, a Coast Guard main exchange which includes a small commissary, gas station, and a morale locker that rents equipment.

### **National Guard:**

**Oregon Military Department:** <http://www.mil.state.or.us/>

Oregon Army National Guard: <http://www.orng-vet.org/>

Oregon Air National Guard: <http://www.orport.ang.af.mil/>

Kingsley Field AGS: Air National Guard airport: <http://www.orklam.ang.af.mil/index.asp>

### **United States Army Reserve (USAR):**

**Regional Readiness Command (RRC) Headquarters, 70<sup>th</sup> RRC:**

<http://www.armyreserve.army.mil/USARC/RRC/0070RRC>

### **Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Facilities in Oregon:**

#### **VA Medical Centers**

Portland: [Portland VA Medical Center](#)

Roseburg: [VA Roseburg Healthcare System](#)

#### **Domiciliary**

White City: [VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center & Clinics](#)

#### **Community Based Outpatient Clinic**

Bandon: [Bandon Clinic](#)

Bend: [Bend Clinic](#)

Brookings: [Brookings Clinic](#)

Eugene: [Eugene Clinic](#)

Klamath Falls: [Klamath Falls](#)

Ontario: [Ontario Oregon CBOC](#)

Portland: [Portland West Community Based Outpatient Clinic \(CBOC\)](#)

Salem: [Salem Clinic](#)

Warrenton: [Camp Rilea Clinic](#)

#### **VA NW Health Network VISN**

Portland: [VISN 20: Northwest Network](#)

#### **Resources**

Oregon Revised Statutes chapter 408

[http://www.odva.state.or.us/ODVA/other\\_statebenefits.shtml](http://www.odva.state.or.us/ODVA/other_statebenefits.shtml)

[http://www.odva.state.or.us/ODVA/other\\_statebenefits.shtml](http://www.odva.state.or.us/ODVA/other_statebenefits.shtml)

[http://www.qibill.va.gov/Vet\\_Info/statengaid.htm%23top](http://www.qibill.va.gov/Vet_Info/statengaid.htm%23top)

<http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1>

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/vehicle/platevet.shtml>

<http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/PERTAX/docs/101-657.pdf>

<http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/PERTAX/military-faq.shtml>

<http://www.retirementliving.com/RLstate3.html#OREGON>