



# Department of Veterans Services



OhioVets.gov

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## U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs veterans crisis hotline

Veterans experiencing a mental health challenge or addiction in crisis can call, text, or chat with the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline for immediate help.

## Substance abuse and mental health treatment programs

Ohio mental health resources for veterans



[dvs.ohio.gov/mentalhealth](https://dvs.ohio.gov/mentalhealth)

Multi-agency support via Ohio Cares



[ohiocares.ohio.gov](https://ohiocares.ohio.gov)

## Educational, workforce, and training resources

Veterans benefit from coordinated higher education efforts via ODVS and the Ohio Dept. of Higher Education. The Veterans Workforce Team connects veterans to employment opportunities statewide.

## Tax benefits and exemptions

Ohio veterans and their families can learn about tax relief and other tax-related info at the Ohio Dept. of Taxation Military Tax Provisions website.

## Availability of armed forces designation on Ohio driver's license or identification card

Military license plates can be obtained at BMV offices with valid documentation.

See [www.Oplates.com](http://www.Oplates.com) for more information.



Veteran ID cards are available from County Recorder's offices as proof of service for benefits and discounts without needing to carry a full DD-214.

## Unemployment benefits

Eligible veterans may apply for unemployment assistance through the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services: [jfs.ohio.gov](https://jfs.ohio.gov).

## Legal services

Access legal help for military-related and personal matters: [dvs.ohio.gov/veteran-benefits/benefits-resources/legal-assistance](https://dvs.ohio.gov/veteran-benefits/benefits-resources/legal-assistance).

## Other benefits or services for veterans:

**County Veterans Service Offices (CVSOs)** connect vets to earned benefits: [dvs.ohio.gov/cvsos](https://dvs.ohio.gov/cvsos)

### Military record requests from ODVS:

Call 877-644-6838 or fax 614-387-7317.

See <https://dvs.ohio.gov/what-we-do/records-request> for further details.

**Comprehensive benefits** (compensation, loans, pensions, etc.): [dvs.ohio.gov/benefits](https://dvs.ohio.gov/benefits)

