

Combat Vets: Have you signed up for free health care from the VA?



Did you know that OEF/OIF/OND combat Veterans can receive five years of cost free medical care from the VA for any injury or illness related to their service? OEF/OIF/OND Veterans, including activated Reservists and members of the National Guard are eligible for this free VA health benefit.

After you enroll, you can access care at VA's 152 medical centers, 1,400 community-based outpatient clinics and Vet Centers. The VA provides health care services and community living care for conditions related to military service including all the necessary inpatient hospital care and outpatient services to promote, preserve, or restore your health (i.e. preventative care, mental health care, prescriptions, emergency and surgical care).

Your 5-year enrollment period begins on the discharge or separation date from active duty military service. After 5 years, Veterans can continue to access VA health benefits, but may be required to make co-pays.

Learn more about OEF/OIF/OND VA services, including health, home loan and education benefits online (www.oefoif.va.gov). You can also enroll in VA health care by phone (**877-222-VETS**), mail or in person at your local VA Medical Center.

VA offers Returning Veterans Home Loan Help



Service members and Veterans across the country are taking advantage of one of VA's most-used benefits, the VA Home Loan program.

VA offers guaranteed home loans and refinancing assistance for Veterans, as well as special grants for disabled Veterans to adapt and acquire housing suitable for their needs. There are currently over 1.5 million active VA home loans.

Active duty service personnel are eligible for the home loan program after 181 days of service and Guardsmen and Reservists after 6 years, or discharge for a service-related disability. Surviving spouses can also apply for the benefit and eligible service members can use the benefit more than once.

To learn more about OEF/OIF/OND VA services, including health, home loan and education benefit, visit: www.oefoif.va.gov. For information on a new loan, call: **1-888-244-6711**. For questions on an existing loan, call: **877-827-3702**.