

Most Popular Benefits Available for Former Servicemembers Based on Character of Service*

BENEFITS FOR A DISCHARGE UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS (GENERAL DISCHARGE)

DoD Benefits:

- Payments for Unused Accrued Leave
- Right to Wear the Uniform
- Armed Forces Retirement Home
- Pre-Separation Counseling
- Dependent Travel and Household Goods Shipment (HHG)
- Member Travel Home and HHG
- Death Gratuity
- DoD Military Funeral Honors
- Retired Pay for Non-Regular service
- Remission of Indebtedness
- Post-service Maternity Care
- Transitional Housing
- Transitional Assistance Management Program (TRICARE)
- Continued Health Care Benefit Program
- Excess Leave/Permissive TDY

Non-DoD Benefits:

- Naturalization through Armed Forces Service
- Civil Service Retirement Credit
- Federal Civil Service Hiring Preference
- Post-secondary Education Readmission
- Department of Education Upward Bound
- Rural Housing Loan preference
- Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemembers
- DOL Priority of Service employment and training
- USERRA Reemployment Rights
- Patriot Express Small Business Loans

VA Benefits:

HONORABLE DISCHARGE ONLY:

ALL BENEFITS LISTED ELSEWHERE, PLUS:

- Education Benefits Transfer (DoD)
- Montgomery GI Bill (VA)
- Post-9/11 GI Bill (VA)
- Troops to Teachers (Non-VA)

*Minimum active service requirements may apply.

BENEFITS FOR A DISCHARGE UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS (Entitled to SGLI/VGLI conversion; Other VA Benefits Eligibility to be Adjudicated by VA)

- Pre-Separation Counseling
- Member Travel Home and OCONUS HHG
- Dependent Travel and HHG (w/ approval)
- Retired Pay for Non-Regular Service
- Department of Education Upward Bound
- Higher Education Readmission

BENEFITS FOR A

BAD CONDUCT DISCHARGE (SPCM) (Entitled to SGLI/VGLI conversion; Other VA Benefits Eligibility to be Adjudicated by VA)

- Pre-Separation Counseling
- Member Travel Home and OCONUS HHG
- Dependent Travel and HHG (w/ approval)
- Department of Education Upward Bound

OTH and BCD (SPCM): Is discharge considered dishonorable based on a bar to VA benefits?

OTHER THAN HONORABLE OR BCD (SCM) SERVICE ADJUDICATED AS "OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE" OR AN HONORABLE OR GENERAL DISCHARGE

VA BENEFITS:

- Service-Connected Disability Compensation
- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Automobile Allowance
- Clothing Allowance
- Service-Disabled Veterans Life Insurance
- Specially Adapted Housing Grants
- Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance
- Home Loan Guaranty
- Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI)
- Non-Service Connected Disability Pension
- Veterans Retraining Assistance Program
- Educational and Vocational Counseling
- Burial in VA National Cemeteries
- Health Care*

(*Also entitled to limited care with a § 3.12(d) benefits bar; No health care is authorized following any BCD)

Non-VA Benefits:

- DoD Death Gratuity
- Patriot Express Small Business Loans
- Rural Housing Loan Preference
- DOL Priority of Service for Employment and Training

STATUTORY BARS TO VA BENEFITS 38 U.S.C. 5103(a) AND 38 C.F.R. 3.12(c)

1. Discharge by sentence of a GCM;
2. Discharge as conscientious objector who refused to perform duty, wear uniform, or comply with authority;
3. A deserter;
4. Officer resignation for good of service;
5. Discharged as alien during hostilities;
6. AWOL in excess of 180 days unless VA determines compelling circumstances.

REGULATORY BARS TO VA BENEFITS 38 C.F.R. 3.12(d)

1. Discharge to evade trial by GCM;
2. Mutiny or spying;
3. Moral turpitude;
4. Willful and persistent misconduct;
5. Homosexual acts involving aggravating circumstances or affecting duty.

BAD CONDUCT DISCHARGE (GCM)

- Pre-Separation Counseling
- Member Travel Home and OCONUS HHG
- Dependent Travel Home and HHG (w/ approval)
- Department of Education Upward Bound

NO VA BENEFITS (except for SGLI/VGLI conversion)

DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE

- Pre-Separation Counseling
- Member Travel Home and OCONUS HHG
- Dependent Travel and HHG (w/ approval)