



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY

Information concerning these and other Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Federal, State, or local benefits may be obtained from your nearest VA office or any national service organization representative. You may call VA toll-free at 1-800-827-1000 (Hearing Impaired TDD line 1-800-829-4833) or contact VA by Internet at <http://iris.va.gov>.

BENEFITS FOR VETERANS

SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING

Veterans who have a permanent and total service-connected disability due to

- ▶ the loss or loss of use of both lower extremities, which prevents locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair, *or*
- ▶ blindness in both eyes, having light perception only, combined with the loss or loss of use of one lower extremity, *or*
- ▶ the loss or loss of use of one lower extremity, together with residuals of organic disease or injury or the loss or loss of use of one upper extremity, which so affect the functions of balance or propulsion as to prevent locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair, *or*
- ▶ loss or loss of use of both upper extremities, which prevents use of the arms at or above the elbows

may be entitled to a VA grant of not more than 50 percent, or up to a maximum of \$50,000, to pay part of the cost of building, buying or remodeling a specially adapted house or to pay indebtedness on such a home already acquired. You may contact VA as shown above for additional information or an application.

SPECIAL HOME ADAPTATION GRANT

Veterans who have a permanent and total service-connected disability due to

- ▶ blindness in both eyes with 5/200 visual acuity or less, *or*
- ▶ the loss or loss of use of both hands

may be entitled to a VA grant of not more than \$10,000 to pay the cost of remodeling a house in which they reside. You may contact VA as shown above for additional information or an application.

AUTOMOBILE AND ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT BENEFITS

Veterans who have a permanent and total service-connected disability due to

- ▶ loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet, *or*
- ▶ loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands, *or*
- ▶ permanent impairment of vision in both eyes with a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with corrective glasses, or central visual acuity of more than 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field has an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye

may be entitled to financial assistance in purchasing a conveyance and adaptive equipment for automobiles and similar vehicles. You may contact VA as shown above for additional information or an application.

DENTAL TREATMENT

Veterans who have a permanent and total, service-connected disability may be entitled to free dental treatment. You may contact the nearest VA medical center for assistance.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

The Social Security Administration (SSA) administers several benefit programs, including Social Security retirement and disability benefits and Medicare. Veterans may be entitled to Social Security work credits for active service performed after September 15, 1940. For more information about Social Security benefits and credits, call SSA toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (Hearing Impaired TTY line 1-800-325-0778). You may also contact SSA by Internet at <http://www.ssa.gov/>.

COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES

Honorably discharged veterans with 100 percent service-connected disability, and their dependents and unmarried surviving spouses, are entitled to unlimited exchange and commissary store privileges. Certification of total disability and DD Form 1172, Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card - DEERS Enrollment, will be provided by VA. You may contact the nearest VA regional office for assistance.

BENEFITS FOR DEPENDENTS

DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE (DEA)

Generally, the veteran's spouse and the veteran's children between 18 and 26 years old are entitled to DEA when the veteran has a permanent and total service-connected disability. DEA is also payable to the surviving spouse and children of a veteran who died as a result of service-connected disability or had a permanent and total service-connected disability at the time of death. You may obtain additional information or an application by visiting our website at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>, contacting the VA regional office where your records are located, or calling 1-888-GI BILL-1 (Hearing Impaired TDD line 1-888-442-4551).

CIVILIAN HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (CHAMPVA)

CHAMPVA provides medical care coverage for the spouse or child of a veteran who has permanent and total service-connected disability, and the surviving spouse or child of a veteran who has died of a service-connected disability, had a permanent and total service-connected disability at the time of death, or who died on active duty, if the spouse or child does not have entitlement to care under the Department of Defense's TRICARE Program. Application for this benefit may be made to the VA Health Administration Center, CHAMPVA Eligibility, P.O. Box 469028, Denver, CO 80246-9028. For more information on CHAMPVA, please access our website at <http://www.va.gov/hac/> or call the Health Administration Center at 1-800-733-8387.

JOB COUNSELING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

A job and job training counseling service program, employment placement service program, and job training placement service program are available to a spouse of any veteran who has a permanent and total service-connected disability or had a permanent and total service-connected disability at the time of death.