A U.S. Veteran

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his/her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including their life." In actuality, there is no standardized legal definition of a "military veteran" in the United States. Veteran benefits weren't created all at one time. They've been added one-by-one for over 200 years by Congress. Each time Congress passed a new law authorizing and creating a new veteran benefit, they included eligibility requirements for that particular benefit. Whether or not one is considered a "veteran" by the federal government depends entirely upon which veteran program or benefit one is applying for.

Veteran Programs and Benefits

- VA Benefits 800-827-1000
- o Burial
- Death Pension
- o Dependency Indemnity Compensation
- Direct Deposit
- Directions to VA Benefits Regional Offices
- Disability Compensation
- Disability Pension
- o Education
- Home Loan Guaranty
- o Medical Care
- o Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
- Aid and Attendance http://benefits.va.gov/pension/aid_attendance_housebound.asp
- Beneficiaries in receipt of Pension Benefits 877-294-6380
- Debt Management Center 800-827-0648 (Collection of Non-Medical Debts)
- Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV) 877-345-8179 (or) 888-820-1756 Foreign Medical Program (FMP) Spina Bifida Health Care Program
- **Civilian Health and Medical Program** 800-733-8387 Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) CHAMPVA In-House Treatment Initiative (CITI)
- Education (GI Bill) 888-442-4551
- Health Care Benefits 877-222-8387 (or) 800-929-8387 Income Verification Testing
- Life Insurance 800-419-1473 (or) 800-669-8477 Service members and/or Veterans Group Life Insurance Program All other VA Life Insurance Programs
- Mammography Helpline 888-492-7844
- Medications by Mail 888-385-0235 (or) 1-866-229-7389
- **Special Issues** 800-749-8387 Gulf War/Agent Orange/Project Shad/Mustard Agents and Lewisite/Ionizing Radiation
- Status of Headstones and Markers 800-697-6947
- Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) 800-829-4833

For health care services, contact your nearest VA medical facility This information is provided as a courtesy. Birdseye Financial is not a representative of these benefits.

