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To honor Mississippi
Veterans and their
dependents through
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MISSISSIPPI VETERANS AFFAIRS

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In 1924 the Mississippi Legislature recognized that World War I Veterans needed assistance to obtain Veterans’ benefits. This resulted in legislation which created and funded the office of State Service Commissioner. The duties and functions of the office were to aid all residents of Mississippi who served in the military forces of the United States during any war and their dependents and beneficiaries so that they would receive all benefits to which they were entitled under the laws of the United States.

The State Service Commissioner’s office was not adequately staffed to provide the level of case work assistance necessary for the five-fold increase in the population of Veterans brought on by World War II. In 1948, the Legislature changed the State Service Commission to the State Veterans Affairs Board (SVAB) to provide additional manpower and assistance for the increasing number of Veterans and dependents. In 2019, the agency’s name was formally changed to Mississippi Veterans Affairs.

Mississippi Veterans Affairs (MSVA) is charged with assisting former and current members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their dependents in securing any benefits or privileges to which they are entitled. The agency operates the State Veterans Memorial Cemetery, the four Mississippi State Veterans Nursing Homes, approving programs and institutions of education and training under the GI Bill, and advises the governor and legislature on Veterans’ affairs.

MILITARY RECORDS

The MSVA stores copies of military discharge documents (DD214’s & DD215s) when received.

- ▶ Recently released military personnel must request that their discharge documents be sent to Mississippi by listing it on their military release.
- ▶ WWII draft cards are stored electronically, however the discharges are not. If the necessary information is located in the WWII Discharge Index, the MSVA may issue a MS State Certified Certificate.
- ▶ Korean War and Vietnam War records were received and stored electronically depending on personal information that was submitted at time of service.

The MSVA does not have access to all Military Records but will help to obtain records when possible.

STATE APPROVING AGENCY

120 North State Street • Jackson, MS 39201 Post Office Box 3439 • Jackson, MS 39207
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The State Approving Agency inspects and approves new programs of education and training at Institutions of Higher Learning, Community and Junior Colleges, Vocational-Technical Schools, Flight Schools, On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship programs for GI Bill education eligibility. If you have questions concerning a school or a training program being approved to teach Veterans, Reservists, and Dependents under the GI Bill, please contact the State Approving Agency.

*If you have questions concerning eligibility, please contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at **1-888-442-4551**.*

STATE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERIES

Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery

248 Honor Circle • Newton, MS 39345

Phone: (601) 683-2959 • **Fax:** (601) 683-2958

North Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery

2 Legion Road • Kilmichael, MS 39747

Phone: (662) 262-4232 • **Fax:** (662) 262-4241

Both Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemeteries are open for in-ground burials and accepts cremains for both in-ground or columbarium interment. The cemetery in Newton is located approximately three (3) miles east of Newton on Highway 80. The cemetery in Kilmichael is located on Highway 82 west. Veterans, their spouses and eligible dependent children can be buried in a Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery at no cost unless the burial involves re-interment from another cemetery. The VA provides a free grave marker and perpetual care is provided at no cost. Contact your funeral director or the office of the cemetery of choice for information.

STATE VETERANS BENEFITS SPECIALISTS

VB Area Director - South

Phone: (601) 408-8187
Email: claims@msva.ms.gov

VB Area Director - North

Phone: (769) 392-4997
Email: claims@msva.ms.gov

MSVA employs Veterans Benefit Specialist to provide free advice and guidance to Veterans and dependents regarding VA claims, casework, hearings, appeals, and discharge upgrades. Benefit Specialists with Mississippi Veterans Affairs hold accreditation from the following Veteran Organizations:

- › American Legion
- › Mississippi Veteran Affairs
- › Veterans of Foreign Wars

Location	Phone Number	Address
Alcorn State University	(769) 320-1409	1000 ASU Drive Lorman, MS 39096
USM Hattiesburg	(769) 320-1413	200 North 35th Avenue Hattiesburg, MS 39401
USM Long Beach	(769) 320-1408	730 East Beach Blvd. Hardy Hall, Room 203 Long Beach, MS39560
MSU Meridian	(769) 320-1411	1000 Hwy 19 North, Room 92 Meridian, MS 39307
Amory	(769) 320-1402	1619 Highland Drive Amory, MS 38821
DSU Cleveland	(662) 846-4613	14000 Hwy 82 West, Rm 171 Itta Bena, MS 38941-1400
Hernando	(769) 320-1410	365 Loshier Street, Suite 200 Hernando, MS 38362
Oxford	(769) 320-1407	102 Ed Perry Blvd Oxford, MS 38655
MSU Starkville	(662) 582-6035	250 Bailey Howell Drive Mississippi State, MS 39762
Tupelo	(769) 320-1406	1918 Briar Ridge Road, Room 347 Tupelo, MS 3804
Central Office	(601) 576-4850	120 North State Street Jackson, MS 39201

Keesler Air Force Base Biloxi	(769) 257-2659	500 Fisher Street, Room 229a Keesler AFB, MS 39534
MS National Guard Joint Force Headquarters	(662) 765-2365	1410 Riverside Drive Jackson, MS 39202
Camp Shelby - Headquarters Building	(601) 383-4036	1001 Lee Ave. Room 148 Camp Shelby, MS 39407
Fleet & Family Support Center/ Seabee Base	(769) 320-1412	245 Moreell Ave. Facility 30 Gulfport, MS 39501
VA Medical Center - Jackson	(769) 275-0347	1500 E. Woodrow Wilson Dr. D-116 Module A Jackson, MS 39216
VA Medical Center - Memphis	(769) 275-0522	1056 East Raines Rd. Room 173 Memphis, TN 38116

STATE VETERANS NURSING HOMES

Mississippi houses four State Veterans Nursing Homes (SVNH) containing 150 beds per home. Each SVNH employs skilled and dedicated professionals to provide care for eligible Veterans and spouses.

Eligibility for admission to the Homes requires each serviceman/woman:

- › Should be or have been a Mississippi resident.
- › Have qualifying military service.
- › Have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.
- › Be the spouse of a Veteran who resides in one of the State Veterans Nursing Homes.

Out of state Veterans may be admitted to the Homes if there are no Mississippi residents waiting to accept a bed. Out of state applicants must have a medical need for nursing home care and must be able to pay the applicable daily charge for care in the Home.

Veterans Home Collins	3261 Highway 49 • Collins, MS 39428 Phone: (601) 765-0403
Veterans Home Jackson	4607 Lindbergh Drive • Jackson, MS 39209 Phone: (601) 353-6142
Veterans Home Kosciusko	310 Autumn Ridge Drive • Kosciusko, MS 39090 Phone: (662) 289-7044
Veterans Home Oxford	120 Veterans Drive • Oxford, MS 38655 Phone: (662) 236-7641

STATE VETERANS NURSING HOME DAILY CHARGE EXEMPTION

There shall be no State Veterans Nursing Home resident daily charge for those residents in need of nursing home care for a VA adjudicated service-connected disability; or who have a singular or combined service-connected rating of seventy percent (70%) or more based on one or more service connected disabilities or rating a total one hundred percent (100%) based on individual unemployability and are in need of nursing home care.

Miss. Code Ann., § 35-1-27

Indigent Veterans can request assistance with the expense of care in the facilities.

Applications for admission to the Veterans Homes can be obtained from any of our offices, from many hospital social work departments, or by visiting our website at www.msva.ms.gov.

MISSISSIPPI VETERANS HOME PURCHASE BOARD

Address:	Postal:	Phone: (601) 576-4800
3466 Highway 80	Post Office Box 54411	Website:
Pearl, MS 39208	Pearl, MS 39288-4411	www.vhpb.state.ms.us

The Veterans Home Purchase Board provides low interest mortgage loans in amounts up to \$300,000.00 for eligible Veterans and unmarried surviving spouses to purchase an existing single family home or to construct a new home. Eligibility requires that the Veteran be a Mississippi resident prior to entering military service or be a resident for two (2) consecutive years prior to applying for the loan. The Veteran must have or obtain a Certificate of Eligibility for Home Loan Guaranty from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and be discharged from extended active duty under honorable conditions. Contact the Veterans Home Purchase Board for information and applications.

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Address:	Phone:	Website:
200 North State Street	(601) 576-6850	www.mdah.state.ms.us
Jackson, MS 39205		

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History maintains historical records and a reference library concerning Mississippi residents and units which served during the Civil War, the Spanish American War and World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

Address:

210 East Capitol, Suite 800
Jackson, MS 39201

Phone:

(601) 359-1406

Website:

www.mspb.ms.gov

Applications for state employment are processed by the State Personnel Board (SPB). The SPB's website lists state jobs which are currently on recruitment and for which they are accepting applications. The SPB website also provides job descriptions and minimum qualifications for the positions on recruitment.

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

Address:

1235 Echelon Parkway
Jackson, MS 39213

Postal:

Post Office Box 1699
Jackson, MS 39213-1699

Phone: (601) 321-6004**Website:**

www.mdes.state.ms.us

Veterans seeking assistance regarding employment or unemployment insurance benefits should contact the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for assistance. MS Employment Security offices and WIN Centers are located in many areas of the state and may be listed in your local telephone book. Veterans may also obtain assistance through the MDES website at <http://mdes.ms.gov/win-job-centers/> or by calling the call center at **1-888-844-3577**.

MISSISSIPPI MILITARY DEPARTMENT (ARMY & AIR NATIONAL GUARD)

Address:

1410 Riverside Drive
Jackson, MS 39202

Postal:

Post Office Box 5027
Jackson, MS 39296-5027

Phone: (601) 313-6232**Website:**

www.ngms.state.ms.us

The Mississippi Military Department maintains personnel and military discharge records for members of the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard. Contact the Mississippi Military Department to request copies of those records.

MISSISSIPPI'S PLEDGE TO HIRE A HERO

The Mississippi Department of Employment Security Partners with businesses through its network of WIN Job Centers across the state. Center staff helps with free job postings and saves businesses time and money by providing recruitment, screening, and referral of only qualified candidates.

Information on Work Opportunities, Tax Credits, and On-The-Job Training is also available through the Centers. To find the nearest center and learn more about these programs, call **(888) 844-3577** or visit the website at www.mdes.ms.gov.

FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL REQUEST

Families of eligible Veterans should request funeral honors through their Funeral Director. The Funeral Director will contact the appropriate military service branch to arrange for the funeral honors detail. To initiate the request, the family must provide a discharge document showing dates of service and character of discharge to the Funeral Director. Although the Mississippi Veterans Affairs does not have cognizance over the funeral honors process, we are always available to assist in any way possible. Please contact Mississippi Veterans Affairs should you need assistance or help in obtaining discharge documents.

MISSISSIPPI LAWS CONCERNING VETERANS BENEFITS COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

Counties may utilize a County Veterans Service Officer who shall be (a) honorably discharged or honorably released Veteran of any war or police action in which the Armed Forces of the United States have been, are or shall be committed for action; (b) the surviving spouse or child of any such deceased or living Veteran; or (c) any person employed as a County Veterans Service Officer in any county of the State of Mississippi on March 30, 1990.

County Veterans Service Officers must be certified by Mississippi Veterans Affairs which requires that they (a) attend at least one (1) of the annual training programs provided each year and successfully complete a written examination each year on the duties and responsibilities of and assistance available to such officers and Veterans. No County Veterans Service Officer shall be entitled to any compensation for their service unless they are annually certified by Mississippi Veterans Affairs.

Miss. Code Ann., §35-3-21

AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION

Any Veteran having a service-connected, total disability and who has been honorably discharged from military service shall be exempt from all Ad Valorem taxes on the assessed value of homestead property and to extend such exemption to un-remarried surviving spouses of such Veterans.

Miss. Code Ann., §27-33-75 and §27-33-67

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Veterans who have a total service-connected disability from the Veterans Administration are not required to purchase hunting or fishing license, but must have on their person proof of age, residency and disability status while engaged in hunting or fishing.

Miss. Code Ann., §49-7-5

PRIVILEGE TAX

Persons who are 65 or older, blind, deaf, dumb, or with loss of hand or foot, or loss of use of the hand or foot or who can provide documentation that they are 50% disabled to perform physical labor and whose annual gross income is \$900.00 or less are exempt from payment of privilege tax for specified businesses.

Miss. Code Ann., §27-15-227

STATE RETIREMENT

Members of the State Public Employees Retirement System who served in the Armed Forces of the United States or who served in Maritime Service during periods of hostility in WWII shall be entitled to up to four (4) years credit for active duty in the Armed Forces or in such Maritime Service, provided they entered State Service after discharge from the Armed Forces or after completion of such Maritime Service. Credit may be extended beyond four (4) years for those persons who can provide positive proof that they were retained in the Armed Forces or such Maritime Service during WWII by causes beyond his control and without opportunity for discharge.

Miss. Code Ann., §25-11-109

RECORDING AND RETRIEVING DOCUMENTATION

The Mississippi Dept. of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics is to furnish, without charge, copies of birth and death certificates when they are needed to establish claims for dependency, disability, or survivors benefits for any Veteran who is a legal residents of the State of Mississippi or their claimants.

Miss. Code Ann., §35-3-9

The State Bureau of Vital Statistics is to furnish, at no expense, and immediately upon application a certified copy of birth certificates for any person volunteering for service in one of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Miss. Code Ann., §41-57- 25

Chancery and Circuit Clerks are to furnish, without charge, copies of marriage licenses, divorce decrees, adoption decrees and any and all other records when the same are needed to establish claims for dependency, disability or survivors benefits for any Veterans who are legal residents of the State of Mississippi or their claimants. **Miss. Code Ann., §35-3-11**

Chancery Clerks shall record, without cost whatsoever to any person of the Armed Forces of the United States residing in the same county, all honorable discharges and all certificates of service of any and all members of the Armed Forces of the United States. Certified copies will be furnished free without cost to the soldier, sailor, marine, coast guardsman, or nurse.

Miss. Code Ann., §35-3-13

ADDITIONAL CERTIFIED COPIES OF DEATH CERTIFICATES

The Office of Vital Records Registration shall furnish up to five (5) certified copies of the death certificate and (1) birth certificate of any deceased person who was an honorably discharged Veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or who was killed or died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, without charge, to any person or entity that is authorized to receive death certificates. The applicant for a copy of the death certificate must furnish such written evidence of the deceased person's service in the Armed Forces of the United States as required by the office. Copies of death certificates furnished under the authority under this section shall be in addition to any copies of death certificates furnished without charge under the authority of Section §35-3-9.

Miss. Code Ann., § 41-57-26

HONORARY HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

The school board of a local school district may award an honorary high school diploma in a form prescribed and supplied to school districts by the State Board of Education to Veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Conflict who were unable to complete their education due to their military service. The honorary diploma is available to any honorably discharged Veterans residing in Mississippi who was (a) scheduled to graduate between 1941 and 1955 but was inducted into military service before completing the necessary graduation requirements, or (b) was scheduled to graduate between 1963 and 1973 but volunteered for military service and received the Vietnam Service Ribbon. Family members of deceased eligible Veterans may apply for the diploma to be awarded posthumously.

Miss. Code Ann., § 37-16-13

CREDIT FOR TAXPAYERS THAT EMPLOY CERTAIN VETERANS

Any taxpayer that employs a person who is a new hire employed after January 1, 2015, who is an honorably discharged Veteran, as defined in Title 38 of the United States Code, who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who has been unemployed for six (6) consecutive months immediately prior to being employed by the taxpayer, shall be allowed an annual credit against the taxes imposed.

CONCEALED WEAPON TRAINING, STATE RESIDENCY EXEMPTION

Concealed-carry permit qualification requirements have been revised to authorize any member, honorably retired member or Veterans of any active or reserve component branch of the United States of America Armed Forces having completed law enforcement or combat training with pistols or other handguns as recognized by such branch after submitting an affidavit attesting to have read, understand and agree to comply with all provisions of the enhanced carry law. **Miss. Code Ann., § 97-37-7**

Miss. Code Ann., § 45-9-101

AUTHORIZATION OF IN-STATE TUITION FOR NONRESIDENT STUDENTS WHO ARE UNITED STATES VETERANS OR PERSONS ENTITLED FOR VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Any Veteran, as defined by Title 38 of the United States Code, or a person entitled to education benefits under Title 38 of the United States Code is authorized in-state tuition.

Miss. Code Ann., § 37-103-25

CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT FEE EXEMPTION FOR SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES

Any Veterans having a service-connected disability shall be exempted from concealed weapon permit fees and renewal fees. The Veteran must be a resident of the state for 12 months or longer immediately preceding the filing of the application. However, this residency requirement may be waived, provided the applicant possesses a valid permit from another state, is active military personnel stationed in Mississippi, or is a retired law enforcement officer establishing residency in the state.

Miss. Code Ann., §45-9-101

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Children of any member of the armed services whose official home of record and residence is within the State of Mississippi and who is officially reported as being either a prisoner of war or missing in action can receive an eight semester scholarship, without cost, exclusive of books, food, school supplies, materials and dues or fees for extracurricular activities at any state supported college or university within the State.

Miss. Code Ann., §37-108-1

The Adjutant General of Mississippi is authorized to pay the tuition for certain members of the active Mississippi National Guard who are enrolled within the State of Mississippi in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational education school or junior college.

Miss. Code Ann., §33-7-405 and §33-7-407

Military personnel stationed in Mississippi are classified as state residents for the purposes of payment of tuition at state colleges and universities.

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-17

EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE

The State Personnel Board designates the Veteran or disabled Veteran status of applicants on the lists of eligible applicants for job vacancies within state service. These lists are sent to the agencies seeking to fill vacancies.

In state layoffs, Veterans are granted preference and additional preference is given disabled Veterans.

Miss. Code Ann., §25-0-303

RE-EMPLOYMENT

Any person who is a member of any reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States who, in order to perform duties or receive training with the Armed Forces of the United States or of the State of Mississippi leaves a position, other than a temporary position, in the employ of any employer, and who shall give evidence of the Satisfactory completion of such duty or training, and who is still qualified to perform the duties of such position, shall be entitled to be restored to his previous or a similar position, in the same status, pay, and seniority. Such period of absence for military duty or training shall be construed as an absence with leave but may be without pay.

Miss. Code Ann., §33-1-19

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE RECIPROCITY

As passed by the Mississippi Legislature (2013 Regular Session) and Signed into law by the Governor: Senate Bill 2419 provides that Military and Military Spouses who are moving or have moved to Mississippi due to an active duty transfer may more quickly obtain licenses for many professions such as teaching, accounting, cosmetology, engineering and real estate brokerage. Licenses for physicians, nurses, dentists, dieticians, and other medical jobs are also included. The bill also provides that individuals with military training may (subject to guidelines set by licensing boards) count their experience toward requirements for various job licenses, certifications, and registrations. State licensing boards can grant either a permanent or temporary occupational license. People with temporary licenses can start working while applying for permanent ones.

To view the complete bill:

<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2013/html/SB/2400-2499/SB2419PS.htm>

Licensing for specific professions is regulated by cognizant Boards/Agencies. Individuals must contact individual licensing boards for information and eligibility.

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES

Photos of Mississippi Veteran and military license plates can be viewed on the website for the Mississippi Department of Revenue www.dor.ms.gov.

Once you enter the Dept. of Revenue website click on Tag/Titles, then click on Special Plates and then click on Available License Plates. Color photos of available specialty plates will be displayed.

HONORING VETERANS



Any owner of a passenger vehicle, pickup truck or noncommercial motor vehicle can purchase the Honoring Veterans license plate. The plate costs an additional thirty dollars (\$30.00) over regular license plate fees and \$24.00 of that fee goes to support indigent Veterans residing the State Veterans Nursing Homes and the State Veterans Memorial Cemetery. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.140**

VETERAN MOTOR VEHICLES



In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by Mississippians who are honorably discharged Veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces, any such person is privileged to obtain distinctive motor vehicle license plates or tags for each motor vehicle registered in his name identifying his status as a Veteran. In addition, decals indicating branch and period of military service are to be affixed to the license tags. An additional annual tag fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) shall be collected for such license plates for the benefit of indigent Veterans who are residents of the State Veterans Nursing Homes. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.12**

VETERAN MOTORCYCLES



In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by Mississippians who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces, any such person is privileged to obtain distinctive motorcycle license plates or tags for each motorcycle registered in his name identifying his status as a veteran. In addition, decals indicating branch and period of military service are to be affixed to the license tags. An additional annual tag fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) shall be collected for such license plates for the benefit of indigent Veterans who are residents of the State Veterans Nursing Homes.

Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.125

GOLD STAR FAMILY



Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi and a family member of a service member who has been killed in action or died in a combat zone while serving in the Armed Forces, and was a resident of Mississippi at the time of death, may purchase a Gold Star license tag for an additional thirty dollars (\$30.00), \$24.00 of which shall benefit indigent Veterans residing in the State Veterans Nursing Homes. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.162**

AFGHANISTAN VETERAN



Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a Veteran and served in the Afghanistan theater of operations and was awarded either the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, for service in, or in support of operations in Afghanistan may purchase the Afghanistan Veteran license plate for an additional fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), \$24.00 of which will benefit the State Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the State Veterans Nursing Homes.

Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.187

IRAQ VETERAN



Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a Veteran and served in the Iraq theater of operations and was awarded either the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, for service in, or in support of operations in Iraq may obtain the Iraq Veteran license plate for an additional fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), \$24.00 of which will benefit the State Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the State Veterans Nursing Homes. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.186**

VIETNAM VETERAN



In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by a legal resident of Mississippi who is an honorably discharged Veteran who served in the United State Armed Forces during the Vietnam Conflict and was awarded a Vietnam Service Ribbon, may obtain the Vietnam Veteran license plate or tag for an additional fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), which shall benefit indigent Veterans residing in the State Veterans Nursing Home. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.85**

PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR



Any resident of the State of Mississippi who is an honorably discharged former member of one of the Armed Forces of the United States and while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States was present during the attack on the island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, between the hours of 7:55 AM and 9:45 AM, Hawaii time, is privileged to obtain two distinctive motor vehicle license plate for an additional tag fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for use on a private passenger vehicle (to include station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks) registered in the county of his or her legal residence.

Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19- 56.5

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN



Any legal Veteran resident of the State of Mississippi with a service-connected disability (100%) permanent and total by the VA; or a rating of (70%) and above non permanent and total; and the unmarried surviving spouse of such person, is privileged to purchase annually one (2) motor vehicle license plate or motorcycle tag for his or her county of residence for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00 each) in total cost.

Miss. Code Ann., §27- 19- 53

PURPLE HEART



Any resident of the State of Mississippi who can provide written proof that while serving in the Armed Forces of the United State he or she was awarded the Purple Heart Medal is privileged to obtain one free distinctive license plate or tag for use on a private passenger vehicle (to include station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks) registered in the county of his or her legal residence.

The unmarried surviving spouse of a deceased person who was issued a Purple Heart Medal license plate or tag may apply for or retain one (1) such license plate or tag which shall be exempt from taxes and fees. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.5**

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS & AIR MEDAL



Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross or Air Medal while in military service may purchase a special license plate recognizing that award. The applicant must present Satisfactory proof of award of the medal and pay an additional (\$30.00) tag fee.

Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.13

BRONZE STAR



Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a Veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star medal while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States may obtain special license plates recognizing that award. Applicants must present official written proof of the award of the medal. The applicant must pay an additional thirty dollars (\$30.00) tag fee, \$24.00 of which benefits indigent Veterans residing in the State Veterans Nursing Homes. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.62**

SILVER STAR



Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a Veteran and was awarded the Silver Star medal while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States may obtain special license plates recognizing that award. Applicants must present official written proof of the award of the medal. The Silver Star plate is exempt from all fees and taxes and may be retained by the un-remarried surviving spouse of the deceased Veteran recipient. Proof of marital status must be provided for the un-remarried spouse to obtain the Silver Star plate. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.284**

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR



Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor and the unmarried surviving spouse of such person is privileged to obtain annually, one (1) motor vehicle license plate or tag for a private passenger motor vehicle or pickup truck in the county of his residence. The CMH license plate or tag is exempt from all motor vehicle registration fees and privilege taxes. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-54**

EX-PRISONER OF WAR



Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who was a prisoner of war, and the unmarried surviving spouse of such person, is privileged to obtain annually one (1) motor vehicle license plate or tag for a private passenger vehicle or pickup truck in the county of his or her residence. The Ex-POW license plate or tag is exempt from all motor vehicle registration fees and privilege taxes. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-54**



NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL

In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by a legal resident of the State of Mississippi who received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, any such Veteran may obtain a Navy and Marine Corps Medal license plate or tag for an additional thirty dollars (\$30.00), \$24.00 of which shall benefit indigent Veterans residing at the State Veterans Nursing Homes. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.199**



RESERVE, NATIONAL GUARD, MERCHANT MARINE, RETIRED

Any resident of the State of Mississippi who has completed an active duty career with the Armed Forces of the United States and active duty and retired members of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, United States Reserves and those United States Merchant Marines in maritime service during the period from December 7, 1941, to August 15, 1945, and their surviving spouses may be issued distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag at no additional cost in the county of his or her legal residence.

Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-51



COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE / COMBAT VETERAN

Any resident of the State of Mississippi who received the Combat Infantryman Badge or other equivalent Badges/Ribbons for the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines from the United States Armed Forces may be issued a distinctive motor vehicle license plate for an annual additional fee. The portion retained of the additional fee will be deposited in the County general fund.

Miss. Code Ann. § 27- 19-56.12

COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

The majority of counties in Mississippi employ a County Veteran Service Officer to assist county residents with VA claims. County Veteran Service Officers can answer questions and provide information, examples listed below:

- › Applying for VA Benefits
- › Completing forms
- › Checking on VA Claim Status
- › Providing advice to Veterans and their dependents

ADAMS COUNTY

307 Market Street
Natchez, MS 39120

Office: (601) 304-7800

ALCORN COUNTY

600 East Waldron St.
Corinth, MS 38834

Office: (662) 286-7744

Fax: (662) 284-4922

AMITE COUNTY

185 Irene Street
Liberty, MS 39645

Office: (601) 657-4197

ATTALA COUNTY

715 Fairground Road
Kosciusko, MS 39090

Office: (662) 287-6045

Fax: (662) 289-0111

BENTON COUNTY

P.O. Box 218
Ashland, MS 38603

Office: (662) 224-6325

Fax: (662) 224-6303

BOLIVAR COUNTY

113 South Davis Street, Hwy 61
Cleveland, MS 38732

Office: (662) 843-2471

Fax: (662) 846-5898

CALHOUN COUNTY

469 Veterans Avenue
Calhoun City, MS 38916

Office: (662) 628-1933

Fax: (662) 628-1933

CARROLL COUNTY

803 Front Street
Vaiden, MS 39176

Office: (662) 237-9274

Fax: (662) 237-9642

Carrollton Courthouse
Carrollton, MS 38917

Office: (662) 237-9274

Fax: (662) 237-9642

COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS (CONT.)

CHICKASAW COUNTY

665 North Jefferson Street
Houston, MS 38851

Office: (662) 456-3652

793 Highway 245 South
Okolona, MS 38860

Office: (662) 542-3575

CHOCTAW COUNTY

583 West Main Street
Ackerman, MS 39735

Phone: (662) 285-7719

Fax: (662) 285-3922

CLAIBORNE COUNTY

1703 Bride Will Lane
Port Gibson, MS 39150

Office: (601) 437-1105

Fax: (601) 437-4430

CLARKE COUNTY

100 East Church Street
Quitman, MS 39355

Office: (601) 776-2461

Fax: (601) 776-1013

CLAY COUNTY

227 Court Street
West Point, MS 39773

Office: (662) 494-1554

Fax: (662) 494-1969

COAHOMA COUNTY

144 Ritch Street
Clarksdale, MS 38614

Office: (662) 624-5201

526 3rd Street
Clarksdale, MS 38614

Office: (662) 902-4523

Fax: (662) 483-1288

COPIAH COUNTY

122 South Lowe Street
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

Office: (601) 894-4101

Fax: (601) 894-4081

COVINGTON COUNTY

502 South Arrington Ave
Collins, MS 39428

Office: (601) 765-4004

Fax: (601) 765-0283

COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS (CONT.)

DESOTO COUNTY

6595 Hwy 305 N
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Office: (662) 404-6598

FORREST COUNTY

1200 Corinne Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39403

Office: (601) 583-4521

Fax: (601) 582-4947

FRANKLIN COUNTY

38 Walnut Street
Meadville, MS 39653

Office: (601) 384-2763

Fax: (601) 384-2763

GEORGE COUNTY

1st Floor Courthouse
355 Cox Street
Lucedale, MS 39452

Office: (601) 247-2117

Fax: (601) 947-8804

GREENE COUNTY

415 Oak Street
Leakesville, MS 39451

Office: (601) 394-2442

GRENADA COUNTY

Grenada County Courthouse
First Floor
Grenada, MS 38902

Office: (662) 226-1821

Fax: (662) 227-2860

HANCOCK COUNTY

854 Highway 90, Suite A
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Office: (228) 467-2100

Fax: (228) 467-2691

18335 Hwy 603
Kiln, MS 39556

Office: (228) 467-2100

HARRISON COUNTY

730 Martin Luther King Blvd. 1st Floor
Biloxi, MS 39533

Office: (228) 435-8271

1801 23rd Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39502

Fax: (228) 436-8649

Office: (228) 865-4027

COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS (CONT.)

HINDS COUNTY

316 South President Street
Jackson, MS 39205

Office: (601) 968-5408

HOLMES COUNTY

16979 Hwy 17
Lexington, MS 39095

Office: (662) 834-3134

Fax: (662) 885-3085

HUMPHREYS COUNTY

Belzoni Courthouse
Belzoni, MS 3903

Office: (662) 247-0143

Fax: (662) 247-0101

ISSAQUENA COUNTY

5490 Glen Allen Road
Glen Allen, MS 38744

Office: (662) 403-0241

Office: (662) 347-9410

ITAWAMBA COUNTY

507 Legion Dr.
Fulton, MS 38843

Office: (662) 862-2841

Fax: (662) 862-2831

JACKSON COUNTY

4111 Amonett
Pascagoula, MS 39568

Office: (228) 769-3228

Fax: (228) 696-6284

JASPER COUNTY

37 E West 8th Ave.
Bay Springs, MS 39422

Office: (601) 764-2871

Fax: (601) 764-2035

JEFF DAVIS COUNTY

Courthouse
Prentiss, MS 39474

Office: (601) 792-5939

Wellness Center
Bassfield, MS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

1483 Main Street
Fayette, MS 39069

Office: (601) 786-3021

Fax: (601) 786-6009

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JONES COUNTY

695 County Home Road
Ellisville, MS 39437

Office: (601) 428-0467
Fax: (601) 425-7191

KEMPER COUNTY

39 Bell Street
Dekalb, MS 39328

Office: (601) 743-2247

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

1301 Monroe Ave, Suite 107
Oxford, MS 38655

Office: (662) 236-3111

LAMAR COUNTY

12 Veterans Drive
Purvis, MS 39475

Office: (601) 794-4218
Fax: (601) 794-4218

Oak Grove Senior Center
5874 West 4th Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Office: (601) 336-5019

19 Center Street
Sumrall, MS 39482

Office: (601) 758-0015

LAUDERDALE COUNTY

1827 23rd Avenue
Meridian, MS 39302

Office: (601) 482-9811
Fax: (601) 482-9845

LAWRENCE COUNTY

County Office Building
Monticello, MS 39654

Office: (601) 587-3006
Fax: (601) 587-0750

LEAKE COUNTY

101 Court Square, Room 102
Carthage, MS 39051

Office: (601) 267-7200
Fax: (601) 298-4789

LEE COUNTY

300 West Main Street
Tupelo, MS 38802

Office: (662) 432-2099
Fax: (662) 432-2098

COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS (CONT.)

LEFLORE COUNTY

310 West Market Street
Greenwood, MS 38935

Office: (662) 453-3157
Fax: (662) 451-7324

LINCOLN COUNTY

301 South First Street, Room 202
Brookhaven, MS 39601

Office: (601) 835-3470
Fax: (601) 835-3455

LOWNDES COUNTY

308 Legion Drive
Columbus, MS 39705

Office: (662) 327-2005
Fax: (662) 328-5430

MADISON COUNTY

125 W. North Street
Canton, MS 39046

Office: (601) 855-5689
Fax: (601) 859-5875

MARION COUNTY

124 McGeehee Drive
Columbia, MS 39429

Office: (601) 736-0740
Fax: (601) 736-0750

MARSHALL COUNTY

136 Alderson Street
Holly Springs, MS 38635

Office: (662) 252-5508
Fax: (662) 252-5508

MONROE COUNTY

201 West Commerce, 3rd Floor
Aberdeen, MS 39730

Office: (662) 661-4012
Fax: (662) 369-4651

1619 Hwy 25 North
Amory, MS 38821

Office: (662) 256-3841
Fax: (662) 305-3207

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

618 Summit Street
Winona, MS 38967

Office: (662) 283-1618
Fax: (662) 283-2333

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NESHOBA COUNTY

11901 Highway 15 North
Philadelphia, MS 39350

Office: (601) 656-4531
Fax: (601) 656-5042

124 Industrial Road
Choctaw, MS 39350

Office: (601) 650-1737
Fax: (601) 389-5866

NEWTON COUNTY

1st Floor Courthouse
Decatur, MS 39327

Office: (601) 635-2178
Fax: (601) 635-4014

NOXUBEE COUNTY

158 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Macon, MS 39341

Office: (662) 726-5423
Fax: (662) 726-5262

OKTIBBEHA COUNTY

101 East Main Street, 2nd Floor
Starkville, MS 39759

Office: (662) 323-6155

PANOLA COUNTY

705 Keating Road
Batesville, MS 38606

Office: (662) 563-5757

PEARL RIVER COUNTY

153 Savannah Millard Road
Poplarville, MS 39470

Office: (601) 403-2558
Fax: (601) 403-2567

PERRY COUNTY

103 South Main Street
New Augusta, MS 39462

Office: (601) 964-8214
Fax: (601) 964-8214

PIKE COUNTY

1002 Warren Krout Road
McComb, MS 39649

Office: (601) 684-9966
Fax: (601) 684-1810

PONTOTOC COUNTY

311 Center Ridge Drive
Pontotoc, MS 38863

Office: (662) 489-3907

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PRENTISS COUNTY

100 W. Loveless Road
Booneville, MS 38829

Office: (662) 728-5532

QUITMAN COUNTY

1054 M.L.K. Jr. Drive
Marks, MS 38646

Office: (662) 645-3818

RANKIN COUNTY

211 East Government St., Suite A
Brandon, MS 39042

Office: (601) 824-2652
Fax: (601) 497-8208

SCOTT COUNTY

100 East Main Street
Forest, MS 39074

Office: (601) 469-4477

SHARKEY COUNTY

301 East China Street
Rolling Fork, MS 39159

Office: (662) 907-0748

SIMPSON COUNTY

2nd Floor Old Courthouse
Mendenhall, MS 39114

Office: (601) 847-1354

SMITH COUNTY

County Office Building
Raleigh, MS 39153

Office: (601) 782-9222
Fax: (601) 782-9488

STONE COUNTY

214 North Critz Street
Wiggins, MS 39577

Office: (601) 928-7509
Fax: (601) 928-5122

SUNFLOWER COUNTY

200 Main Street
Indianola, MS 38751

Office: (662) 207-8644

119 N. Chester Ave
Ruleville, MS 38771

Office: (662) 207-8644

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TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY

150 Court Square
Charleston, MS 38921

Office: (662) 375-4639 (Webb)
Office: (662) 647-5551 (Charleston)

TATE COUNTY

107 Court Street
Senatobia, MS 38668

Office: (662) 301-8364
Fax: (662) 301-2200

TIPPAH COUNTY

107 North Main Street
Ripley, MS 38663

Office: (662) 837-9214
Fax: (662) 512-0193

TISHOMINGO COUNTY

1008 Battleground Drive, Room 211
Iuka, MS 38852

Office: (662) 423-7053

TUNICA COUNTY

1061 South Court Street
Tunica, MS 38676

Office: (662) 363-2515

UNION COUNTY

116 East Bankhead Street
New Albany, MS 38652

Office: (662) 534-1982
Fax: (662) 534-2059

WALTHALL COUNTY

908 Armory Road
Tylertown, MS 39667

Office: (601) 303-0160

WARREN COUNTY

1009 Cherry Street
Vicksburg, MS 39181

Office: (601) 636-1627
Fax: (601) 636-1628

WASHINGTON COUNTY

738 Washington Ave.
Greenville, MS 38702

Office: (662) 335-6196
Fax: (662) 332-8275

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Waynesboro, MS 39367

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1842 Veterans Memorial Blvd.
Eupora, MS 39744

Office: (662) 258-3051
Fax: (662) 258-3093

WILKINSON COUNTY

525 Main Street
Woodville, MS 39669

Office: (601) 660-7453

1 Municipal Drive
Woodville, MS 39669

Office: (601) 660-7453

WINSTON COUNTY

5595 Old Robinson Road
Louisville, MS 39339

Office: (662) 773-9555
Fax: (662) 773-9557

YALOBUSHA COUNTY

306 Railroad Street
Water Valley, MS 38965

Office: (662) 934-8145

YAZOO COUNTY

2201 Gordon Ave.
Yazoo City, MS 39194

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Fax: (662) 716-0442



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Veterans Home | Oxford **662.236.7641**

