

## Burial Benefits

Eligibility for interment in the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort follows National Cemetery Administration eligibility requirements. In general, Veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable are eligible. Their spouses and dependent children who meet certain criteria can be eligible as well. More information about burial benefits and pre-registration application is available at [www.va.alabama.gov/veterans-memorial-cemetery](http://www.va.alabama.gov/veterans-memorial-cemetery), or by calling (251) 625-1338 or (251) 626-7183.

## Other State Benefits

### Tax Exemptions

- Ad Valorem tax exemption on motor vehicles paid for by VA grant
- Military pay earned in a combat zone and military retired pay are exempt from state tax

### Commemorative Vehicle Tag Program

- No registration fees for Medal of Honor and Purple Heart recipients and former Prisoners of War
- Free license plates for some disabled veterans
- Commemorative vehicle license plates

### Discounted Fishing License

- Veterans with a 20% or more VA disability rating are entitled to a discounted fishing license

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P.O. Box 1509  
Montgomery, AL 36102  
(334) 242-5077  
[www.va.alabama.gov](http://www.va.alabama.gov)

Appeal and Review Division  
(334) 213-3320

Alabama Veterans Service Offices  
(334) 242-5077

[www.va.alabama.gov/serviceofficer](http://www.va.alabama.gov/serviceofficer)

Alabama G.I. Dependent Scholarship  
(334) 242-5077

Alabama State Veterans Cemetery  
(251) 625-1338

## State Veterans Homes

Bill Nichols State Veterans Home  
1784 Elkahatchee Road  
Alexander City, AL 35010  
(256) 329-3311

William F. Green State Veterans Home  
300 Faulkner Drive  
Bay Minette, AL 36507  
(251) 937-8049

Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home  
2701 Meridian Street  
Huntsville, AL 35811  
(256) 851-2807

Col. Robert L. Howard State Veterans Home  
7054 Veterans Parkway  
Pell City, AL 35125  
(205) 338-6487



## State Benefits for Alabama Veterans



*"...to care for him who shall  
have borne the battle and for his  
widow, and his orphan."*

## Veterans Services and Claims Assistance

The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs assists eligible Veterans and their dependents in filing for and obtaining DoD, federal and state VA benefits, and services through Veterans Service Offices located in 60 counties. Our accredited Veterans Service Officers are authorized to counsel and represent Veterans and their dependents before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in filing for benefits and services in the following major categories.

- Compensation
- Pension
- Health Care
- Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment
- Education and Training
- Home Loans
- Life Insurance
- Dependents & Survivors Benefits
- Burial Benefits



### Assistance with Appeals

ADVA provides representation for claimants with appeals at all levels of the appeal process. If a claimant has appeal specific questions, you can reach us at 334-213-3320, if your appeal is before the VA's Board of Veterans Appeals you may contact the Board directly at 800-923-8387.

## Alabama State Veterans Homes Program

Alabama Veterans are eligible for affordable long-term care at the state's four veterans homes in Alexander City, Bay Minette, Huntsville, and Pell City.

### Eligibility

- Must be honorably discharged with a minimum of 90 days continuous active duty service other than active duty for training. Veterans who enlisted after Sept. 7, 1980 and those who commissioned after Oct. 16, 1981 must have served a minimum of 24 continuous months or the full period for which the person was called and be honorably discharged.
- Qualify for skilled nursing care or domiciliary/assisted living services
- Resident of Alabama during the immediate past 12 months
- Admission preference given to Wartime Veterans as defined by federal VA. Peacetime Veterans are admitted on space available basis.

### A State Veterans Home provides:

- 24-hour skilled nursing care
- Extensive physician and physician extender coverage
- Activity Programs
- Pharmacy Services
- Around-the-clock security staff

An application can be obtained at any Veterans Service Office or downloaded at [www.va.alabama.gov](http://www.va.alabama.gov).

## Alabama G.I. Dependent Scholarship Program

The Alabama G.I. Dependent Scholarship Program pays for tuition up to the DoD Tuition Assistance Cap and up to \$1,000 for the combination of textbooks and required instructional fees at all state supported colleges and technical schools.

### Veteran Disability Requirements:

- Former POW/Declared MIA
- Service connected death or died in line of duty
- 40% or greater VA disability. Veterans rated 20-30% may qualify in certain situations.

### Veteran Alabama Residency Requirements:

- Permanent resident 12 months immediately prior to initial entry into federal active military service AND one of the following:
- Current resident for 24 months immediately prior to date of the scholarship application or Veteran's death; or
- Current resident discharged from active duty within 12 months prior to the date of the scholarship application; or
- Filed a resident Alabama income tax return for the 10 consecutive years immediately prior to the date of the application. Or
- A permanent resident five years immediately prior to the date of the application or the date of the Veteran's death. Applies to 100% P&T ratings only.

Scholarship application information can be obtained at a Veterans Service Office in Alabama, or by calling the ADVA at (334) 242-5077.