

Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for September 2018

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Explore VA Education Benefits

Need an education but don't know where to start? Explore VA education and training benefits.

VA education benefits may be used toward traditional degrees, non-college degrees, certifications, test fees and more. And, with the Colmery Act (also known as the Forever GI Bill), eligible Veterans have more time to finish their education.

The legislation eliminates the 15-year time limit for those who left active duty on or after January 1, 2013. It also restores benefits for Veterans who lost them due to a school closure or disapproval, and more.

Learn about all VA benefits and how to apply by visiting Explore.VA.gov

The 2019 COLA is looking like the biggest increase in 7 years

The 2019 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) is heading towards a 3% increase based on July's inflation data.

Explore VA Health Care

Finding the best long-term care approach can be a challenge. VA health care offers sick and disabled Veterans options regarding the setting of their care and the types of care they receive.

When Ken, an Air Force Veteran, had a stroke, he suddenly became dependent on his wife. VA was there to help. "When people told us it was time to put him in a nursing home we just weren't ready for that," says Maria, Ken's wife and caregiver. "We got in the program and they made it so very easy for us."

Long-term care services include:

- Nursing and medical care
- Physical therapy
- Help with daily tasks, like bathing, dressing and making meals
- Comfort care and help with managing pain
- Support for caregivers

This care is available in many different settings, including nursing homes, adult day homes, and assisted living centers. Programs like Home Based Primary Care and Veterans-Directed Care give Veterans the care that they need at home, so they can continue to live independently. To access these services, Veterans must be enrolled in VA health care and VA must determine a specific service is necessary.

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