

# Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for March 2018

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~**The Colmery Act (also known as the Forever GI Bill)** includes significant education benefit changes that may affect you. Did you lose your VA education benefits due to a school closure or disapproval? You may be able to restore your benefits. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

In addition to assistance with school closings, new legislation:

- Eliminates the 15-year time limit for those who left active duty on or after January 1, 2013.
- Provides up to nine months of additional Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to eligible individuals who are enrolled in a program of education in a STEM field.
- Allows Veterans who had eligibility under the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) and lost it due to the sunset of the program to have that service credited toward the Post-9/11 GI Bill Program.

Find out more about benefits you may qualify for by visiting [Explore.VA.gov](http://Explore.VA.gov).

~**Pension Benefits** - If you're a wartime Veteran who meets certain age or disability requirements, and your income and net worth are within certain limits, you may qualify for monthly payments through our Veterans Pension program. If you're a survivor of a wartime Veteran, you may also qualify for monthly payments if your income and net worth are within certain limits. Find out if you can get this tax-free benefit. Call us!

~**Burials and Memorials** - We can help Servicemembers, Veterans, and family members plan a burial or memorial service. Find out how to get burial benefits.

## Eligibility

Find out if you—or a family member—can be buried in a VA national cemetery or get other burial honors.

## Pre-Need Eligibility Determination for Burial in a VA National Cemetery

Find out ahead of time if you can be buried in a VA national cemetery—and make the process of planning your burial easier for your family members in the event of your death.

## Plan a Burial for a Family Member

Find out the steps you'll need to take to arrange for a family member's burial.

## Honor the Deceased with Memorial Items

Find out how to honor the military service of a deceased Servicemember or Veteran with memorial items such as a headstone, medallion, flag, or Presidential Memorial Certificate. Spouses and other family members may qualify for certain memorial items as well.

## Learn about Burial Allowances and Survivor Compensation

Find out if you can get help paying for funeral costs or other tax-free monetary benefits.

## Bereavement Counseling

Find out if you qualify for assistance and support to help you through the emotional and psychological stress of a loved one's death.

~**Life Insurance** - If you're a Servicemember or Veteran—or the spouse or dependent child of a Servicemember—you may be able to get life insurance through VA. Life insurance options and eligibility, benefits for policyholders who are totally disabled or terminally ill, and managing your policy.