

Helpful contact information

Change of address or direct deposit
1-877-838-2778

Check the status of a pending VA claim
1-800-827-1000

Get information regarding education benefits
1-888-442-4551

Sonora VA Clinic
209-588-2601

Visit www.ebenefits.va.gov for more information

FAQ

Q. How do I order my DD-214/discharge papers?

A. Come into our office, we will complete and submit form SF-180 to NPRC. You will receive a certified copy of your DD-214 in 2-4 weeks. You can also go online to www.archives.gov

Q. How do I enroll in the VA Healthcare system?

A. Come into our office with your DD-214 and prior years' income. We will complete form 10-10EZ and submit to the VA Healthcare system. You can also visit www.va.gov

Q. How do I order a VA headstone, marker or medallion?

A. Come into our office with a certified death certificate and DD-214/discharge. We will complete and submit the marker request to NCA. You can also visit www.cem.va.gov

OFFICE HOURS

- Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday open to walk-ins. Monday and Friday by appointment.
- Veterans coming to our office for the first time should bring a copy of their DD-214/ Discharge papers.

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TUOLUMNE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Putting Veterans First



Tuolumne County Veterans Service Office



Claim services for veterans

Compensation for service connected disabilities:

Compensates a veteran for a disability incurred or aggravated while in military service. There is no time limit to file initial claim.

Pension for wartime veterans with non-service connected disabilities (income limit):

This is for permanently and totally disabled veterans who have war time service and have a honorable discharge. Net worth and family income are a factor in determining eligibility.

Client Advocacy: Here to assist, support and follow through on the veterans behalf when filing and or obtaining benefits at a federal, state and or local agency.

Claim services for widows or dependent children of veterans:

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Payable to some survivors of service members who died on active duty, veterans who died from service related disabilities and some veterans who were being paid VA disability at 100 percent at time of death.

The Tuolumne County Veterans Service Office provides assistance with filing claims, appeals and case management. We are here to help all veterans, their dependents and survivors. Our office is a state and county-funded agency. All services are provided free of charge. Our agency is separate from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Death Pension for non-service connected death payable to some survivors of deceased wartime veterans. This is based on financial need, medical necessity, net worth and gross income.

Burial benefits and services: We can assist with certain services and benefits to honor deceased veterans such as headstones, marker or medallion, Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) or Burial Flag

Veteran ID Cards: ID cards for military veterans who otherwise wouldn't have one. This card shows the veteran served and was honorably discharged. Please call ahead to make an appointment.



Tuolumne County Veterans Service Office can also assist you with the following:

- Obtain copies of military records, discharges and decorations
- Discharge upgrade and correction of military records
- VA Life Insurance
- College fee waiver for disabled veterans dependents
- State Veterans Home
- Home Loans
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Enrolling in VA medical benefits

Time Limits:

- There is no deadline for applying for disability benefits.
- There is no time limit to file a claim for reimbursement of burial expenses for a service related death. However, in other cases, the claim must be filed within 2 years of the veteran's burial.
- Generally, veterans have 10 years from their last release date from active duty to use their education benefits.