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Healthcare- Northport VAMC Main hospital: 79 Middleville Rd, Building 200, Northport, NY 11768

VA Healthcare: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/> *Northport main number: **631-261-4400**
Eligibility: **ext: 12660**, bring a copy of your DD214 with you when registering
Long Island Locations and Satellite Offices/Phone numbers: www.va.gov/northport-health-care/locations/
Priority Groups: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/priority-groups/>
Check Current Income Limits: <https://www.va.gov/resources/va-health-care-income-limits/>
VA Northport Patient Advocate: <https://www.va.gov/northport-health-care/health-services/patient-advocates/>
Audiology: **ext: 17381** / Eye Care/Eye glasses: **ext: 12038** / Prosthetics: **631-261-4400, dial 0 for operator**
Caregiver Support: <https://www.va.gov/northport-health-care/health-services/caregiver-support/> **ext:14108**
DAV Transportation: <https://www.va.gov/northport-health-care/dav-vans-transportation-for-veterans/>
ChampVA: <https://www.va.gov/family-and-caregiver-benefits/health-and-disability/champva/>
VA Online Health records (must sign up for an id.me account): <https://www.va.gov/>
ID.me Technical Support: https://help.id.me/hc/en-us/p/contact_support
Request DD214: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans> or fill Standard Form 180 and fax to **314-801-9195**
Vet Center- Babylon: <https://www.va.gov/babylon-vet-center/> **631-661-3930**
Vet Center- Hicksville: <https://www.va.gov/nassau-vet-center/> **516-348-0088**
Mental Health: **Ext 12791** /Suicide Prevention: **800-273-8255**
VA Clothing Allowance: <https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/special-claims/clothing-allowance/>
Dependency/ VA Parent Dependency: <https://www.va.gov/view-change-dependents/>

Insurance/ Adapted Housing Grants/ Property Tax

VA Life: <https://www.va.gov/life-insurance/options-eligibility/valife/> - **800-669-8477**

*** What you pay does not increase once enrolled. Ex: you purchase at 30 and now you're 50. Rate does not increase due to age. It stays the same for the rest of your life.

Veterans' Life Mortgage Insurance: <https://www.va.gov/life-insurance/options-eligibility/vmli/>

Specially Adaptive Housing Grants: <https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/disability-housing-grants/>

Home Improvement and Structural Alterations (HISA): <https://www.prosthetics.va.gov/psas/HISA2.asp>

VA Home Loan Eligibility: <https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/home-loans/eligibility/>

Overview NYS Property Tax Exemptions: <https://veterans.ny.gov/property-tax-exemptions-veterans>

Local Property Tax contact: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Real-Property-Tax-Service-Agency/FAQs

Suffolk County Property Tax: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Real-Property-Tax-Service-Agency

Nassau County Property Tax: <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/3359/Property-Tax-Exemptions>

Housing Lotteries/ Affordable Housing Support Services

New York State Housing Lotteries: <https://housingsearch.hcr.ny.gov/housing/s/> (apartments throughout NYS)

Long Island Downpayment Assistance: <https://www.lihp.org/downpayment.html>

Long Island Housing Partnership Affordable Housing Lottery: <https://www.lihp.org/rentals.html>

Town of Huntington Apartment Lottery: <https://townofhuntingtonny.portal.opengov.com/categories/1076>

NYS DVS Emergency Housing Grant: <https://veterans.ny.gov/veterans-emergency-housing-program>

Economic Opportunity Council: <https://eoc-suffolk.com/services/housing-services/> **631-968-8000**

Services for the Underserved Long Island: **631-227-0777**

Project Jericho: <https://jerichoproject.org/> **646-624-2341**

HUD VASH Referral: <https://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp> **877-424-3838**

Northport VAMC Homeless Program: **631-261-4400, ext. 2204**

Northport Homeless Shelter Beacon House **631-954-1880**

American Red Cross Military Services - 195 Willis Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501 **516-747-3500**

Nutrition/ Food Support Services

NYS Fresh Connect Checks for Veterans: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/news/new-york-state-announces-expanded-freshconnect-checks-program-veterans>

Long Island Cares: <https://www.licares.org/what-we-do/feed-long-island/veterans-project/> **631-582-3663 x151**

Island Harvest: <https://www.islandharvest.org/veterans/> **516-988-3279**

HEAP Assistance: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>

Suffolk County Department of Social Service: <https://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Social-Services>

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Nursing Home/ Assisted Living/Adaptive Housing Grants/ Aging Adult

Stony Brook Veteran Home: <https://veteranshome.stonybrookmedicine.edu/> 631-444-8500

VA Non-Service Connected Pension: <https://www.va.gov/pension/eligibility/>

VA Survivor Pension: www.va.gov/family-and-caregiver-benefits/survivor-compensation/survivors-pension/

Current Pension Rates: <https://www.va.gov/pension/veterans-pension-rates/>

Exclusion from Income: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-38/chapter-I/part-3#3.272>

NYS Medicaid: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/

800-541-2831

Suffolk County Aging Adults/HEAP Application: <https://suffolkcountyny.gov/aging>

NYS Office for the Aging: <https://aging.ny.gov/>

Meals for Older Adults/SNAP: <https://aging.ny.gov/programs/food-and-meals>

Death Benefits

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC): <https://www.va.gov/disability/survivor-dic-rates/>

Survivor Pension: <https://www.va.gov/pension/veterans-pension-rates/>

NYS Gold Star Parent Annuity Program: <https://veterans.ny.gov/gold-star-parent-annuity-program>

VA Burial Allowance: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance/>

National Cemetery Burial: <https://www.cem.va.gov/> 800-698-2411

National Cemetery Memorial Page: <https://www.vlm.cem.va.gov/>

Pine Lawn (Nassau County): 2040 Wellwood Avenue, Farmingdale, NY 11735-1211 631-454-4949

Calverton (Suffolk County): 210 Princeton Boulevard, Calverton, NY 11933

631-727-5410

NYS Veterans Cemetery (Finger Lakes): <https://veterans.ny.gov/ny-state-veterans-cemetery-finger-lakes>

Burial Flag: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial-items/burial-flags/>

Education

NYS Licensing: <https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions-index> 518-474-3817, Press 1 then ext. 570

NYS Higher Education Service Corporation: <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/military-veteran-families/> 866-991-4372

NYS Regents Award: <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/nys-regents-awards-for-children-of-deceased-and-disabled-veterans.html>

Different Types of GI Bills/ Eligibility: <https://www.va.gov/resources/compare-va-education-benefits/>

Dependents Educational Assistance/Rates: <https://www.va.gov/family-and-caregiver-benefits/education-and-careers/dependents-education-assistance/>

BOCES: <https://www.esboces.org/>

D'Aniello Institute for Veterans & Military Families: <https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/programs/career-training/>

Onward to Opportunities: <https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/programs/career-training/learning-pathways/>

MWR Libraries: <https://www.dodmwrlibraries.org/>

Student Loan Debt: <https://ag.ny.gov/resources/individuals/education-students/student-lending>

Additional Student Loan Debt Assistance: <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/student-loans/>

Employment/Reasonable Accommodations

Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)- <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/eligibility/>

Unemployment: <https://dol.ny.gov/unemployment/unemployment-insurance-assistance> 888-209-8124

UI Claimant Handbook: <https://dol.ny.gov/unemployment-insurance-claimant-handbook>

Suffolk County Department of Labor: <https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Labor>

New York State Department of Labor DVOP/LVER: <https://dol.ny.gov/services-veterans>

Online Learning with Coursera: <https://dol.ny.gov/online-learning-coursera>

NYS Civil Service: <https://statejobs.ny.gov/>

55B/C Program for Disabled Applicants: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/rp55/>

NYS DOL Experience Counts Program: <https://veterans.ny.gov/experience-counts>

Suffolk County Civil Service: <https://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Civil-Service>

Nassau County Civil Service: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/nassaucountyny>

Federal Employment for Veterans: <https://help.usajobs.gov/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/veterans>

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Schedule A for disabled individuals: <https://help.usajobs.gov/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/individuals-with-disabilities>

Reasonable Accommodation Questions: <https://askjan.org/>

VA Individual Unemployability Benefit: <https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/special-claims/unemployability/>

Social Security SSDI/SSI: <https://www.ssa.gov/redbook/eng/overview-disability.htm>

NYS Commission for the Blind: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/nyscb/>

NYS Blind Annuity: <https://veterans.ny.gov/new-york-state-blind-annuity-program>

Base Access- (100% P&T Service-Connected Veterans)

ID Cards: RAPIDS ID CARD Office Locator/ Scheduler: <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/#/>

When getting an ID card to get base access, bring the following:

- 1) VA Award letter showing 100% P&T
- 2) the commissary letter which can be downloaded from your [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov) account or call 800-827-1000 to request this
- 3) two forms of ID (ex: State ID Card, Passport, Social Security Card, Birth Certificate)
- 4) DD214 (only one is needed if you have multiple)

If you are getting an ID card for a spouse, they need the following:

- 1) Copy of marriage certificate
- 2) two forms of ID

Benefits for Service-Connected Veterans

VA Matrix of benefits for veterans with disabilities: https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/derivative_sc.asp

MWR: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/resources/millife-guides/mwr-programs/>

Shades of Green (Orlando- Disney World): <https://www.shadesofgreen.org/>

Hale Koa (Hawaii): <https://www.halekoa.com/>

Edelweiss Lodge and Resort (Germany): <https://www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com/>

Dragon Hill Lodge (South Korea): <https://www.dragonhilllodge.com/>

TSA Pre-check: <https://www.tsa.gov/precheck/military/survivor-families>

Space A Travel: <https://www.amc.af.mil/AMC-Travel-Site/AMC-Space-Available-Travel-Page/>

Listing of Units: <https://www.amc.af.mil/Units/>

Mitchell Fields Navy Exchange (Nassau County): 516-222-1293

Navy Exchange online (can order and items and pick up at store): <https://www.mynavyexchange.com/>

Mitchell Fields Commissary: <https://corp.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/mitchel-field>

Retirement/ Medical Separation

DFAS: <https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/>

CRDP: <https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/disability/crdp/>

CRSC: <https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/disability/VA-Waiver-and-Retired-Pay-CRDP-CRSC/>

Social Security Handbook: https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/handbook/handbook-toc.html

2026 Medicare Handbook: <https://www.medicare.gov/publications/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf>

2026 NYS Medicaid: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/

Surprise Medical Billing: <https://ag.ny.gov/resources/individuals/health-care-insurance/surprise-billing>

Exempt Income Protection Act: <https://ag.ny.gov/resources/individuals/credit-debt-lending/funds-protected-debt-collection>

Identity Theft: <https://ag.ny.gov/resources/individuals/credit-debt-lending/identity-theft>

Healthcare Proxy/ Living Will info: <https://ag.ny.gov/publications/advance-directives>

Healthcare Helpline: <https://ag.ny.gov/resources/individuals/health-care-insurance/health-care-helpline>

IRS Free File: <https://www.irs.gov/filing/irs-free-file-do-your-taxes-for-free>

IRS Advocate: <https://www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov/>

MedBoard/IDES Info: <https://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Access-Cost-Quality-and-Safety/DES/Medical-Evaluation>

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Character of Discharge/ Justice Involved

NYS Restoration of Honor: <https://veterans.ny.gov/restoration-honor-act>

Discharge Upgrade: <https://veterans.ny.gov/discharge-upgrade-possibility-veterans>

Apportionment/ Incarceration: <https://veterans.ny.gov/incarcerated-veterans-program>

DOL Resources: <https://dol.ny.gov/individuals-who-are-justice-involved>

Additional Resources: <https://www.suffolkcountysheriffsoffice.com/start-center>

Vehicle/ License Plates/DMV

DMV- Veteran Designation on ID Card: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/veteran-status-designation-photo-document>- Make sure to bring a copy Of DD214 with you to in person appointment. Website has form DMV

Reserve an Appointment: <https://dmv.ny.gov/make-reservation-1>

Vehicle Registration waiver: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/vehicle-registrations-and-title-certificates-members-military>

E-Z Pass for disabled Veterans (they mean veterans that need adaptive equipment to drive due to their disability) <https://www.thruway.ny.gov/ezpass/veterans.html>

VA Adaptive Equipment Grant for Auto: loss of use of both feet, both hands, vision impairment, severe burn, or ALS: <https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/special-claims/automobile-allowance-adaptive-equipment/>

Veteran License Plates: <https://dmv.ny.gov/plates/picture-plates>

Park Passes

State Parks

Information on the Lifetime Liberty Passes: <https://parks.ny.gov/admission/lifetime-liberty-pass.aspx>

Information on the Patriot Plan for Reservist/Guardsman: <https://parks.ny.gov/admission/patriot-plan-benefit/>

Listing of New York State Parks/ Campgrounds: <https://parks.ny.gov/regions/>

Listing of Long Island Parks: [parks.ny.gov/visit/state-parks?keywords=®ion\[Long Island\]=Long Island](https://parks.ny.gov/visit/state-parks?keywords=®ion[Long Island]=Long Island)

Camping Info: <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/camping> **518 457-2500**

NYS Hunting Info: <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting>

Hunter/ Crossbow Education Courses: <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/hunter-education>

Fishing Info: <https://dec.ny.gov/regulatory/permits-licenses/sporting-and-use/sporting/decals> **518-402-8843**

Free Learn how to Fish for Veterans: dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/freshwater-fishing/learn-to-fish/free-clinics

Hunting and Fishing License: [https://dec.ny.gov/regulatory/permits-licenses/sporting-and-use/sporting/free-reduced-fee#:~:text=Military%20Veterans%20\(residents%20only\)](https://dec.ny.gov/regulatory/permits-licenses/sporting-and-use/sporting/free-reduced-fee#:~:text=Military%20Veterans%20(residents%20only))

Federal Parks

America the Beautiful: <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm>

National Park Office -Shirly: <https://www.nps.gov/fiis/planyourvisit/wilderness-visitor-center.htm> **631-281-3010**

Listing of National Parks in New York: <https://www.nps.gov/state/ny/index.htm>