



Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board



2015-2016

**State Benefits for
Mississippi Veterans,
Dependents, and Survivors**



Mississippi Military License plates
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OUR MISSION:

“To HONOR Mississippi

Veterans and their dependents

through superior SERVICE,

CARE, and ASSISTANCE.”

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MISSISSIPPI STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD

In 1924 the Mississippi Legislature recognized that World War I Veterans needed assistance to obtain Veterans' benefits. This resulted in legislation which created and funded the office of State Service Commissioner. The duties and functions of the office were to aid all residents of Mississippi who served in the military forces of the United States during any war and their dependents and beneficiaries so that they would receive all benefits to which they were entitled under the laws of the United States.

The State Service Commissioner's office was not adequately staffed to provide the level of case work assistance necessary for the five-fold increase in the population of Veterans brought on by World War II. In 1948, the Legislature changed the State Service Commission to the State Veterans Affairs Board (SVAB) to provide additional manpower and assistance for the increasing number of Veterans and dependents.

The State Veterans Affairs Board is charged with assisting former and current members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their dependents in securing any benefits or privileges to which they are entitled, with operation of the State Veterans Memorial Cemetery, operating the four Mississippi State Veterans Nursing Homes, approving programs and institutions of education and training under the GI Bill, and with advising the governor and legislature on Veterans' affairs.

Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board

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The SVAB stores copies of military discharge documents (DD214s & DD215s) when received.

- Recently released military personnel must request that their discharge documents be sent to Mississippi by listing it on their military release.
- WWII draft cards are stored electronically, however the discharges are not. If the necessary information is located in the WWII Discharge Index, the SVAB may issue a MS State Certified Certificate.
- Korean War and Vietnam War records were received and stored electronically depending on personal information that was submitted at time of service.

The SVAB does not have access to all Military Records but will help to attempt to obtain records when possible.

The SVAB Outreach Services provides and refers speakers for various events, and meetings for the Governor, Legislature, Veterans organizations, and other Veteran related functions.

Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board Claims Division

The SVAB Claims Department employs Claims Division Veterans Service Officers to provide free advice and guidance to Veterans and dependents regarding VA claims, casework, hearings, appeals, and discharge upgrades. Claims Division employees with the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board hold accreditation from the following Veteran Organizations:

Ex Prisoners of War
American Legion
American Red Cross

Fleet Reserve Association
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Mississippi State Veterans Claims Office Contact Information

Address:
1600 E. Woodrow Wilson, Room 116
Jackson, MS 39216

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Mississippi State Veteran Service Officers Located Within VA Hospitals

The SVAB Hospital Service Officers provide free advice and guidance to Veterans and dependents with VA claims, pertaining to VA medical care and treatment problems, hospitalization and nursing home placement issues. Our hospital service officers provide free representation to Veterans on issues of disagreement and at personal hearings held in the VA Hospitals in Biloxi, Jackson and Memphis.

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Mississippi State Veteran Nursing Homes

Mississippi houses four State Veterans Nursing Homes containing 150 beds per home. Each SVNH employs skilled and dedicated professionals to provide care for eligible Veterans and spouses.

Eligibility for admission to the Homes requires each serviceman/woman:

- Should be or have been a Mississippi resident.
- Have qualifying military service.
- Have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.
- Be the spouse of a Veteran who resides in one of the State Veterans Nursing Homes.

Out of state Veterans may be admitted to the Homes if there are no Mississippi residents waiting to accept a bed. Out of state applicants must have a medical need for nursing home care and must be able to pay the applicable daily charge for care in the Home.

Applications for admission to the Veterans Homes can be obtained from any of our offices, from many hospital social work departments, or by visiting our website at www.vab.ms.gov.

Mississippi State Veteran Nursing Home Service Officers

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Mississippi State Veterans Nursing Home Daily Charge Exemption

There shall be no State Veterans Nursing Home resident daily charge for those residents in need of nursing home care for a VA adjudicated service-connected disability; or who have a singular or combined service-connected rating of seventy percent (70%) or more based on one or more service connected disabilities or rating a total one hundred percent (100%) based on individual unemployment and are in need of nursing home care. **Miss. Code Ann.**, § 35-1-27

Indigent Veterans can request assistance with the expense of care in the facilities.

Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board State Approving Agency

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The State Approving Agency inspects and approves new programs of education and training at Institutions of Higher Learning, Community and Junior Colleges, Vocational-Technical Schools, Flight Schools, On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship programs for GI Bill education eligibility. If you have questions concerning a school or a training program being approved to teach Veterans, Reservists, and Dependents under the GI Bill, please contact the State Approving Agency.

If you have questions concerning eligibility, please contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-888-442-4551.

Mississippi State Veteran Outreach Field Representative

State Veterans Affairs Board has placed a Certified VSOs throughout the state to aid both Veterans and Veteran Service Officers.

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Mississippi State Veterans Memorial Cemetery

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The Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Newton, maintains a beautiful Persian Gulf War Memorial Wall, and has facilities for in-ground burials, in-ground cremains, and columbarium interment. The cemetery is located approximately three (3) miles east of Newton on Highway 80. Burial options are available for Veterans, spouses, and eligible dependent children. There is no cost for burial unless the burial involves re-interment from another cemetery and the VA burial allowance has previously been paid.

The VA provides a free grave marker and perpetual care is provided at no cost. Contact your funeral director or the cemetery office for information.

MISSISSIPPI VETERANS HOME PURCHASE BOARD

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Pearl, MS 39288-4411
Phone: 601-576-4800

www.vhpbinfo@vhp.state.ms.us

The Veterans Home Purchase Board provides low interest mortgage loans in amounts up to \$250,000.00 for eligible Veterans and unmarried surviving spouses to purchase an existing single family home or to construct a new home. Eligibility requires that the Veteran be a Mississippi resident prior to entering military service or be a resident for two (2) consecutive years prior to applying for the loan. The Veteran must have or obtain a Certificate of Eligibility for Home Loan Guaranty from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and be discharged from extended active duty under honorable conditions. Contact the Veterans Home Purchase Board for information and applications.

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

200 North State St.
Post Office Box 571
Jackson, MS 39205
601-576-6850

www.mdah.state.ms.us

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History maintains historical records and a reference library concerning Mississippi residents and units which served during the Civil War, the Spanish American War and World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

MISSISSIPPI STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

210 East Capitol St
Suite 800
Jackson, MS 39201
601-359-1406

www.mspb.ms.gov

Applications for state employment are processed by the State Personnel Board (SPB). The SPB's website lists state jobs which are currently on recruitment and for which they are accepting applications. The SPB website also provides job descriptions and minimum qualifications for the positions on recruitment.

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

1235 Echelon Parkway
Post Office Box 1699
Jackson, MS 39213-1699
601-321-6004
www.mdes.state.ms.us

Veterans seeking assistance regarding employment or unemployment insurance benefits should contact the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for assistance. MS Employment Security offices and WIN Centers are located in many areas of the state and may be listed in your local telephone book. Veterans may also obtain assistance through the MDES website at <http://mdes.ms.gov/win-job-centers/> or by calling the call center at 1-888-844-3577.

Mississippi's Pledge to Hire A Hero

The Mississippi Department of Employment Security Partners with businesses through its network of WIN Job Centers across the state. Center staff helps with free job postings and saves businesses time and money by providing recruitment, screening, and referral of only qualified candidates.

Information on Work Opportunities, Tax Credits, and On-The-Job Training is also available through the Centers. To find the nearest center and learn more about these programs, call (888) 844-3577 or visit the website at www.mdes.ms.gov.

MISSISSIPPI MILITARY DEPARTMENT (Army & Air National Guard)

1410 Riverside Dr
P.O. Box 5027
Jackson, MS 39296-5027
601-313-6232/6233
www.ngms.state.ms.us

The Mississippi Military Department maintains personnel and military discharge records for members of the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard. Contact the Mississippi Military Department to request copies of those records.

Funeral Honor Detail Request

Families of eligible Veterans should request funeral honors through their Funeral Director. The Funeral Director will contact the appropriate military service branch to arrange for the funeral honors detail. To initiate the request, the family must provide a discharge document showing dates of service and character of discharge to the Funeral Director. Although the State Veterans Affairs Board does not have cognizance over the funeral honors process, we are always available to assist in any way possible. Please contact the State Veterans Affairs Board should you need assistance or help in obtaining discharge documents.

MISSISSIPPI LAWS CONCERNING VETERANS BENEFITS

County Veterans Service Officers

Counties may employ a County Veterans Service Officer who shall be (a) honorably discharged or honorably released Veteran of any war or police action in which the Armed Forces of the United States have been, are or shall be committed for action; (b) the surviving spouse or child of any such deceased Veteran; or (c) any person employed as a County Veterans Service Officer in any county of the State of Mississippi on March 30, 1990. County Veterans Service Officers must be certified by the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board which requires that they (a) attend at least one (1) of the two (2) annual training programs provided each year and successfully complete a written examination each year on the duties and responsibilities of and assistance available to such officers and Veterans. No County Veterans Service Officer shall be entitled to any compensation for their service unless they are annually certified by the State Veterans Affairs Board.

Miss. Code Ann., §35-3-21

Ad Valorem Tax Exemption

Any Veteran having a service-connected, total disability and who has been honorably discharged from military service shall be exempt from all Ad Valorem taxes on the assessed value of homestead property and to extend such exemption to un-remarried surviving spouses of such Veterans. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §27-33-75 and §27-33-67

Documents

The Mississippi Dept. of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics is to furnish, without charge, copies of birth and death certificates when they are needed to establish claims for dependency, disability, or survivors benefits for any Veteran who is a legal resident of the State of Mississippi or their claimants.

Miss. Code Ann., §35-3-9

The State Bureau of Vital Statistics is to furnish, at no expense, and immediately upon application a certified copy of birth certificates for any person volunteering for service in one of the Armed Forces of the United States. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §41-57-25

Chancery and Circuit Clerks are to furnish, without charge, copies of marriage licenses, divorce decrees, adoption decrees and any and all other records when the same are needed to establish claims for dependency, disability or survivors benefits for any Veterans who are legal residents of the State of Mississippi or their claimants. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §35-3-11

Chancery Clerks shall record, without cost whatsoever to any person of the Armed Forces of the United States residing in the same county, all honorable discharges and all certificates of service of any and all members of the Armed Forces of the United States. Certified copies will be furnished free without cost to the soldier, sailor, marine, coast guardsman, or nurse. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §35-3-13

Educational Assistance

Children of any member of the armed services whose official home of record and residence is within the State of Mississippi and who is officially reported as being either a prisoner of war or missing in action can receive an eight semester scholarship, without cost, exclusive of books, food, school supplies, materials and dues or fees for extracurricular activities at any state supported college or university within the State. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §37-108-1

The Adjutant General of Mississippi is authorized to pay the tuition for certain members of the active Mississippi National Guard who are enrolled within the State of Mississippi in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational education school or junior college. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §33-7-405 and §33-7-407

Military personnel stationed in Mississippi are classified as state residents for the purposes of payment of tuition at state colleges and universities. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §37-103-17

Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Veterans who have a total service-connected disability from the Veterans Administration are not required to purchase hunting or fishing license, but must have on their person proof of age, residency and disability status while engaged in hunting or fishing. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §49-7-5

Concealed Weapon Training, State Residency Exemption

Concealed-carry permit qualification requirements have been revised to authorize any member, honorably retired member or Veteran of any active or reserve component branch of the United States of America Armed Forces having completed law enforcement or combat training with pistols or other handguns as recognized by such branch after submitting an affidavit attesting to have read, understand and agree to comply with all provisions of the enhanced carry law. **Miss. Code Ann.**, § 97-37-7 **Miss. Code Ann.**, § 45-9-101

Concealed Weapon Permit Fee Exemption for Service Connected Disabilities

Any Veteran having a service-connected disability shall be exempted from concealed weapon permit fees and renewal fees. The Veteran must be a resident of the state for 12 months or longer immediately preceding the filing of the application. However, this residency requirement may be waived, provided the applicant possesses a valid permit from another state, is active military personnel stationed in Mississippi, or is a retired law enforcement officer establishing residency in the state. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §45-9-101

Concealed Weapon Permit Fee Exemption for Active Duty Military

Active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be exempt from the payment of concealed weapon permit fees and renewal fees. **Miss. Code Ann.**, § 45-9-101

Authorization of In-State Tuition for Nonresident Students Who Are United States Veterans or Persons Entitled for Veterans' Educational Assistance

Any Veteran, as defined by Title 38 of the United States Code, or a person entitled to education benefits under Title 38 of the United States Code is authorized to pay in-state tuition regardless of state residency status. **Miss. Code Ann.**, § 37-103-25

Credit for Taxpayers That Employ Certain Veterans

Any taxpayer that employs a person who is a new hire employed after January 1, 2015, who is an honorably discharged Veteran, as defined in Title 38 of the United States Code, who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who has been unemployed for six (6) consecutive months immediately prior to being employed by the taxpayer, shall be allowed an annual credit against the taxes imposed.

Employment Preference

The State Personnel Board designates the Veteran or disabled Veteran status of applicants on the lists of eligible applicants for job vacancies within state service. These lists are sent to the agencies seeking to fill vacancies.

In state layoffs, Veterans are granted preference and additional preference is given disabled Veterans. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §25-0-303

Privilege Tax

Persons who are 65 or older, blind, deaf, dumb, or with loss of hand or foot, or loss of use of the hand or foot or who can provide documentation that they are 50% disabled to perform physical labor and whose annual gross income is \$900.00 or less are exempt from payment of privilege tax for specified businesses. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §27-15-227

Mississippi State Retirement

Members of the State Public Employees Retirement System who served in the Armed Forces of the United States or who served in Maritime Service during periods of hostility in WWII shall be entitled to up to four (4) years credit for active duty in the Armed Forces or in such Maritime Service, provided they entered State Service after discharge from the Armed Forces or after completion of such Maritime Service. Credit may be extended beyond four (4) years for those persons who can provide positive proof that they were retained in the Armed Forces or such Maritime Service during WWII by causes beyond his control and without opportunity for discharge. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §25-11-109

Re-employment

Any person who is a member of any reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States who, in order to perform duties or receive training with the Armed Forces of the United States or of the State of Mississippi leaves a position, other than a temporary position, in the employ of any employer, and who shall give evidence of the Satisfactory completion of such duty or training, and who is still qualified to perform the duties of such position, shall be entitled to be restored to his previous or a similar position, in the same status, pay, and seniority. Such period of absence for military duty or training shall be construed as an absence with leave but may be without pay. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §33-1-19

Professional License Reciprocity

As passed by the Mississippi Legislature (2013 Regular Session) and Signed into law by the Governor: Senate Bill 2419 provides that Military and Military Spouses who are moving or have moved to Mississippi due to an active duty transfer may more quickly obtain licenses for many professions such as teaching, accounting, cosmetology, engineering and real estate brokerage. Licenses for physicians, nurses, dentists, dieticians, and other medical jobs are also included. The bill also provides that individuals with military training may (subject to guidelines set by licensing boards) count their experience toward requirements for various job licenses, certifications, and registrations. State licensing boards can grant either a permanent or temporary occupational license. People with temporary licenses can start working while applying for permanent ones. To view the complete bill: <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2013/html/SB/2400-2499/SB2419PS.htm>. Licensing for specific professions is regulated by cognizant Boards/Agencies. Individuals must contact individual licensing boards for information and eligibility.

COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

The majority of counties in Mississippi employ a County Veteran Service Officer to assist county residents with VA claims. County Veteran Service Officers can answer questions and provide information, examples listed below:

- **Applying for VA Benefits**
- **Checking on VA Claim Status**
- **Completing forms**
- **Providing advice to Veterans and their dependents**

COUNTY	HOURS	CONTACT INFORMATION
NAME ADDRESS		
ADAMS		
Sonjagela Johnson 800 Washington Street Natchez, MS 39121	Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Office: (601) 455-8706 Fax: (601) 442-2536 Email: veterans@natchez.ms.us
ALCORN		
Steve Wallace Deborah Hardin (Asst) Court House P.O. Box 158 Corinth, MS 38835	Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Office: (662) 286-7744 Cell: (901) 496-2475 Fax: (662) 284-4922 Email: swallace@co.alcorn.ms.us Email: dhardin@co.alcorn.ms.us
AMITE		
Jim Sterling 185 Irene Street P.O. Box 103 Liberty, MS 39645	Mon. 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Office: (601) 657-4197 Email: amitevso@bellsouth.net
ATTALA		
Mervin Foster Janie Wallace (Asst) 715 Fairground Road P.O. Box 421 Kosciusko, MS 39090	Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Office: (662) 289-6045 Cell: (662) 582-7795 Fax: (662) 289-0111 Email: attalavso@attalacounty.net Email: verserofc@att.net

BENTON**Donald Jeffers**

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 P.O. Box 218
 Ashland, MS 38603

Fri.
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 Carrollton, MS 3891

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 Cell: (662) 299-3931
 Fax: (662) 299-3931

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 South Okolona, MS 38860

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 Ackerman, MS 39735

Tue. & Thu.
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 P.O. Box 689
 Port Gibson, MS 39150

Tue. & Thu.
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 Quitman, MS 39355

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 West Point, MS 39773

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 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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 Fax: (662) 494-6141
 Email: ctollivar@claycountymys.gov

COAHOMA**Jerry D. Allhands**

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 P.O. Box 1221
 Clarksdale, MS 38614

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 Collins, MS 39428

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 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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38 Walnut Street
 P.O. Box 294
 Meadville, MS 39653

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 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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 Cell: (601) 384-6931
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GEORGE**Jerry Hite****Tina McCraney (Asst.)**

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Wed.
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Veterans Designation

The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety is authorized to provide the new, renewal or duplicate license, temporary driving permit, intermediate license or commercial driver's license to any honorably discharged Veteran as defined by federal law and such license or permit shall exhibit the letters "Vet" or any other mark identifying the person as a Veteran. The Veteran requesting the "Vet" designation shall present his DD 214 or equivalent document that includes a notation from the State Veterans Affairs Board that the applicant is a Veteran.

Miss. Code Ann., § 45-3-9, §63-1-35, and §45-35-3

Veterans must present a certified (stamped and sealed) copy of discharge document from the MS Veterans Affairs Board to obtain "VET" designation.

At least two (2) weeks before applying to the MS Department of Public Safety (MS DPS) for Veteran ("VET") designation on his/her MS driver's license or identification card, the Veteran shall provide to the Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board:

1. A copy of their discharge document (DD 214 or equivalent documentation); AND
2. A written request for verification of Veteran status.

The written request for verification/certification of Veteran status should include the following information:

1. Veteran's full name;
2. Veterans current mailing address;
3. Veteran's phone number; and
4. Veteran's signature.

Veteran's may submit their discharge document and request for verification/certification by:

1. MAIL: MS Veterans Affairs Board
(Vet Drivers License)
3466 Highway 80 East
P.O. Box 5947
Pearl, MS 39288
2. FAX: MS Veterans Affairs Board
(Vet Drivers License)
Fax# (601) 576-4868

Applicants must meet the definition of "Veteran" as outlined in Title 38 of the United States Code and be verified/certified by authorized Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board staff.

Once a Veteran status is verified/certified, the MS Veterans Affairs Board staff will place an approved stamp (as coordinated with MS DPS) and seal on the copy of the Veteran's discharge document and return the copy to the Veteran.

For Assistance, Veterans may contact the Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board at (601) 576-4850 or toll free at (877) 203-5632, or contact their local County Veterans Service Officer. Veterans are encouraged to visit the Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board web-site at www.vab.ms.gov.

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES

Photos of Mississippi Veteran and military license plates can be viewed on the website for the Mississippi Department of Revenue www.dor.ms.gov.

Once you enter the Dept. of Revenue website click on Tag/Titles, then click on Special Plates and then click on Available License Plates. Color photos of available specialty plates will be displayed.

Honoring Veterans

Any owner of a passenger vehicle, pickup truck or noncommercial motor vehicle can purchase the Honoring Veterans license plate. The plate costs an additional thirty dollars (\$30.00) over regular license plate fees and \$24.00 of that fee goes to support indigent Veterans residing the State Veterans Nursing Homes and the State Veterans Memorial Cemetery. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.140**

Veteran Motor Vehicles

In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by Mississippians who are honorably discharged Veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces, any such person is privileged to obtain distinctive motor vehicle license plates or tags for each motor vehicle registered in his name identifying his status as a Veteran. In addition, decals indicating branch and period of military service are to be affixed to the license tags. An additional annual tag fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) shall be collected for such license plates for the benefit of indigent Veterans who are residents of the State Veterans Nursing Homes. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.12**

Veteran Motorcycles

In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by Mississippians who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces, any such person is privileged to obtain distinctive motorcycle license plates or tags for each motorcycle registered in his name identifying his status as a veteran. In addition, decals indicating branch and period of military service are to be affixed to the license tags. An additional annual tag fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) shall be collected for such license plates for the benefit of indigent Veterans who are residents of the State Veterans Nursing Homes. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.125**

Gold Star Family

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi and a family member of a service member who has been killed in action or died in a combat zone while serving in the Armed Forces, and was a resident of Mississippi at the time of death, may purchase a Gold Star license tag for an additional thirty dollars (\$30.00), \$24.00 of which shall benefit indigent Veterans residing in the State Veterans Nursing Homes. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.162**

Afghanistan Veteran

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a Veteran and served in the Afghanistan theater of operations and was awarded either the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, for service in, or in support of operations in Afghanistan may purchase the Afghanistan Veteran license plate for an additional fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), \$24.00 of which will benefit the State Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the State Veterans Nursing Homes. **Miss. Code Ann.** § 27-19-56.187

Iraq Veteran

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a Veteran and served in the Iraq theater of operations and was awarded either the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, for service in, or in support of operations in Iraq may obtain the Iraq Veteran license plate for an additional fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), \$24.00 of which will benefit the State Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the State Veterans Nursing Homes. **Miss. Code Ann.** § 27-19-56.186

Vietnam Veteran

In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by a legal resident of Mississippi who is an honorably discharged Veteran who served in the United State Armed Forces during the Vietnam Conflict and was awarded a Vietnam Service Ribbon, may obtain the Vietnam Veteran license plate or tag for an additional fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), which shall benefit indigent Veterans residing in the State Veterans Nursing Home. **Miss. Code Ann.** § 27-19-56.85

Pearl Harbor Survivor

Any resident of the State of Mississippi who is an honorably discharged former member of one of the Armed Forces of the United States and while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States was present during the attack on the island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, between the hours of 7:55 AM and 9:45 AM, Hawaii time, is privileged to obtain two distinctive motor vehicle license plate for an additional tag fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for use on a private passenger vehicle (to include station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks) registered in the county of his or her legal residence. **Miss. Code Ann.** § 27-19-56.5

Disabled American Veteran

Any legal Veteran resident of the State of Mississippi with a service-connected disability (100%) from the Veterans Administration and evaluated as permanent and total by the VA; or a rating of total (100%) based on individual unemployability and evaluated as permanent and total by the VA; and the unmarried surviving spouse of such person, is privileged to purchase annually one (1) motor vehicle license plate or tag for a private passenger motor vehicle or pickup truck in his or her county of residence for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) in total cost. **Miss. Code Ann.**, §27-19-53

Purple Heart

Any resident of the State of Mississippi who can provide written proof that while serving in the Armed Forces of the United State he or she was awarded the Purple Heart Medal is privileged to obtain one free distinctive license plate or tag for use on a private passenger vehicle (to include station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks) registered in the county of his or her legal residence.

The unmarried surviving spouse of a deceased person who was issued a Purple Heart Medal license plate or tag may apply for or retain one (1) such license plate or tag which shall be exempt from taxes and fees. **Miss. Code Ann.** § 27-19-56.5

Bronze Star

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a Veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star medal while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States may obtain special license plates recognizing that award. Applicants must present official written proof of the award of the medal. The applicant must pay an additional thirty dollars (\$30.00) tag fee, \$24.00 of which benefits indigent Veterans residing in the State Veterans Nursing Homes. **Miss. Code Ann.** § 27-19-56.62

Distinguished Flying Cross & Air Medal

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross or Air Medal while in military service may purchase a special license plate recognizing that award. The applicant must present Satisfactory proof of award of the medal and pay an additional (\$30.00) tag fee. **Miss. Code Ann.** § 27-19-56.13

Silver Star

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a Veteran and was awarded the Silver Star medal while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States may obtain special license plates recognizing that award. Applicants must present official written proof of the award of the medal.

The Silver Star plate is exempt from all fees and taxes and may be retained by the un-remarried surviving spouse of the deceased Veteran recipient. Proof of marital status must be provided for the un-remarried spouse to obtain the Silver Star plate. **Miss. Code Ann.** § 27-19-56.284

Congressional Medal of Honor

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor and the unmarried surviving spouse of such person is privileged to obtain annually, one (1) motor vehicle license plate or tag for a private passenger motor vehicle or pickup truck in the county of his residence. The CMH license plate or tag is exempt from all motor vehicle registration fees and privilege taxes. **Miss. Code Ann.** § 27-19-54

Ex-Prisoner of War

Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who was a prisoner of war, and the unmarried surviving spouse of such person, is privileged to obtain annually one (1) motor vehicle license plate or tag for a private passenger vehicle or pickup truck in the county of his or her residence. The Ex-POW license plate or tag is exempt from all motor vehicle registration fees and privilege taxes. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-54**

Navy and Marine Corps Medal

In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by a legal resident of the State of Mississippi who received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, any such Veteran may obtain a Navy and Marine Corps Medal license plate or tag for an additional thirty dollars (\$30.00), \$24.00 of which shall benefit indigent Veterans residing at the State Veterans Nursing Homes. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.199**

Reserve, National Guard, Merchant Marine, Retired

Any resident of the State of Mississippi who has completed an active duty career with the Armed Forces of the United States and active duty and retired members of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, United States Reserves and those United States Merchant Marines in maritime service during the period from December 7, 1941, to August 15, 1945, and their surviving spouses may be issued distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag at no additional cost in the county of his or her legal residence. **Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-51**

