

Mississippi State Veteran's Benefits & Discounts

2017



The state of Mississippi provides several veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

- Housing Benefits
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Veteran Housing Programs

Mississippi Veterans Home Purchase Board

The Veterans Home Purchase Board provides low interest mortgage loans 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. The unmarried surviving spouse of eligible persons who died as a result of service or service-connected injuries qualifies, as well as the unremarried spouse of any eligible veteran who has not purchased a home since the veteran's death are eligible.

State Veterans Nursing Homes

Mississippi Veteran homes are located at:

- Collins Veterans Home, 3261 Hwy 49 South, Collins, Ms.39428 Tel: (601) 765-0403/5045F Email: lbanks@vab.ms.gov
- Jackson Veterans home, 4607 Lindbergh Drive, Jackson, Ms. 39209 Tel: (601) 353-6142/ (601) 354-6060F Email: hsmith@vab.ms.gov
- Martha Jo Leslie State Veterans Home, 310 Autumn Ridge Drive, Kosciusko, Ms.39090 Tel: (662) 289 7044/7824F Email: pjohnson@vab.ms.gov
- Oxford Veterans Home, 120 Veterans Drive, Oxford, Ms. 38655 Tel: (662) 236-7641/7863F Email: rmcminn@vab.ms.gov

Each of the four State Veterans Nursing Homes has 150 beds and provides skilled nursing home care for eligible Veterans and spouses. Eligibility for admission to the Homes requires that the applicant:

1. Was active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions (applicant must supply Form DD 214 or equivalent report of Separation from Service); or a spouse of a veteran who is currently a resident of a Mississippi State Veterans Home or deceased.
2. Be or have been a Mississippi resident; however, if no Mississippi resident is waiting for admission, a non-resident may be admitted to the home.
3. Have had a medical examination by a personal or VA-physician within 30 days of admission and, as a result, demonstrate that he/she:
 - Does not have a communicable disease;
 - Does not require medical or hospital care for which the Home is not equipped or staffed to provide;
 - Does not have traits which may prove dangerous to the physical wellbeing of other residents, employees or the veteran.

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. A portion of the cost of care in a Mississippi State Veterans Home is covered by the VA with the remaining cost paid by the veteran or by his/her family; from available funding sources, such as military or civilian retirement; VA compensation or non-service connected pension; social security benefits for personal funds. Indigent veterans may qualify for financial assistance.

The homes offer trained specialists and a variety of health care disciplines, the latest in medical technology and equipment, full support services and access to nearby amenities. Each home:

- Employs a licensed medical director and provides long term care. These physicians provide admission exams and routine physical examinations. They visit residents to ensure their physical wellbeing. They provide care to all residents; however veterans may also choose a private physician at their own expense.
- Employs a licensed nursing staff, supervised by a registered nurse. The staff serves residents 24 hours a day. Nursing personnel offer a broad range of experience, with a particular emphasis on geriatric services.
- Provides rehabilitation services by a licensed professional. To improve and maintain maximum functioning of each veteran, the homes offer occupational, physical, speech and hearing therapy.
- Provides medication for the residents and has a licensed pharmacist who reviews drug regimens and counsels residents on medication usage.

Staff at Mississippi State Veterans Homes strive to provide a comfortable home for the veterans. A full range of daily living services are available to help make each day a pleasant and productive one.

- Recreational activities encourage residents to lead active lives by meeting their physical, emotional, social and religious needs.
- Service officers provide counseling to residents and their families. Residents may also receive assistance in obtaining financial benefits.
- All meals are prepared on site, and special therapeutic diets are available if prescribed by a physician. The nutritional needs of each resident are supervised by registered dietitians. Meals are served in the attractive dining halls and residents' rooms.
- Transportation to and from community activities and medical appointments may be provided by each home. In an emergency, ambulance service to near-by hospitals may also be provided.

Applications for admission to the Mississippi State Veterans Homes may be obtained from the homes, county veterans service officers (listed at <http://www.vab.ms.gov/csolist.pdf>) or online at <http://www.vab.ms.gov> The completed application should be sent to the home of choice. The admission committee at the home reviews the application, and a member of the social work staff will contact the applicant's family to arrange admission. The process usually takes approximately two weeks, but may be shortened in emergency situations. At the time of approval, if no spaces are available in the applicant's home of choice, the applicant may choose to an alternative home or place on a waiting list until space becomes available.

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 unemployability 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.



Martha Jo Leslie State Veterans Home of Kosciusko

Financial Assistance Benefits

Income Tax

Military Retirement pay is not taxed.

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..

Ad Valorem Tax

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

Employment Benefits

Employment Preference

The State Personnel Board grants each veteran who is fully qualified preference over other applicants for initial or promotional appointments (5 points). Disabled veterans are given additional preference (10 points). In state layoffs, veterans are granted preference and additional preference is given disabled veterans.

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.

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 Employment Security Commission

Veterans seeking assistance regarding employment or unemployment insurance benefits should contact their local Mississippi Employment Security Commission Office for assistance. MS Employment Security Commission offices are located in larger cities and towns throughout the state.

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.

Education Benefits

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 a foreign government 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.

The Adjutant General is authorized to pay the tuition for any member in good standing with the active Mississippi National Guard who is enrolled within the State of Mississippi in an accredited institution of higher learning and who is not eligible for GI Bill educational assistance and who meets requirements specified in Mississippi law.

Military personnel stationed in Mississippi are classified as state residents for the purposes of payment of tuition at state colleges and universities.

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 in-state tuition. Miss. Code Ann., § 37-103-25

Recreation Benefits

Hunting and Fishing Licenses

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

Concealed Weapon Permit Fee Exemption

- *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 12

Other State Veteran Benefits

Documents

- The State 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 veterans who are legal residents of the State of Mississippi or their claimants.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- The school board of a local school district may award an honorary high school diploma in a form prescribed and supplied to school districts by the State Board of Education to veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Conflict who were unable to complete their education due to their military service. The honorary diploma is available to any honorably discharged veteran residing in Mississippi who was (a) scheduled to graduate between 1941 and 1955 but was inducted into military service before completing the necessary graduation requirements, or (b) was scheduled to graduate between 1963 and 1973 but volunteered for military service and received the Vietnam Service Ribbon. Family members of deceased eligible veterans may apply for the diploma to be awarded posthumously. Miss. Code Ann., § 37-16-13

Concealed Weapons

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

State Veterans Memorial Cemetery

The Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery is open for in-ground burials and accepts cremains for both in-ground or columbarium interment. The cemetery is located approximately three (3) miles east of Newton on Highway 80 at 248 Honor Circle, Newton, MS 39345 Tel: (601) 683.2959/2958F. Veterans, their spouses and eligible dependent children can be buried in the Cemetery. The cemetery currently under construction in Kilmichael will be located on Highway 82 west. Burial for Veterans is at no cost unless the burial involves re-interment from another cemetery and the VA burial allowance has previously been paid. A fee must be paid to bury non-Veteran spouses and eligible dependent children. 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.

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

Vehicle License Plates

Photos of Mississippi Veteran and military license plates can be viewed on the web site for the Mississippi Department of Revenue <http://www.dor.ms.gov> . Once you enter the Dept. of Revenue web site 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.

The following are special vehicle military license plates issued to eligible persons in Mississippi:

- Active Reserve
- Afghanistan Veteran
- Air Medal
- Bronze Star
- Disabled Veteran
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Former Prisoner of War
- Gold Star Family
- Iraq Veteran
- Killed In Action
- Marines
- Medal of Honor
- National Guard
- Navy & Marine Corps
- Pearl Harbor Survivors
- Purple Heart
- Retired Armed Forces
- Retired Armed Forces, Air Force
- Retired Armed Forces, Army
- Retired Armed Forces, Coast Guard
- Retired Armed Forces, Merchant Marines
- Retired Armed Forces, National Guard
- Retired Armed Forces, Navy
- RAF Reserve
- Silver Star
- Veteran
- Vietnam Veteran
- Iraq Veteran
- Afghanistan Veteran





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
 NAME/ADDRESS CONTACT INFORMATION

ADAMS

Sonjagela Johnson Office Open: Monday – Friday
 307 Market Street Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Natchez, MS 39120 Office: (601) 304-7800
 Email: veterans@adamscountymys.us

ALCORN

Steve Wallace Office Open: Monday-Friday
 Jill Bascomb Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Deborah Hardin (Asst.) Office: (662) 286-7744
 Court House Cell: (901) 496-2475

P.O. Box 158 Fax: (662) 284-4922
Corinth, MS 38835 Email: swallace@co.alcorn.ms.us
Email: dhardin@co.alcorn.ms.us

AMITE

Jim Sterling Office Open: Monday
185 Irene Street Office Hours: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 103 Office Open: Friday
Liberty, MS 39645 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Office: (601) 657-4197
Email: amitevso@bellsouth.net

ATTALA

Mervin Foster Office Open: Monday –Thursday
Janie Wallace (Asst.) Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
715 Fairground Road Office: (662) 287-6045
P.O. Box 421 Fax: (662) 289-0111
Kosciusko, MS 39090 Email: attalavso@attalacounty.net
Email: verserofc@att.net
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BENTON

Donald Jeffers Office Open: Friday
Benton Courthouse Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 218 Office: (662) 224-6325
Ashland, MS 38603 Fax: (662) 224-6303
Email: veterans@bentoncountymys.gov

BOLIVAR

Richard Coleman Office Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Sherry B. Williamson Friday
113 South Davis Street Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Highway 61 Office: (662) 843-2471
P.O. Box 4067 Fax: (662) 846-5898
Cleveland, MS 38732 Email: bevso2013@yahoo.com

CALHOUN

Robert Gosa Office Open: Tuesday & Thursday
American Legion Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – Until
496 Veterans Avenue Office: (662) 628-1933
P.O. Box 534 Cell: (662) 983-9328
Calhoun City, MS 38916 Fax: (662) 628-1933
Email: bobgosa@tds.net

CARROLL

Percy Norwood Office Open: Monday (Carrollton)
Courthouse Tuesday (Vaiden)
Carrollton, MS Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Vaiden, MS Office: (662) 237-9274
P.O. Box 60 Fax: (662) 237-9642
Carrollton, MS 38917

CHICKASAW

Kenneth Nichols Office Open: Appointment Only
665 North Jefferson Street Office: (662) 456-3652
Houston, MS 38851 Email: krnichols@bellsouth.net

Mailing:

285 County Road 63
Woodland, MS 39776
Gilbert A. Wise, Jr. Office Open: Appointment Only
793 Highway 245 Office: (662) 542-3575
South Okolona, MS 38860 Home: (662) 447-3116
Email: wisehouse53@gmail.com
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CHOCTAW

Mark Bunn Office Open: Tuesday & Thursday
583 West Main Street Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 280 Office: (662) 285-3322
Ackerman, MS 39735 Cell: (662) 285-7719
Fax: (662) 285-3322
Email: choctawcountymvets@gmail.com

CLAIBORNE

James Jackson Office Open: Tuesday & Thursday
1703 Bride Will Lane Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Building Office: (601) 437-1105
P.O. Box 616 Cell: (601) 400-3601
Quitman, MS 39355 Fax: (601) 437-4431
Email: jjackson@ccmsgov.us

CLARKE

Ronald “Ron” Holloway Office Open: Appointment Only
100 East Church Street Office: (601) 776-2461
P.O. Box 616 Cell: (601) 686-1514
Quitman, MS 39355 Home: (601) 776-2040
Fax: (601) 776-1013
Email: rnholloway@bellsouth.net

CLAY

Charles Tolliver Office Open: Monday – Friday
218 West Broad Street Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 1203 Appointment Only
West Point, MS 39773 Office: (662) 494-1554
Fax: (662) 494-6141
Email: ctollivar@claycountymys.gov

COAHOMA

Jerry D. Allhands Office Open: Monday – Thursday
504 2nd Street Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 1221 Appointment Only
Clarksdale, MS 38614 Office: (662) 624-5201
Email: jda1776@hotmail.com

COPIAH

Ronald “Ron” Evans Office Open: Monday & Wednesday
122 South Lowe Street Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 507 Office: (601) 894-4101
Hazlehurst, MS 39083 Fax: (601) 894-4081
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COVINGTON

Bill Watson Office Open: Monday - Friday
502 South Arrington Ave Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
P.O. Box 1679 Office: (601) 765-4004
Collins, MS 39428 Fax: (601) 765-0283
Email: veterans@covingtoncountyma.com

DESOTO

Roy Andrews Office Open: Tuesday & Thursday
Maxwell Bldg – Suite B Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
6595 Hwy 305N Office Open: Wednesday
Olive Branch, MS 38654 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Cell: (662) 404-6598
Email: randrews@desotocountyma.gov

FORREST

Debbie Fennell-Abott Office Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
1200 Corinne Street Friday
P.O. Box 550 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Hattiesburg, MS 39403 Office Open: Wednesday
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Office: (601) 583-4521
Fax: (601) 582-4947
Email: debbieaf72@yahoo.com

FRANKLIN

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38 Walnut Street Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 294 Office: (601) 384-2763
Meadville, MS 39653 Cell: (601) 384-6931
Fax: (601) 384-2763
Email: franklincountyvso@gmail.com

GEORGE

Jerry Hite Office Open: Wednesday
Tina McCraney (Asst.) Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
1st Floor Courthouse Office: (601) 247-2117
355 Cox Street Fax: (601) 947-8804
Lucedale, MS 39452 Email: veteranaffairs@georgecountyma.gov
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GREENE

Bill Harvison Office Open: Tuesday & Friday
313 Lafayette Avenue Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 1244 Office: (601) 394-2442
Leakesville, MS 39452 Cell: (601) 770-5177
Email: billyharvison@wildblue.net

GRENADA

Eric Williamson Office Open: Tuesday & Thursday
Grenada County Courthouse Office Hours: Appointment Only
2231 McSwine Road Cell: (662) 299-8410
Grenada, MS 38901 Fax: (662) 227-2860
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Tim Bourgeois Office Open: Monday – Thursday

854 Highway 90, Suite A Office Hours: 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 Appointments Preferred
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Fax: (228) 466-2503
Email: tbvso@co.hancock.ms.us

HARRISON

Julia Encalade Office Open: Monday & Wednesday
BILOXI OFFICE Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Appt. Only)
730 Martin Luther King Blvd. Office: (228) 435-8271
Courthouse 1st Floor Cell: (228) 236-7391
P.O. Box 413 Fax: (228) 436-8649
Biloxi, MS 39533 Email: vetoff2@co.harrison.ms.us

GULFPORT OFFICE Office Open: Tuesday & Thursday

1801 23RD Avenue Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Appt. Only)
P.O. Drawer CC Office: (228) 865-4027
Gulfport, MS 39502 Cell: (228) 236-7391

HINDS

Mamie Pickett Brown Office Open: Monday – Friday
316 South President Street Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Jackson, MS 39205 Office: (601) 968-5408
Email: mbrown@co.hinds.ms.us
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HOLMES

Andrew Carnegie, Jr. Office Open: Monday – Friday
2 Court Square Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Appt. Only)
Lexington, MS 39095 Office: (662) 834-2508
P.O. Box 398 Home: (662) 235-0143
Tchula, MS 39169 Fax: (662) 235-4633
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HUMPHREYS

Diane Toy Office Open: Tuesday & Thursday
Belzoni Courthouse Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 234 Office: (662) 247-0143
Belzoni, MS 39038 Cell: (662) 836-8740

ISSAQUENA

Jessie Short Office Open:
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ITAWAMBA

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JACKSON

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Pascagoula, MS 39568 Fax: (228) 696-6284
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JASPER

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P.O. Box 191 Office: (601) 764-2871
Bay Springs, MS 39422 Fax: (601) 764-2035
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JEFF DAVIS

Joe Bridges Office Open: Monday & Tuesday
Courthouse Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 2121 Office Open: Wednesday
Prentiss, MS 39474 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wellness Center Office: (601) 792-5939
Bassfield, MS. Cell: (601) 517-6205
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JEFFERSON

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Fax: (601) 786-6009
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JONES

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515 North 5th Avenue Office: (601) 428-0467
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Email: ksmith@co.jones.ms.us

KEMPER

Marie Wilson Office Open: Monday & Tuesday
39 Bell Street Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 252 Office: (601) 743-2247
Dekalb, MS 39328 Cell: (601) 803-3266
Email: kcvso@att.net

LAFAYETTE

Chester Starks Office Open: Appointment Only
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125 Veterans Drive Office: (662) 236-3111
Oxford, MS 38655 Cell: (662) 419-1856
Mailing: Email: veterans@lafayettecoms.com
722 M.L.K. Jr. Drive
Oxford, MS 38655
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LAMAR

Joseph Ventura Office Open: Monday – Friday
Suzanne Oddo (Asst.) Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Oak Grove Senior Center Office: (601) 336-5019
5874 West 4th Street Cell: (601) 620-8022
Hattiesburg, MS 39402 Email: jventura@lamarcounty.com
Jay Statham (Asst.) Office Open: Wednesday
12 Veterans Drive Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Purvis, MS 39475 Office: (601) 794-4218
Cell: (601) 436-0130
Fax: (601) 794-4218
Email: va@lamarcounty.com
Robert Robertson (Asst.) Office Open: Monday
19 Center Lane Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sumrall, MS 39482 Office: (601) 758-0015
Fax: (601) 758-0015
Email: rrobertson@lamarcounty.com

LAUDERDALE

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Meridian, MS 39302 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Appt. Only)
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Cell: (601) 482-9845
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LAWRENCE

Ron Cox Office Open: Tuesday
County Office Building Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 1160 Office Open: Wednesday
Monticello, MS 39654 Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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Cell: (601) 669-4630
Fax: (601) 587-0750
Email: veterans@co.lawrence.ms.us
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LEAKE

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101 Court Square, Room 102 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Carthage, MS 39051 Office: (601) 267-7200
Cell: (601) 486-3592
Fax: (601) 267-7200
Email: garythaggard@bellsouth.net

LEE

Marilyn Reed Office Open: Monday – Friday
300 West Main Street Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Tupelo, MS 38802 Fax: (662) 432-2098
Email: veterans@co.lee.ms.us

LEFLORE

Cleopas “Cleo” Massey Office Open: Monday – Friday
310 West Market Street Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

P.O. Box 250 Office: (662) 453-3157
Greenwood, MS 38935 Fax: (662) 451-7324
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LINCOLN

Dwayne Gill Office Open: Thursday
Curtis Oliver (Asst.) Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Courthouse Office: (601) 835-3470
301 South First Street, Rm.203 Fax: (601) 835-3455
Brookhaven, MS 39601 Email: vsolincoln@co.lincoln.ms.us

LOWNDES

James Richardson Office Open: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday
Annie Hines (Asst.) Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
308 Chubby Drive Office Open: Thursday
American Legion Building Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
P.O. Box 9446 Office Open: Friday
Columbus, MS 39705 Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
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Office: (662) 329-5777
Fax: (662) 328-5430
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MADISON

Tom Logue Office Open: Monday & Tuesday
Gina Walker (Asst.) Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
125 West North Street Office Open: Monday – Friday
Madison, MS 39110 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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MARION

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250 Broad Street, Suite 13 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Columbia, MS 39429 Office Open: Friday
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Office: (601) 736-2239
Fax: (601) 414-1236
Email: dblansett@marioncountymys.com

MARSHALL

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Holly Springs, MS 38635 Email: c_tucker.cvsomarshall@yahoo.com

MONROE

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523 Highway 145 North Cell: (662) 436-9191
P.O. Box 813 Fax: (662) 369-4651
Aberdeen, MS 39730 Email: monroeveterans@gmail.com

Sheaffer Humphries Office Open: Monday – Wednesday
Government Complex
Building

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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Amory, MS 38821 Fax: (662) 305-3207
Email: msg@att.net

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MONTGOMERY

William “Harvey”
Overstreet
Office Open: Thursday & Friday
608 Summit Street Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Courthouse Office: (662) 283-1618
P.O. Box 401 Cell: (662) 417-7762
Winona, MS 38967 Home: (662) 262-7188
Fax: (662) 283-4584

NESHOBA

William P. “Bill” Boyle Office Open: Monday – Friday
Keisha Moore (Asst.) Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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1200 Highway 15 North, Suite 2
Fax: (601) 656-5042
Philadelphia, MS 39350 Email: bboyle@neshobacounty.net

NEWTON

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14712 Highway 15 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 665 Office: (601) 635-2178
Decatur, MS 39327 Fax: (601) 635-4014

NOXUBEE

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158 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 348 Office: (662) 726-5423
Macon, MS 39341 Fax: (662) 726-5423
Email: y.s.o.sarahwells@yahoo.com

OKTIBBEHA

Ammiana Kenard Office Open:
Main Courthouse 2nd Floor Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
101 East Main Street Office: (662) 323-6155
Starkville, MS 39759 Email: oktibehhacountyveteransservice@gmail.com

PANOLA

Daniel Brown Office Open: Tuesday
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Email: daniel.brown77@yahoo.com

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PEARL RIVER

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Poplarville, MS 39470 Fax: (601) 403-2567
Email: cindys@pearlrivercounty.net

PERRY

Jack Cooley Office Open: Friday
103 South Main Street Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Perry County Courthouse Office: (601) 964-8214
New Augusta, MS 39462 Fax: (601) 964-8214
Email: perrycovaoffice@ftcweb.net

PIKE

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McComb, MS 39649 Home Fax: (601) 684-1810
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PONTOTOC

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Pontotoc, MS 38863

PRENTISS

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Booneville, MS 38829 Office: Office: (662) 728-5532

QUITMAN (TUNICA)

Robert Jamison Office Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
1054 Charlie Pride Highway Office Hours: Appointment Only
Marks, MS 38646 Office: (601) 326-8800
P.O. Box 326 Cell: (601) 444-3818
Lambert, MS 38643

RANKIN

Fredrick “Fred” W. Davis Office Open: Tuesday & Wednesday
211 East Government Street, Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Suite A Office: (601) 824-2652
Brandon, MS 39042 Cell: (601) 497-8208
Fax: (601) 825-9205
Email: fdavis@rankincounty.org

SCOTT

James Brown Office Open: Monday – Friday (Closed Tuesday)
521 Airport Road Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Forest, MS 39074 Office: (601) 469-4477
Morton City Hal Office Open: Tuesday
Morton, MS 39117 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Office: (601) 469-4477

SHARKEY

Lauretta Warren Office Open: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
301 East China Street Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 218 Office: (662) 873-6141
Rolling Fork, MS 39159 Office: (662) 873-2755
Email: warrenlauretta0@yahoo.com

SIMPSON

Raybon “Leo” Windham Office Open: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
2nd Floor Old Courthouse Office Hours: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
113 Traci Drive Office: (601) 847-1354
Mendenhall, MS 39114 Cell: (601) 408-0812
Email: leowindhamdav@gmail.com

SMITH

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Fax: (601) 782-9488
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STONE

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Email: vso@stonecountymys.gov
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SUNFLOWER

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Indianola, MS 38751 Fax: (662) 887-7077
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Fax: (662) 846-1799
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TALLAHATCHIE

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Home: (662) 647-5305
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Robert W. Richards Office Open: Wednesday & Thursday
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TIPPAH

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Ripley, MS 38663 Office Open: Wednesday
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

TISHIMINGO

Richard Pharr Office Open: Monday – Friday (Closed Thursday)
1008 Battleground Drive Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Iuka, MS 38852 Cell: (662) 279-0690
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TUNICA (QUITMAN)

Robert Jamison Office Open: Wednesday
Highway 61 South Office Hours: Appointment Only
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Tunica, MS 38676 Cell: (662) 444-3818

UNION

Mike Bennett Office Open: Monday – Wednesday
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P.O. Box 547 Cell: (662) 317-0216
New Albany, MS 38652 Email: mbennet@unioncoms.com

WALTHALL

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P.O. Drawer 410 Office Open: Wednesday & Saturday
Tylertown, MS 39667 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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WAYNE

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609 Azalea Drive Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Waynesboro, MS 39367 Office Open: Thursday
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Office: (601) 735-4258
Fax: (601) 671-3761

WEBSTER

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1842 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
1234 MS Highway 182 Office: (662) 258-3051
Eupora, MS 39744 Cell: (662) 552-1304
Fax: (662) 258-3093
Email: dellison42748@gmail.com

WILKINSON

Troy Orso Office Open: 2nd & 4th Wednesday
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Gloster, MS 39638 Email: orso.troy@gmail.com
Ginger Cain Office Open: 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday
Town Hall, Centreville Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
519 North Lovers Lane Cell: (318) 594-1549
Centreville, MS 39631 Email: coop71441@yahoo.com

WINSTON

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Fax: (662) 773-9557
Email: tkelley@winstoncounty.org

YALOBUSHA

Mickell Dunn Office Open: Monday – Saturday
American Legion Bldg. 100 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Appt. Only)
259 County Road 114 Office: (662) 714-5600
Water Valley, MS 38965 Email: mickelldunn@hotmail.com

YAZOO

Pete Spiars Office Open: Wednesday
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Visit the Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board website <http://www.vab.ms.gov> for contact information and benefits assistance

[Source: <http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/mississippi-state-veterans-benefits.html> SEP 20167 ++]

Military Discounts in Mississippi

1. MVDC has a list of close to 2,500 locations in Mississippi that have discounts for military personnel or veterans. Similar to businesses, the state of Mississippi provides discounts for its veterans and military population.

2. Veterans Designation on drivers license: **Yes**

3. Discounted Fees and Taxes

- \$15,000 of military income exempt from state taxes (National Guard only)
- Retired military pay exempt from state taxes

4. Education Discounts

- The Mississippi Education Assistance Program pays tuition up to \$250 per hour, maximum \$4,500 per year for eligible national guard members to obtain associates and bachelor's degrees
- In-state tuition rates for non-resident active duty personnel and national guard members
- Tuition waivers for children or spouses of disabled veterans or service members that have died in action at in state schools

6. To find businesses that provide military and veteran discounts refer to <http://militaryandveteransdiscounts.com>.

[Source: <http://militaryandveteransdiscounts.com/location/mississippi.html> SEP 2017 ++]