

# Kansas State Veteran's Benefits

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

- Veteran Housing Benefits
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- Recreation Benefits
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## Veteran Housing

### **Kansas State Veterans Homes**

Kansas runs two veterans homes, in Winfield and Fort Dodge. Applicants must have received an "other than dishonorable" discharge and be either disabled, indigent, or willing to pay for care. Spouses may accompany veterans on a space-available basis.

**Eligibility** - Veterans seeking admission must have active federal service. Active service means full-time service as a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard. The discharge from the period of active federal service on which the application is based must have been under conditions other

than dishonorable. On a space available basis, spouses and surviving spouses may qualify for admission. The veteran seeking admission must also be in one of the following categories:

- Veterans with service-connected disabilities.
- Veterans who are former prisoners of war.
- Veterans who were discharged or released from active military service for disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.
- Veterans who receive disability compensation under 38 U.S.C. 1151.
- Veterans whose entitlement to disability compensation is suspended because of the receipt of retired pay.
- Veterans whose entitlement to disability compensation is suspended pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 1151, but only to the extent that such veterans continuing eligibility for nursing home care is provided for in the judgment or settlement described in 38 U.S.C. 1151.
- Veterans who the VA determines are unable to defray the expenses of necessary care as specified under 38 U.S.C. 1722(a).
- Veterans of the Mexican Border Period or of World War I.
- Veterans solely seeking care for a disorder associated with exposure to a toxic substance or radiation or for a disorder associated with service in the Southwest Asia Theater or operations during the Persian Gulf War as provided in 38 U.S.C. 1710(e).
- Veterans who agree to pay to the United States the applicable co-payment determined under 38 U.S.C. 1710 (f) and 1710 (g), if they seek VA hospital nursing home or outpatient care.

**Admissions** - The first priority for admission shall be given to veterans who have no adequate means of support. Within this group, priority shall be based on the severity of medical care required and the ability to acquire and afford care or residency in the community. Applicants for the Home need not have been actual residents of the State of Kansas; however, Kansas residents will receive priority for acceptance in the Home. To access the admission forms click on the following as needed:

- [VA Form 10-10EZ](#)
- [VA Form 10-5345](#)
- [Receive Release Health Information](#)
- [Application Checklist](#)
- [Application for Admission](#)

### **Kansas Soldiers' Home Fort Dodge**

1. The Kansas Soldiers' Home at Fort Dodge, Kansas is located approximately 5 miles east of Dodge City, Kansas, on Highway 400 (formerly 154). Fort Dodge dates back to 1865 when it was ordered to be built as a supply post for people and wagon trains traveling the Santa Fe Trail. Fort Dodge was strategically located to the wet and dry routes of the Santa Fe Trail. Facilities include a library/museum, a modern nursing home, a recreation center, resident/staff fitness room, three domiciliary residence halls (i.e. domiciliary unit, 30 long term care unit, and a 26 bed special care unit for dementia) and 60 cottages.



**Eisenhower Hall**



**Custer House**



**Outpatient Clinic**

2. Services Offered include restorative care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, laundry, activities, dietary services social services, nursing, and psychological services. Also one of several VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Kansas is on grounds at the Kansas Soldiers' Home.
3. Contact Information: David Smith, Superintendent, 714 Sheridan-Unit 128, Fort Dodge, Kansas 67843, Phone: (620) 227-2121 ext. 112 Fax: (620) 225-6331 or Ron Friess, Clinical Director ext. 146 Email: [Ron.Friess@ksh.state.ks.us](mailto:Ron.Friess@ksh.state.ks.us).

### **Kansas Veterans' Home Winfield.**

1. This community has a population of approximately 12,000 and is located 35 miles southeast of Wichita, Kansas. Friendly people are one of the community's greatest assets. Winfield has a growing business community and excellent schools, including Southwestern College.



**Bleckley Hall**



**Bleckley Dining Room**



**Don Lon Hall**

2. Services Offered include skilled restorative care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychological services, dietary services (nutritious meals individualized to meet each resident's needs), social services, Activities (Activity rooms with cable TV and internet connected computers, Social opportunities with other veterans, and Weekly and monthly outings for residents), laundry services, resident/staff fitness room, transportation to and from local health care providers including the Robert J. Dole Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center at Wichita, 24-hour security systems and grounds patrol, a trained and professional staff that receives ongoing education to meet the needs of the residents, private and semi-private rooms, Affordable costs; Social opportunities with other veterans; Qualifying medications provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs at no additional charge to veteran residents; 48 bed domiciliary unit; 118 bed long-term care unit; and 24 bed special care unit for Alzheimers and related dementia.

3. Contact Information: Kafer Peele, Superintendent, 1220 World War II Memorial Drive, Winfield, Kansas 67156, Phone: (620) 221-9479 ext. 201, Fax: (620) 229-9050 [kpeelee@kcva.org](mailto:kpeelee@kcva.org) or Andrea Jones, Clinical Director, ext. 250, Email [ajones@kcva.org](mailto:ajones@kcva.org).

## **Financial Assistance Benefits**

### **State Income Tax**

Military retirement pay is not taxed by the state.

### **Homestead Act**

Disabled veterans can claim a homestead refund. Veterans must be Kansas residents, honorably discharged, and certified to have at least 50% permanent disability sustained through military actions. Surviving spouses of deceased disabled veterans are also eligible to claim the Homestead exemption until they remarry. An original Veterans Disability Determination Letter or Letter from a Regional V.A. that includes the disability date verifying the disability occurred prior to Jan. 1, 2009 and percentage of permanent disability must be filed with the Homestead Refund Claim (K-40H). Surviving spouse of active duty service members who died in the line of duty are also eligible to claim a Homestead refund and remain eligible until such time as they remarry. Refer to <http://www.ksrevenue.org/faqs-taxhomestead.html> for more in on the homestead act

### **Burial Benefits**

- **Headstones and Markers:** The State of Kansas can furnish a monument to mark the unmarked grave of an eligible veteran if not covered by the federal government.
- **Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC):** The State of Kansas can complete a request to provide a PMC for eligible recipients.
- **Burial Flag:** The United States Post Office or the State of Kansas through the Kansas Veterans' Affairs Commission can provide an American flag to drape over an eligible veteran's casket.
- **Reimbursement of Burial Expenses:** The State of Kansas can assist in completing the forms necessary to receive a burial allowance of \$2,000 for veterans who die of service-related causes. For certain other veterans, the VA can pay \$300 for burial and funeral expenses and \$300 for a burial plot.
- **Burial in a National or State Veterans Cemetery:** Most veterans, spouses and some dependents can be buried in a national cemetery or one of the three state veterans cemeteries at no cost to the veteran or their family.
- **Time Limits:** There is no time limit for claiming reimbursement of burial expenses for a service-related death. In other cases, claims must be filed within 2 years of the veteran's burial.

### **Prescription Drug Coverage**

The State of Kansas can assist in completing the application process to determine eligibility for VA provided medications for certain high priority veterans, including those with low incomes (below VA pension thresholds). Eligible veterans can receive free prescriptions or may be eligible for medications with a low co-payment.

## **Disability Benefits**

- Disability Compensation. The KCVA can assist you in filing the forms for Disability Compensation for service connected disability determinations and in filing the necessary forms for Disability Pension.
- Basic entitlement for a veteran exists if the veteran is disabled as the result of a personal injury or disease (including aggravation of a condition existing prior to service) while in active service if the injury or the disease was incurred or aggravated in line of duty. The State of Kansas can assist survivors in completing these eligibility forms applicable to:
  - ✓ Service members who died on active duty
  - ✓ Veterans who died from service-related disabilities
  - ✓ Certain veterans who were being paid 100%
- Death Pension is payable to some surviving spouses and children of deceased wartime veterans. The benefit is based on financial need.
- Time Limits: There is no deadline for applying for disability benefits.

## **Home Loans**

The State of Kansas can provide assistance in locating approved lenders and completing applications for loan guarantees. The VA and local banks offer a number of home loan services to eligible veterans, some military personnel, and certain spouses. VA can guarantee part of a loan from a private lender to help you buy a home, a manufactured home, a lot for a manufactured home, or certain types of condominiums. The VA also guarantees loans for building, repairing, and improving homes. VA mortgage, the VA can help you refinance your loan at a lower interest rate. You may also refinance a non-VA loan.

## **Employment Benefits**

Any veteran with a campaign medal, a service-connected disability, retired as an O-3 or below, or the spouse of a 100% disabled veteran can get veterans preference for a state job. Veterans preference guarantees an interview and to consideration for the position.

## **Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment**

The State of Kansas through the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs can assist veterans with serious service-connected disabilities in applying through the VA for services to improve their ability to live as independently as possible. Some of the services provided are:

- VA notifies you in writing that you have at least a 10 percent rating for a service-connected disability.
- Job Search: Assistance in finding and maintaining suitable employment
- Vocational Evaluation: An evaluation of abilities, skills, interests, and needs
- Career Exploration: Vocational counseling and planning
- Vocational Training: If needed, training such as on-the-job and non-paid work experience
- Education Training: If needed, education training to accomplish the rehabilitation goal
- Rehabilitation Service: Supportive rehabilitation and counseling services

Time Limits: You generally have 12 years

### **Employment Programs**

1. KANSASWORKS at <https://www.kansasworks.com/ada/r> is your best source to post and find jobs in Kansas. Priority of service is given to qualified veterans when referring individuals to job services.
2. The KanSERVE program at assists veterans in finding available civilian jobs and training utilizing occupational specialty codes. Choose a specific occupation by selecting one of the options available at <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/vosnet/drills/occupation/occdrill.aspx?enc=yCncXIyKoz5CI73a8N4brZBRdRduIH R8fy61tRjdNCdOk+ma0qL19ESa0Le9SFD3Xa0waS30/u1z/qUuRFrZnpBuMZ/xytTnWz4Z0/ml5Us=>
3. Online Listings are available at <http://admin.ks.gov/services/state-employment-center/veterans> for employment opportunities with the State of Kansas. Qualified veterans will receive preference.
4. Make a difference in the world around you in the Army National Guard. For more information on this program refer to [www.kansasarmynationalguard.com](http://www.kansasarmynationalguard.com)
5. Check out <https://www.goang.com> for information on the Kansas Air National Guard.

### **Employment Assistance**

Click on the following as needed:

- [Request a copy of your DD214 Form](#)
- [Services provided by a Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist \(DVOP\) or Local Veteran Employment Representative \(LVER\)](#)
- [Contact the KansasWorkforce Center in your area](#)
- [Find Job Fairs in your area](#)
- [View a list of other Employment Resources available through KansasWorks.com](#)
- [Get assistance in starting your own business](#)

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Refer to <https://kcva.ks.gov/kanvet/employment-resources> for additional information on Employment opportunities and support in Kansas,

## **Education Benefits**

### **Residency**

On May 29, 2015, Kansas Governor Sam Brownback signed into law HB 2154 which includes authorization for all veterans eligible for federal education benefits, along with all current members of the armed forces, to be charged in-state tuition rates at all 32 public postsecondary colleges and universities in Kansas, effective July 1, 2015, regardless of time spent in the state.

This year, with the passage of HB 2567, eligibility for resident tuition is reinstated for those who had established residency in Kansas while permanently stationed in Kansas or prior to service in the armed forces. The veteran, veteran's spouse or dependent, must live in Kansas at the time of enrollment. (A similar provision had been in state law prior to the passage of 2015 HB 2154, but was inadvertently removed.) The

bill also provides reimbursement to any person enrolled during the 2015-2016 academic year who would have been entitled to resident tuition and fee rates if the eligibility criteria in this bill had been in effect, equal to the difference between rates.

Federal legislation known as the "Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014," requires all public universities and colleges to offer in-state tuition rates to veterans making use of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, who live in the state where the institution they intend to enroll at is located, and who file a letter of intent to establish residence in the state. Eligible spouses and dependent children also qualify for in-state tuition rates.

- For more information about Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014, [click here](#).
- For more information about Education and Training benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, [click here](#).

Kansas has also declared all current members of the armed forces residents of the state for tuition and fee purposes (including army, navy, marine corps, air force, coast guard, Kansas army or air national guard, or any branch of the military reserves of the United States), along with the spouses and dependent children of current members of the armed forces, who are enrolled or have been accepted for admission at a Kansas public postsecondary educational institution.

To confirm your eligibility, contact the Office of the Registrar at the institution at which you intend to apply or are currently enrolled. (For Kansas State University, a new undergraduate student should contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, while new graduate students and continuing students should contact the Office of the Registrar.) You can also utilize the direct links (listed as "Veterans Information") on [our list of all 32 public postsecondary institutions in Kansas to learn more](#).

For more information about residency for tuition and fee purposes, [click here to review an FAQ](#).

### **Military Alignment**

The Kansas Credit for Prior Learning Task Force works closely with the Kansas Collaborative on Military Credit and other appropriate groups to make recommendations for evaluating and awarding credit for military training. Throughout the past year, faculty and administrators have convened to examine university and college course outcomes as compared to the skills, outcomes, and competencies learned in various military occupational specialties (MOS) designations. This is an ongoing initiative which will eventually include additional branches of the military. [Click here](#) to review what MOS classifications have been aligned with academic programs across Kansas.

Participants in the Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit (MCMC), Kansas is actively involved in this interstate partnership, working to translate competencies acquired through military training into college credentials. The Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) provides operational and administrative support for the MCMC project, and was awarded \$900,000 over a three-year period (2015-2018) specifically for this work. An additional grant was also received to create specific bridge programs for translating military training toward credentials and/or degrees in the field of healthcare.

### **Education and Training**

Benefits to eligible veterans, dependents, reservists, and service members while they are in an approved training program to include approved university, high school, on the job training and apprenticeship. The State of Kansas can assist you in applying for and approving your participation in these major programs:

- *Montgomery GI Bill*: Persons who first entered active duty after June 30, 1985, are generally eligible. Some Vietnam Era veterans and certain veterans separated under special programs are also eligible. The bill also includes a program for certain reservists and National Guard members.
- *Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)*: This program is for veterans who entered active duty for the first time after December 31, 1976, and before July 1, 1985, and contributed funds to this program.
- *Kansas National Guard scholarships*: available for people who desire a commission in the National Guard.
- *Survivors' & Dependents' Educational Assistance*: Some family members of disabled or deceased veterans are eligible for education benefits.

Time Limits: Generally, veterans have 10 years from the date they were last released from active duty to use their education benefits. Reservists generally have 10 years from the date they became eligible for the program unless they leave the Selected Reserves before completing their obligation. Spouses generally have 10 years from the date the VA first determines them eligible. Children are generally eligible from age 18 until age 26. These time limits can sometimes be extended.

## Education Resources

In an ongoing efforts to support both veteran and current members of the Armed Forces and their families, we've assembled this directory of links to pages throughout our website which may be of special interest:

- [Public Institutions](#) -- Includes information for all 32 public Universities, Community and Technical Colleges in Kansas, including direct links (listed as "Veterans Information") to more resource information at each institution.
- [Program Search Tool](#) -- This free search tool enables you to quickly search program and training opportunities available from the 32 Kansas public higher education institutions, searching by program, institution and/or award level (certificate, associate degree, bachelor degree, etc.).
- **Adult Education in Kansas** (<https://www.kansasregents.org/students/adult-education>) -- From Basic Skills Services for adults to start on a career pathway, improve skills in reading, math, and writing to High School Equivalency Preparation (GED®) and English as a Second Language (ESL) Services for adults to improve their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in English - there are dozens of Adult Education Centers in Kansas ready to assist you.

1. At <http://www.kansasregents.org/students/military> you can explore education resources available in Kansas.

2. At [http://kansasregents.org/universities\\_colleges/public\\_institutions](http://kansasregents.org/universities_colleges/public_institutions) you can find out which Kansas colleges and universities are near you.

3. At [http://kansasregents.org/academic\\_affairs/program\\_search](http://kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/program_search) you can search for Higher Education Programs by your Occupation or Occupational Interests.

4. At <http://www.kansastag.gov/NGUARD.asp?PageID=491> you can learn about educational resources and support provided by the Kansas National Guard.
5. At <http://www.gibill.va.gov/apply-for-benefits> you can find out about the educational benefits available to Veterans through the GI Bill
6. At <http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/searchInst.do#content-area> you can broaden your search to find all the educational opportunities in your area

### **Student Financial aid**

Student financial aid includes grants, scholarships, and loans. It can be available through the federal and state government, private corporations, and philanthropic organizations, to name a few. The Kansas Board of Regents is responsible for the administration of the state-funded grants and scholarships. [You can find more information here](#) regarding the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Kansas Learning Quest College Savings Program and the Midwest Student Exchange Program (a tuition discount program for specific academic programs), among other things.

- [Eligibility Requirements](#) -- General information on eligibility requirements for numerous financial aid awards and contact information for the Board of Regents Student Financial Assistance Office.
- [Scholarships & Grants](#) -- Review the entire list of scholarships & grants administered by the Kansas Board of Regents. Includes application instructions and information on specific programs including the Kansas National Guard Assistance program and Kansas Military Service Scholarship.

### **KanVet**

KanVet at <http://www.kanvet.ks.gov> provides direct access to State of Kansas veterans and military information. Designed as a one stop shop for education and employment information and resources, KanVet seeks to better serve veterans, transitioning service members and their families.

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Refer to <https://www.kansasregents.org/students/military> for additional information on Education opportunities and support in Kansas.

## **Veteran Recreation Benefits**

### **Free Hunting & Fishing Licenses**

National Guard Members and 30% or greater disabled Kansas resident veterans can get free hunting and fishing licenses.

### **Hunting Licenses for Active Duty Members**

Active duty military personnel stationed in Kansas can purchase all annual state licenses, permits and stamps at the resident rate. Military permits for elk draw are available for active duty military personnel stationed at Fort Riley.

### **Discounted State Park Admission**

Kansas Army and Air National Guard and 30% or greater disabled veterans get discounted admission to state parks.

To receive free licenses and permits, Kansas guardsmen apply to KDWPT's Pratt Operations Office. Depending on the particular licenses and/or state park permits they request, they will be required to submit appropriate documentation. [Application forms for licenses and permits](#) can be downloaded from the KDWPT website at [www.kdwp.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us). Click "Services," "Publications," "Hunting," then "Application 2013 KS National Guard Hunting, Fishing, and Park Vehicle Permit." The forms must be signed by the National Guard member's unit commander and mailed to KDWPT with photocopies of appropriate documentation.

## Other State Veteran Benefits

### Veteran Affairs Office Locations



The first step towards obtaining veterans benefits is to understand what benefits are available to you and your family. Veteran Service Representatives (VSRs) work with you to identify the benefits that you may be eligible for and assist you in filing federal claims. VSRs are accredited by the federal VA, and trained and certified annually by the state. They are available throughout Kansas and assist you at no cost. To learn more about which benefits you may be eligible for, make an appointment with your local Veteran Service Representative by clicking below on the nearest city to you for more information.

- [Atchison](#)
- [Colby](#)
- [Emporia](#)
- [Fort Dodge](#)
- [Hays](#)
- [KS VCAP VFW & The American Legion](#)
- [Hutchinson](#)
- [Independence](#)
- [Junction City](#)
- [Lawrence](#)
- [Manhattan](#)
- [Overland Park](#)
- [Salina](#)
- [Topeka](#)
- [QA Wichita VAMC](#)
- [Winfield](#)

### Health Care

1. The State of Kansas can assist you in becoming eligible for the following services:
  - Hospital, outpatient medical, dental, pharmacy and prosthetic services

- Domiciliary, nursing home, and community-based residential care including two state veterans' homes offering both domiciliary and nursing home care available to veterans and dependents
- Sexual trauma counseling
- Specialized health care for women veterans
- Health and rehabilitation programs for homeless veterans
- Readjustment counseling
- Alcohol and drug dependency treatment
- Medical evaluation for military service exposure, including Gulf War, Agent Orange, radiation, or other environmental hazards

## **2. Filing Claims**

In order for benefits of any type to be paid, appropriate claim form(s) must be filed with the VA. Assistance is provided through the KCVA in completing these forms and obtaining supporting records and documents to include military medical records, marriage certificates, death certificates, birth certificates, etc. at no cost to the veteran.

## **3. Appealing Claims**

Veterans and other claimants for VA benefits have the right to appeal decisions made by a VA regional office. The KCVA in partnership with national service organizations like the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veteran's of Foreign Wars represent veterans throughout the appeals process.

## **Medals**

The State of Kansas provides assistance to veterans in applying for service medals listed on their DD Form 214.

## **Vietnam War Medallion**

Complete application at <http://kcva.ks.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/vietnam-medallion-new-email186f4e9f844d66497be6bff0000eeb478.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

## **DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty)**

The State of Kansas maintains DD Form 214 files on veterans released from service and showing Kansas as their home of record. Copies of DD Form 214's from 1988 to Present may be immediately available in the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs central office. The State of Kansas' Adjutant General's Department has an Archives Office, (785) 274-1099, which can provide the following records of service: From 1946 to 1991, DD Form 214's for all branches of the service are available; a Statement of Service on World War II, 1941 -1946; and Kansas National Guard records from 1946 to the present. As required by the Privacy Act and to obtain a copy of DD Form 214, a formal request must be submitted to the Kansas Army National Guard by using Standard Form 180. The State's Kansas State Historical Society, has military records which include some of the following:

- Territorial
- Civil War
- Indian Campaigns
- Spanish American War
- World War I and II

## State Veteran Cemeteries

Kansas has 4 state veterans' cemeteries in Ft. Dodge, Ft. Riley, Wakeeney, and Winfield.

### Fort Dodge



#### Hours of Operation:

Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Office closed on State holidays except for Memorial Day ceremony.

#### Visitation Hours:

The Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Dodge is open to visitors every day of the year from sunrise to sunset. The cemetery floral regulations are posted outside the administration building.

#### Cemetery Location:

11560 US Highway 400, Fort Dodge, Kansas 67843

The cemetery is located outside of Dodge City just off of Highway 400.

#### Contact Information:

Heidi Goff, Cemetery Manager, Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Dodge, 714 Sheridan, Box 66 11560 US Highway 400 Fort Dodge, Kansas 67843

Phone: (620) 338-8772

Fax: (620) 338-8776

Email: [hgoff@ruraltel.net](mailto:hgoff@ruraltel.net)

### WaKeeney



#### Hours of Operation:

Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Office closed on State holidays except for Memorial Day ceremony.

**Visitation Hours:** The Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at WaKeeney is open to visitors every day of the year from sunrise to sunset. The cemetery floral regulations are posted outside the administration building.

**Cemetery Location:**

403 South 13 Street, WaKeeney, Kansas 67672

The cemetery is located in the city of WaKeeney just off of Highway 40.

**Contact Information:**

Heidi Goff, Cemetery Manager, Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at WaKeeney, P.O. Box 185, 403 South 13 Street, WaKeeney, Kansas 67672

Phone: (785) 743-5685

Fax: (785) 743-5648

Email: [hgoff@ruraltel.net](mailto:hgoff@ruraltel.net)

## Winfield

**Hours of Operation:**

Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Office closed on State holidays except for Memorial Day ceremony.

**Visitation Hours:**

The Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Winfield is open to visitors every day of the year from sunrise to sunset. The cemetery floral regulations are posted outside the administration building.

**Cemetery Location:**

1208 North College Street, Winfield, Kansas 67156

The cemetery is located in Winfield, Kansas just off of College Street near the Kansas Veterans' Home.

**Contact Information:**

Chet Sweet, Cemetery Manager, Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Winfield, P.O. Box 626, 1208 North College Street, Winfield, Kansas 67156

Phone: (620) 229-2287

Fax: (620) 229-2291

Email: [CSweet@kva.org](mailto:CSweet@kva.org)

## Fort Riley



**Hours of Operation:**

Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Office closed on State holidays except for Memorial Day ceremony.

**Visitation Hours:**

The Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Riley is open to visitors every day of the year from sunrise to sunset. The cemetery floral regulations are posted outside the administration building.

**Cemetery Location:**

5181 Wildcat Creek Road, Manhattan KS 66503

The cemetery is located between the City of Manhattan and Ogden just off of Wildcat creek road.

**Contact Information:**

Cecilia Shellnut, Manager, Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Riley, 5181 Wildcat Creek Road, Manhattan, Kansas 66503

Phone: (785) 717-3050

Fax: (785) 717-3070

Email: [cshellnut@embarqmail.com](mailto:cshellnut@embarqmail.com)

**Burial in State Veteran Cemeteries**

Burial Eligibility is based on a veteran meeting military service as listed. Kansas has no state residency requirement. Military service requirement for burial in a Kansas State Veterans' Cemetery must be in accordance with the eligibility standards as set by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – National Cemetery Administration and, as a minimum, must meet one of the following:

- Veteran was discharged from “active duty” under other than dishonorable conditions, or
- Veteran died while on “active duty”, or
- National Guard or Reservists members with 20 years of qualifying service, who are entitled to retired pay or would be entitled, if at least 60 years of age.

Spouse, surviving spouse, and dependent children are eligible for interment even if the veteran is not buried in a Kansas State Veterans' Cemetery. The veteran must have met military service requirements. This includes lost or buried at sea, missing or missing in action, or a veteran whose remains have been donated to science or cremated and the ashes scattered. Eligibility Includes:

- The spouse or surviving spouse of an eligible veteran is eligible for interment in a State Veterans' Cemetery even if the veteran is not buried in a State Veterans' Cemetery.
- The surviving spouse of an eligible veteran who had a subsequent remarriage to a non-veteran and whose death occurred on or after January 1, 2000, is eligible for burial in a State Veterans' Cemetery.
- Any natural or adoptive child of an eligible veteran who is under the age of 21 and unmarried and; Under 23 years of age and pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved education institution.
- An unmarried adult child of an eligible veteran if the child became permanently physically or mentally disabled and incapable of self-support before reaching 21 years of age, or before reaching 23 years age if pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution.

Pre-registration for interment at one of our four State Veterans' Cemeteries is highly recommended. Pre-registration allows a veteran, spouse, and/or dependent child to establish eligibility for interment at one of the four State Veterans' Cemeteries. There is no cost for pre-registration and it does not obligate the

veteran/dependent to be interred at the cemetery selected. While it does not guarantee a grave-site, it can help avoid confusion and possible delays at the time of need. Pre-registration may be done by mail, or by visiting one of our State Veterans' Cemeteries or any State Veterans' Service Office. You will need to fill out the KCVA Form 200 available at <http://kcva.ks.gov/docs/default-source/cemetery-program/kcva-200-aug-2013.pdf?sfvrsn=24> and supply the necessary documentation.

### **Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates**

Free for Veterans when request made through the KCVA for VA purposes only.

### **Military Distinctive License Plates**

You may make application for a Kansas distinctive military license plate by meeting the qualifications outlined in the Kansas Statutes Annotated listed below. Applications should be presented to your local [County Treasurer's office](http://www.kansastreasurers.org/vehicle/vehicle.htm) which can be located at <http://www.kansastreasurers.org/vehicle/vehicle.htm>. To determine prerequisite to order, steps to take, fees, and any related state statues click on the title of the plate name below that you are interested in. The following plates are available



[Combat Wounded Purple Heart](#)



[Congressional Medal Of Honor](#)



[Disabled Veteran \(See also Form TR-103\)](#)



[Ex-prisoner Of War](#)



[National Guard \(See also Form TR-129\)](#)



[Pearl Harbor Survivor](#)



[U.S. Veteran](#)



[Vietnam Veteran](#)



[Families of the Fallen](#)



[Gold Star Mother Plate](#)

### Operation Recognition

The State of Kansas sponsors "Operation Recognition" to honor World War II and Korean era veterans who left school to join the military and never received a high school diploma.



In recognition of their outstanding contribution, The Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office, through a program called "Operation Recognition" for WW II and Korean War Veterans, is working with schools, cities, and service organizations to award Honorary High School Diplomas to qualifying WW II and Korean War Veterans. This is a small, overdue gesture of our society's gratitude for the sacrifice these individuals made in the name of freedom.

### Eligibility

- All "Honorably" Discharged veterans who served in WWII between September 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946, and Korean War veterans who served between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955, who did not graduate from High School are eligible.
- Those who have obtained their diploma, but entered service before they could participate in their graduation ceremonies, are also encouraged to apply.
- Diplomas can be awarded posthumously.

### **Required Paperwork**

- Application for "WW II and Korean War Veterans" High School Diploma ([Operation Recognition Form](#))
- Copy of "Honorable" Discharge papers attached to application
- Discharge papers may be requested through the local County Registrar Office or through Military Archives, 2722 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka, KS 66611. Requests submitted on [Standard Form 180](#) (1 MB PDF) only. (KANSAS ONLY)

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Visit the Kansas Department of Veterans Affairs website <http://kcva.ks.gov> for contact information and benefits assistance. [Source: <http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/kansas-state-veterans-benefits.html> | March 2019 ++]