

State Departments of Veterans Affairs Mission Statements

State	Mission Statement	Vision	Core Values
South Dakota	"To advocate for and provide the pathway for all veterans and their families to receive the benefits due to them."	Voices for Veterans	
North Dakota	The mission of the North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs is to assist veterans of North Dakota and their dependents in obtaining all benefits to which they are entitled, both federal and state, either by direct contact or through the assistance of the County and Tribal Veterans Service Officers.		
Nebraska	We feel privileged to serve the men and women who have so ably served our country in times of war and peace. Our goal with this site is to provide up-to-date and useful information for veterans and their families.		
Iowa	Our mission is to stand as a voice and an advocate for veterans and their families. We are dedicated to ensuring Iowa veterans, their dependents, and their survivors receive the full measure of county, state, and federal benefits to which they are entitled. To that end, veterans are treated with compassion, integrity, dignity, and accountability.		
Minnesota	Serving Minnesota Veterans, their dependents and survivors by connecting them with the federal and state care and benefits they have earned.		
Wyoming	The Wyoming Veterans Commission's mission is to develop, enhance and promote programs, services and benefits for Wyoming veterans and their families, through outreach, education, communication and legislation. Working in partnership with the Wyoming state government, the Wyoming Military Department, the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, and Veterans Service Organizations, the commission strives to improve the quality of life of every Wyoming veteran		
Wisconsin	Our mission is to work on behalf of Wisconsin's veterans community — veterans, their families and their survivors — in recognition of their service and sacrifice to our state and nation.		
Alaska	To provide military forces to accomplish military missions in the state or around the world; provide homeland security and defense; emergency preparedness, response, and recovery; veterans services; and youth military style training and education.	Through constant collaboration internally and with external partners, DMVA implements a viable Arctic strategy, increases emergency management capacity, and expands engagement with Alaskan communities, all while achieving federal mission assurance.	Professionalism "Be the real deal"; Commitment "All oars in the water..."; Teamwork "...rowing the same direction"

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Alabama	To promote awareness, assist eligible veterans, their families, and survivors to receive from the U. S. and State Governments any and all benefits to which they may be entitled under existing or future laws to be enacted.	To ensure that all veterans and their families understand and receive all the benefits, support, care, and recognition that they have earned and are entitled to, by expertly administering all current programs, anticipating future needs and taking appropriate action to meet these needs.	We hold ourselves personally and professionally accountable to deliver on America's promises to all veterans through courage, conviction, and a belief in our core values: Professionalism - Provide accurate and timely assistance and information in a manner consistent with the core values of the ADVA. Integrity - Provide fair, honest and objective advocacy in an ethical manner while displaying the highest standard of conduct both on and off duty. Compassion - Consistently demonstrate care, concern and understanding in every encounter. Commitment - Fully dedicated to develop yourself to become the best you can be in carrying out the mission of the ADVA. Teamwork - Everyone working together in a positive and productive manner to accomplish the mission and goals of the ADVA
Arkansas	The Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA) serves Arkansas Veterans, and their eligible dependents, through advocacy and education to access state and federal benefits, high-quality long-term nursing care and burial honors	Recognizing the value of Veterans to Arkansas, the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA) will be the state's leading advocate and resource responsive to the changing needs of Veterans and their families in attaining the highest quality of life.	High-Quality Service: Provide outstanding service to those who served us. Accountability: Unquestionable integrity in all we do. Compassion: Consistently demonstrate care and empathetic concern for Veterans and one another. Communication: Provide accurate and timely "two-way" communication with our employees, customers, the public and key stakeholders; while fostering a culture of cooperation and collaboration with counties, other agencies, Veteran service organizations and businesses to connect Veterans to resources and promote the value of Veterans to Arkansas.
Arizona	<i>To promote public awareness and enhance the well-being of past and present Arizona service members and their families.</i>		
California			
Colorado	To assist Veterans, their dependents, and their survivors obtain State and Federal benefits to which they are qualified for.		
Connecticut	serving those who served" by assessing the needs of veterans as they emerge and developing resources which address these needs		
Delaware	The mission of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, an office of the Delaware Department of State, is to assist veterans and their family members in obtaining benefits and working with other government agencies and civic organizations to facilitate assistive services.		

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District of Columbia	The Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs (MOVA) is dedicated to serving the District's veteran community, their families, survivors, and military caregivers. MOVA seeks to address the broad range of social, economic, and healthcare needs of the District's veteran community by building strategic partnerships with public and private organizations, creating veteran-centered policy initiatives, and developing strong relationships with the veteran community. Building on these relationships, MOVA acts as a liaison between the District's veteran community and the Mayor, District agencies, Federal agencies, and non-profit organizations in order to ensure that the District's veteran community has access to the full range of resources available to them.		
Florida	To advocate with purpose and passion for Florida veterans and link them to superior services, benefits and support.	FDVA is the premier point of entry for Florida veterans to access earned services, benefits and support.	
Georgia	To Serve Those Who Have Served		
Hawaii	advises the Director on veterans' issues, legislative proposals and program operations.		
Idaho	We are dedicated to serving Idaho's veterans and their families by providing superior advocacy, excellent assistance with benefits and education, high quality long-term care, and respectful interment services in a dignified final resting place.	Provide high quality advocacy and benefit assistance for all Idaho veterans and their families. Provide superior long-term care and enhanced quality of life for all Idaho State Veterans Home residents. Ensure high quality, well managed education and training programs for Idaho veterans. Operate with efficiency, innovation and adaptability.	Compassion for All, Unending Accountability, Absolute Integrity, Dignity for Everyone, Unconditional Honesty
Illinois	The mission of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) is to empower veterans and their families to thrive. We do this by assisting them in navigating the system of federal state and local resources and benefits; by providing long-term health care for eligible veterans in our Veterans' Homes; and by partnering with other agencies and non-profits to help veterans address education, mental health, housing, employment, and other challenges.		
Indiana	Our mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs is to assist and provide the best possible services to Veterans in the areas of claims assistance, employment services, education, family assistance, and care that will extensively improve the quality of life for all Indiana Veterans and their families. The Veterans Service Center for Employment will help all veterans, active duty members, and family members to find employment and education. We will help educate veterans and service members about the different GI bills and the Remission of Fees for Children of Disabled Veterans that Indiana offers. With the benefits that our veterans and service members earned we can help find the career positions that are needed and "place" into employment. Here at the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs Office we can answer your questions.		

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Kansas	The Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs Office mission is to provide Kansas veterans, their relatives, and other eligible dependents with information, advice, direction, and assistance through the coordination of programs and services	Serving those who honored Kansas with their service and sacrifices, as they have served us.	
Kentucky	<i>"Take care of Kentucky's 334,000 veterans and their 600,000 family members"</i> The mission of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) is defined in KRS Chapter 40.310. The statute provides for services and support to the citizens of the Commonwealth who are veterans of military service, their families, dependents and/or survivors and like persons residing in other states. We strive to assist veterans and their dependents in the presentation, proof and establishment of all claims, privileges, rights and other veteran benefits, which they may have under federal, state or local laws. The other benefits offered by KDVA include veterans' nursing homes, cemeteries, counseling, and programs for homeless veterans and women veterans	Serving those who have served the Commonwealth and our great Nation	
Louisiana			
Maine			
Maryland	assisting veterans, active duty service members, their families and dependents, in securing benefits earned through military service.		
Massachusetts	The mission of the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) is to be the chief advocate for the nearly half-million veterans of the Commonwealth and their families. DVS establishes policy, proposes legislation, ensures that adequate funding for veterans' programs is included in the Governor's budget, and represents the interests of veterans in matters coming before the General Court. In addition, DVS represents all state agencies and individual veterans before the federal Department of Veterans Affairs in securing federal compensation and other benefits that might be available.		
Michigan	Provide relevant and ready operational military forces, consistent with our values, in support of our state and nation. Provide support to military personnel, civilian employees, families, retirees, and veterans.	To be acknowledged as a premier military and veterans organization meeting state and national requirements. To be recognized as the destination of choice for full spectrum operations and four-season joint training.	

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Mississippi	To HONOR Mississippi Veterans and their dependents through superior SERVICE, CARE, and ASSISTANCE	A responsive, efficient and resilient Agency; able to provide superior service to all Mississippi Veterans and their dependents	Integrity: We will be consistent in our actions to provide superior service to all that we serve and will uphold the highest standards in all that we do. Commitment: Work diligently to serve Veterans, their families, stakeholders and those who provide resources to benefit Veterans. Be driven by an earnest belief in our mission. Fulfill our individual responsibilities and organizational responsibilities. Advocacy: Be truly Veteran-centric by identifying, fully considering and appropriately advancing the interests of Veterans and all whom we serve. Respect: Treat all those we serve and with whom we work with dignity and respect. Show respect to earn it. Excellence: Strive for the highest quality and continuous improvement. Be thoughtful and decisive in leadership, accountable for our actions, willing to admit mistakes and rigorous in correcting them.
Missouri	The Missouri Veterans Commission will provide our Veterans with timely benefits assistance, skilled nursing care and a final resting place with honor.		
Montana	Establishing a statewide network of service for discharged veterans and their families. Providing services and assistance for all Montana veterans, and surviving spouses and dependents in coordination with associated federal and state agencies, veterans' services organizations, private organizations and individuals. Continuing education and assistance for the general public, governmental agencies and elected officials regarding veterans' services, programs, initiatives and policy. Administering, operating and maintaining Montana's state veterans cemeteries.		
Nevada	Provide vital and efficient service to and advocacy on behalf of veterans, their dependents, and survivors; and provide our community and partners the opportunity to contribute in these endeavors. Through our four major programs we assist veterans prepare and submit claims for benefits, provide skilled nursing care, provide burial support at our state veterans' cemeteries, and help veterans successfully integrate into Nevada communities.	Nevadans across the state celebrate the legacy of America's heroes—and working together we will ensure veterans and their families understand and have access to opportunities that improve their lives.	
New Hampshire	The mission of the New Hampshire State Office of Veterans Services is to assist veterans who are residents of New Hampshire or their dependents in securing all benefits or preferences to which they may be entitled under any state or federal laws or regulations.		
New Jersey	Serving those who served		
New Mexico			

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New York	The New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs (DVA or Division) advocates on behalf of New York's Veterans and their families, as individuals and as a group, to ensure they receive benefits granted by law for service in the United States Armed Forces.		
North Carolina	The Veterans Affairs Commission functions to advise the Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs on matters relating to the affairs of Veterans in North Carolina, to maintain a continuing review of the operation and budgeting of existing programs for Veterans and their dependents, and to promulgate rules and regulations concerning the awarding of scholarships for Children of North Carolina Veterans.		
Ohio	Only found... The Ohio Women Veterans Advisory Committee works to locate, identify and assess the needs of Ohio's women veterans and provide information to women veterans about benefits, entitlements, education, employment and training. The committee also recommends and plans events to enhance the positive image of women veterans.		
Oklahoma	Provide to Oklahoma Veterans and their families residing in the State of Oklahoma the highest quality services and care available anywhere in the Nation.		
Oregon	To serve and honor veterans through our leadership, advocacy and strong partnerships	Veterans and their families thrive in Oregon	Respect, Integrity, Stewardship and Excellence
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania's Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) has a dual mission: to provide quality service to the Commonwealth's veterans and their families, and to oversee and support the members of the Pennsylvania National Guard (PNG)		
Rhode Island	Effective immediately, The RI Office of Veterans Affairs maintains thorough knowledge of individual and social factors contributing to personal problems that affect the veteran and active duty service members and their families, remains current on issues and trends impacting the work and mission of the division, forms strong and successful partnerships locally, regionally and nationwide to address veterans' issues in Rhode Island, in order to set conditions to reduce homeless veterans, veterans living in poverty, veteran unemployment rates, ensure veterans receive proper medical care, while continuing quality customer service at the RI Veterans Home and RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery and ensure every Veteran has an opportunity to make it in Rhode Island.		
South Carolina	The mission of the Division of Veterans' Affairs is to be the advocate for the state's 420,968 veterans in all matters that pertain to veterans.		

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Tennessee	The Tennessee Department of Veterans Services mission is to serve Veterans and their family members with dignity and compassion as an entrusted advocate.	To serve as an effective and efficient conduit for Veterans of all eras to connect with resources and services that improve their quality of life, access to education, business resources and high quality jobs.	We believe Veterans are special people who deserve our efficient, productive and compassionate advocacy in return for their service to our Nation. Veterans have earned our respect and are our reason for being, our common purpose, and all our efforts are directed toward meeting their needs.
Texas	The mission of the Texas Veterans Commission is to advocate for and provide superior service to veterans that will significantly improve the quality of life for all Texas veterans, their families, and survivors.		
Utah	Ensure delivery of responsive, well-planned and effective services to veterans, military and their families through coordination with government agencies, academia, private partners and non-profit organizations Coordinate efforts to develop and expand workload on Utah's military installations Improve the quality of life for Utah's veterans, military and their families by increasing awareness and access to appropriate federal, state and local resources Work with federal, state and local officials to effectively advocate for initiatives and services Promote and coordinate events throughout the state which develop and build respect for those who have served Compete for national recognition as the leading innovator in the delivery of services to veterans, military and their families Build a strong network of partners, stakeholders and champions	Utah will be the best place in the nation to perform military missions and be recognized as a premier location for Veterans, Service Members and their Families to live and succeed	Respect for those who served our Country Awareness of benefits and programs ensuring veterans and service members are aware of services they have earned Access to benefits and programs making access to eligible services and programs easy Responsiveness of Services right program, right need, right time Effectiveness of Delivery
Vermont	To help our Veterans.		
Virginia			
Washington	The mission of the WDVA Women Veterans Advisory Committee shall be to ensure that Washington's women veterans have equitable access to federal and state veterans' services and benefits. The goals are to: Perform outreach to improve women veterans' awareness of eligibility for federal and state veterans' services and benefits; Assess the needs of women veterans with respect to improve the Women Veterans Program; Make recommendations to the Director to improve benefits and services; Review programs, research projects, and other initiatives designed to address or meet the needs of women veterans; Incorporate women veterans' issues in the Department's strategic plan; and Participate in National forums and committees for women veterans. The program shall provide assistance to women who served in the United States Armed Forces or in forces incorporated as part of the United States Armed Forces, and who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.	No Veteran Forgotten	

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West Virginia	The mission of the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance (WVDVA) is to aid and advise honorably discharged West Virginia veterans and their qualifying dependents and to ensure they are provided the care, assistance and recognition they deserve. Numerous programs, sixteen field and claims offices and three facilities fall under the purview of the WVDVA, enabling the department to meet this goal.		
	All State Departments of Veterans Affairs can be located at https://www.va.gov/statedva.htm		