

# CATAWBA COUNTY VETERANS OFFICE

## General Information

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers a wide variety of programs and services, i.e. applications hunting and fishing license for resident disabled veterans, also direct deposit enrollment forms. You can also request a copies of your records and medals from [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov).

## Health Care

One of the most visible of all VA benefits is [health care](#).

Health Care- North Carolina

- [Inpatient admissions, statewide, fiscal year 2009: 17,480](#)
- Asheville: 5,358
- Durham: 6,677
- Fayetteville: 2,938
- Salisbury: 2,507
- [Outpatient visits, statewide, fiscal year 2009: 1,725,000](#)
- [Outpatient clinic locations](#)

Charlotte	Hickory
Durham	Morehead City
Franklin	Raleigh
Greenville	Rutherfordton
Midway Park	Wilmington
Hamlet	Winston-Salem

## Post-Conflict Care

VA has launched special efforts to provide a "seamless transition" for those returning from service in [Operations Enduring Freedom](#) and [Iraqi Freedom \(OEF/OIF\)](#).

## Disabilities and Pensions

Not all military service-related issues end when people are discharged from active duty. About 2.9 million veterans receive monthly VA disability compensation for medical conditions related to their service in uniform. VA pensions go to about 316,000 wartime veterans with limited means. Family Members of about 528,000 veterans qualify for monthly VA payments as the survivors of disabled veterans or pension recipients.

## Disabilities and Pensions – North Carolina

- Number of veterans receiving monthly disability compensation: 122,226
- Number of VA pensions to veterans in North Carolina: 9,422
- Number Of disability compensation claims processed: 45,100

## Memorial Affairs

Most men and women who served in the military are [eligible for burial](#) in VA national Cemetery, as are their spouses and dependent children. Additionally, VA provided more than 350,000 [headstones and markers](#) and 655,000 [Presidential Memorial Certificates](#) to the loved ones of deceased veterans. VA-assisted [state veteran's cemeteries](#) provided more than 26,000 interments.

## Memorial Affairs – North Carolina

National Cemetery burials in North Carolina, 2009: 716

- New Bern: 33
- Raleigh: 33
- Salisbury: 628 Still Open
- Wilmington: 22

Headstones and markers provided in 2009 (statewide): 8,935  
Presidential Memorial Certificates issued in 2009 (statewide): 9,909

## North Carolina State Veterans Cemeteries

- Western Carolina , Black Mountain
- Coastal Carolina, Jacksonville
- Sandhills State, Spring Lake

## Other VA benefits Offered

- Education Benefits: More than 564,000 used the GI Bill
- Nearly 78,127 veterans took advantage of VA's [vocational rehabilitation](#).
- More than nearly 326,000 home loans were guaranteed by GI Bill [home loan benefits](#).
- Veterans held more than 1.2 million [life insurance](#) policies valued at \$14.6 billion in 2009.



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### BENEFITS INFORMATION

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**IF ANYONE NEEDS ASSITS WITH ANYTHING  
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### U S DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFIARS

USDVA PENSION CENTER  
1-877-294-6380

USDVA EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE  
1-888-442-4551

USDVA REGIONAL OFFICE  
1-800-827-1000

### U S DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFIARS MEDICAL CENTERS

Charles George VA Medical Center –Asheville  
1-800-932-6408 / 1-828-298-7911

W. G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center-Salisbury  
1-800-469-8262 / 704-638-9000

HICKORY OUTPATIENT CLINIC  
1-800-469-8262 EXT.4503  
828-431-5600 EXT. 8003

**IF IN NEED OF ASSIST IN THE HICKORY CLINIC,  
A FEW MORE NUMBERS**

NURSE LINES:  
Dr. Kuch &Dr. Peterson  
828-431-5600 EXT: 8315

FAX: 828-431-5631

Dr. Dibble, Fisher, Sathiraju, Britton  
828-431-5600 EXT: 8318  
FAX: 828-431-5632

MENTAL HEALTH NURSE LINE:  
828-431-5600 EXT: 8108  
FAX: 828-431-5637

CHECK IN/CHECK OUT:  
828-431-5600 EXT: 8000, 8001, 8002, 8003,  
8004

RECEPTION FAX: 828-431-5697  
EYE CLINIC FAX: 828-431-5696  
LABORATORY FAX: 828-431-5695

ALEX OPPER: 828-431-5600 EXT: 8106

### THANKS TO ALL VETERANS

