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**VA Hudson Valley
Health Care System**
www.hudsonvalley.va.gov

Castle Point Campus
(845) 831-2000

Poughkeepsie Clinic
(845) 452-5151

Pine Plains Clinic
(518) 398-9240

**Veterans Administration
Regional Office**
www.va.gov
(800) 827-1000

**New York State
Division of Veterans' Affairs**
www.veterans.ny.gov
Dutchess County Office
(845) 831-2000 ext. 5449

**New York State
Department of Labor**
www.labor.ny.gov

Poughkeepsie Office
(845) 473-9000

**Dutchess County
Division of Aging Services**
www.dutchessny.gov
(845) 486-2555



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**Dutchess County
Department of Health's**

Division of Veterans' Services



Service, Support and Information
www.dutchessny.gov

Dutchess County Division of Veterans' Services

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

Assistance Filing Claims & Referrals for:

- Exposure to Agent Orange
- Persian Gulf Hazards
- Service-Connected Disability
- Non-Service Connected Pension
- Educational Benefits
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Medical & Dental Benefits
- Home Loan Guarantee
- Insurance
- Veterans Status for Merchant Marines

Burial Benefits:

- Headstone or Marker
- Burial/Plot Allowance
- Presidential Memorial Certificates

Survivor's Benefits:

- Dependency & Indemnity Compensation
- Death Pension
- V.A. Life Insurance Claims
- Annual Eligibility Verification Reports

Assistance Applying for NYS Benefits:

- Blind Annuity
- Real Property Tax Exemption

We Can Also Assist With:

- Filing Discharge Papers with County Clerk
- Replacing Military Records (Discharge Papers)
- Application for Medals (NYS & Federal)
- Upgrading or Correcting Military Discharges
- Referrals to Other Benefit Agencies



The primary objective of the Dutchess County Division of Veterans' Services is to promote the interests and welfare of veterans, their dependents, and survivors. We aim to enhance their quality of life through counseling, claims assistance, education, and advocacy by obtaining federal, state, and local benefits which they may be entitled to.

These benefits are not automatic, they must be applied for.

Contact our office at (845) 486-2060 to schedule an appointment with a counselor.

For more information about our programs and services, visit

<http://bit.ly/DCVeterans>



“RETURN THE FAVOR” Discount Program

As part of the “Return the FAVOR” Discount Program, the Dutchess County Clerk’s office will issue eligible county residents an I.D. Card, identifying you as a qualified and honorably discharged veteran who served actively in the U.S. military (Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard) and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

Reservists and National Guard also qualify if you were called to active duty (other than for training only) by federal order and completed the full period for which you were called or ordered to active duty.

You may obtain your FAVOR Card by bringing your Military Separation Papers (i.e. DD-214, WDO-AGO 53-55, etc.) indicating your full-time active duty service to our office: The Poughkeepsie Journal Building, 85 Civic Center Plaza - Suite 105 Monday-Friday, 9am - 4pm. After processing, you will be able to obtain your official card at the County Clerk’s Office.

You can find a copy of the application for the card, as well as a list of the current discounts available on our website at www.dutchessny.gov

If you own a business and would like to offer veterans a discount through the FAVOR Card Program, please call 486-2195 or download the application at www.dutchessny.gov.