



**DIRECTORY OF AGENCIES
PROVIDING INFORMATION TO VETERANS**

☞ **G.I. Bill Benefits.** If you participated in the G.I. Bill while on active duty, consider using your benefits by enrolling as a full-time or part-time student in an **approved** program of education at one of Pennsylvania's many educational institutions. You can also use your benefits for various on-the-job or apprenticeship training programs. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) handles benefit payments.

STATE APPROVING AGENCY:

The State Approving Agency can advise you on which educational programs and on-the-job training/apprenticeship programs are approved or can be approved for G.I. Bill benefits.

Harrisburg	(717) 787-2414
Philadelphia	(215) 560-2509
Pittsburgh	(412) 565-5364
E-mail	RA-VetEd@pa.gov

Check out our website at www.pdehighered.state.pa.us/VetsEd

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REGIONAL OFFICES IN PENNSYLVANIA:

The VA maintains an active presence in Pennsylvania with regional offices in both Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. The VA has responsibility for directly administering a wide range of federal veterans benefits programs including the G.I. Bills, as well as other programs (medical benefits, disability benefits, home loans, etc.).

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL OFFICE AND INSURANCE CENTER
5000 Wissahickon Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19101

PITTSBURGH REGIONAL OFFICE
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

GI Bill Education Benefit Inquiries:	(888) 442-4551 or www.gibill.va.gov
All other inquiries:	(800) 827-1000 or www.vba.va.gov/VBA

☞ **Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA).** Annual state grants are available for qualified veterans who need financial assistance to complete approved programs of postsecondary education. For more information, contact the financial aid office at the school you are planning to attend or PHEAA. Veterans are considered without regard to the financial status of their parents.

Grant Division:	1-800-692-7392
Loan Division:	1-800-692-7392
WEB Site:	www.pheaa.org/stategrants

☞ **Other Benefits.** The Commonwealth has many other benefits available to veterans, including Civil Service Preference, educational grants for qualified children, veteran's emergency assistance and free recording of DD-Form 214. Visit WEB Site: www.paveterans.state.pa.us/

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS 1-800-547-2838

COUNTY DIRECTORS FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS

For information on these benefits, contact county directors at www.milvet.state.pa.us/DMVA/355.htm.

(SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFORMATION)

➤ **National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves.** Pennsylvania Army and Pennsylvania Air National Guard offer financial aid programs to support educational and job training pursuits of their members. These programs include the Montgomery G.I. Bill, the Federal Student Loan Repayment options and the state-supported education assistance program (EAP). Interested soldiers and airmen are provided assistance in their efforts to gain college credit for military schooling. Qualified veterans from all of the military services may be eligible for membership in the Pennsylvania Army/Air National Guard as well as all reserve components located in the Commonwealth. The Armed Forces Reserves also offer several financial aid programs to assist students with their educational plans.

PENNSYLVANIA ARMY AND PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD & SELECTED RESERVE UNITS:

Contact your local Army National Guard Armory or call 1-800-GO-GUARD (800-464-8273)
Contact your local Air National Guard Base or call 1-800-TO-GO-ANG (800-864-6264)
Selected Reserve Units: Consult the blue pages of your phone book.

➤ **Employment and Training.** The Department of Labor and Industry has veterans' representatives located in Job Centers/Career Link Offices throughout the Commonwealth. Also, regional Governor's Veterans Outreach and Assistance Centers are available to provide advice, to help you explore your career and training options, and to answer your questions.

JOB CENTERS/CAREER LINKS:

Check your local telephone directory or visit www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us.

GOVERNOR'S VETERANS OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE CENTERS:

(Toll Free)

Erie	1-800-352-0915 (or) 814-453-5719
Greensburg	1-800-442-6815 (or) 724-837-7988
Harrisburg	1-800-932-0930 (or) 717-234-1681
Pottstown	1-800-247-2323 (or) 610-326-5233
Pittston	1-800-432-9735 (or) 570-654-9589

Teaching in Pennsylvania. If you have a bachelor's degree and meet certain eligibility criteria, Troops to Teachers and Pennsylvania have a program that may allow you to obtain a teaching certificate while teaching fulltime in the classroom. Vo-Tech certifications are also possible. Check the eligibility criteria and program details at www.proudtoserveagain.com for Troops to Teachers and www.teaching.state.pa.us/teaching/site/default.asp for state programs and assistance. Search for teaching jobs in PA at www.teaching.state.pa.us/teaching/site/default.asp. Questions? Call 1-866-242-3295 or e-mail ra-troopstoteachers@pa.gov. Now is the time to transition to a rewarding teaching career in one of Pennsylvania's classrooms.

"The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has made your name and address available to us as part of its outreach program. Aside from that, it is not involved in administering this Pennsylvania Department of Education program. Under Federal Law, no other use of your name and address by the Pennsylvania Department of Education is permitted."
