

Community College of Aurora

Resources for Military Members & Veterans

The Community College of Aurora is committed to helping our military and veteran students and their families. Below are many good resources to help you and your families, whether you're still active duty, have just left the service, or have been separated for years.

Jobs

The **CCA Career Resources** page contains links to a job board, resume help, job resources for people with disabilities, and information on in-demand jobs.

<http://www.ccaurora.edu/job-opportunities/career-center>

The Colorado Department of Labor has many resources to help veterans and servicemembers transitioning out of the military to re-enter the labor market. As part of Colorado's Priority of Service job postings are available to veterans before they are made available to the general public. The DoL also assists with licensing and certification, employment services, and provides virtual seminars, among other services.

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDLE-EmployTrain/CDLE/1248095317855>

Hire Patriots is a free outreach for honorable US Military, Veterans, and their families. The HirePatriots program helps military and veterans earn money when they are in and out of the Service with Local One Day job boards and a National Full Time job board.

<http://www.hirepatriots.com/>

Money and Benefits

Colorado Military Veterans Benefits The state of Colorado provides several veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

Housing Benefits

Financial Assistance Benefits

Employment Benefits

Education Benefits

Other State Veteran Benefits

<http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-benefits/colorado-state-veterans-benefits>

US Army Women's Foundation "Legacy Scholarship" recognizes the importance of education and is pleased to sponsor two levels of scholarships to be awarded each year. Community College Legacy Scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000. College/University Legacy Scholarships are in the amount of \$2,500. For qualifications and information on the program, you may download this year's application.

<http://www.awfdn.org/programs/legacyscholarships.shtml>

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VA Home Loans can help you realize your dreams of home ownership. The main purpose of the VA home loan program is to help veterans finance the purchase of homes with favorable loan terms and at a rate of interest which is usually lower than the rate charged on other types of mortgage loans.

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/>

Debt.org is an organization that provides free financial information. They have information geared toward veterans to education them on important financial decisions and provide tools and resources for those seeking financial help.

<http://www.debt.org/veterans/>

Resource Directories

AfterDeployment.Org provides "wellness resources for the military community." They have a wide variety of resources on many different topics along with assessments to help you determine what areas of your life may be of concern. The interactive site is for servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

<http://www.afterdeployment.org/web/guest/home>

Colorado Dept. Veterans Affairs

<http://www.dmva.state.co.us/>

Colorado Veterans Resources is an online partnership of "shared care" providing information on, and access to, services and resources for wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans, their families and families of the fallen, and those who support them from recovery and rehabilitation to community reintegration.

<http://www.colorado.gov/cvr>

Military One Source is a 24/7 resource for military members and their families.

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

The National Resource Directory offers online access to over 10,000 services and resources at the national, state, and local levels to support Veterans, their families, and those who support them.

<http://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov/>

Veteran Services Office (VSO) mission is to provide and assist all qualified military veterans and their families with information related to the Veteran's Administration (VA) benefits system; to provide assistance for the betterment of all qualified veterans and to assist in their time of need; and to access and use those services made available to the City & County of Denver to guide and help veterans.

<http://www.denerveterans.org/veteran-services-office.aspx>

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Health

VA Eastern Colorado Healthcare System is the Denver-area healthcare center. Currently located at 1055 Clermont St., Denver CO 80220. The VA is working on a new medical center located on the old Fitzsimmons base, slated to open in 2015.

<http://www.denver.va.gov/>

Colorado Vet Centers have many resources available to help veterans.

<http://www2.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?dnum=ALL&STATE=CO>

My **HealtheVet** is the VA's Personal Health Record. It was designed for Veterans, active duty Servicemembers, their dependents and caregivers. My HealtheVet helps you partner with your health care team. It provides you opportunities and tools to make informed decisions.

<https://www.myhealth.va.gov/index.html>

Mental Health Advocates and their ULifeline is an ANONYMOUS online resource where you can learn more about emotional health and ways to help yourself or a friend if you are struggling with your thoughts or feelings. We ask you to select your school so that we can provide you with information about resources at your school.

<http://www.ulifeline.org/ccaurora/>

Mesothelioma Cancer Alliance is a comprehensive mesothelioma and asbestos cancer resource. Visit this site to learn more about the dangers of asbestos to veterans and how to protect yourself from this disease.

<http://www.mesothelioma.com/>

Returning Service Members with Disabilities The US Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division has released a new technical assistance publication, "ADA: Know Your Rights -- Returning Service Members with Disabilities". The publication provides service members who have been seriously wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom a basic understanding of their rights under the ADA and where to turn for additional information and assistance. This publication is available on their website.

http://www.ada.gov/servicemembers_adainfo.html

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Resources for VA Services

The VA offers many **Veterans Benefits**. This page has information on Compensation and Pension, Education, Home Loans, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Life Insurance.

<http://www.vba.va.gov/VBA/>

VA Claimants Rights and Responsibilities provides information on the rights of veterans regarding their benefits. Information regarding appeals is also available on this page.

http://www.benefits.va.gov/WARMS/M21_1MR1.asp

VA Forms has all of the forms used by external users for the VA, searchable by keyword and form number.

<http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>

The VA has a stated goal of **ending homelessness among veterans**; veterans can also call 877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838).

<http://www.va.gov/homeless/>

The **Center for Minority Veterans** is part of the Office of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and acts as a mediator and facilitator for minority veterans.

<http://www.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/>

The **Center for Women Veterans** was created "to monitor and coordinate VA's administration of health care and benefits services and programs for women Veterans. The Center serves as an advocate for a cultural transformation (both within VA and in the general public) in recognizing the service and contributions of women Veterans and women in the military, and in raising awareness of the responsibility to treat women Veterans with dignity and respect."

<http://www.va.gov/womenvet/>