BENEFITS AT SEPARATION

E	Eligible
NE	Not Eligible
TBD	To be determined by Administering Agency
DV	Eligibility for these benefits depend upon specific disabilities of the veteran

	Honorable *DD Form 256A*	General *Under Honorable Conditions DD Form 257A* "4"	Other Than Honorable "5"	Bad Conduct Discharge	Dishonorable Discharge *General Court-Martial* "6"	
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1. Payment for Accrued Leave	E	E	NE	NE	NE	37 USC 501-503; DODPEM Par. 40401a
2. Death Gratuity (six months pay)	E	E	E	E	NE	10 USC 1480; DODPEM Par. 40501b
3. Wearing of Military Uniform	E	E	NE	NE	NE	10 USC 771a, 772; AR 670-1
4. Admission to Soldiers' Home "1"	E	E	NE	NE	NE	24 USC 49, 50
5. Burial in Army National Cemeteries	E	E	NE	NE	NE	38 USC 1002; AR 290-5
6. Burial in Army Post Cemeteries "2"	E	E	NE	NE	NE	AR 210-190
7. Army Board for Correction of Military Records	E	E	E	E	E	10 USC 1552; AR 15-185
8. Army Discharge Review Board	E	E	E	NE "9"	NE	10 USC 1553; AR 15-180
9. Transportation to Home "3"	E	E	E	E	E	37 USC 404; JTR par. U7500-7506
10. Transportation of Dependents and Household Goods to Home	E	E	TBD "8"	TBD "8"	TBD "8"	37 USC 406; JTR par. U5225, par. U5370
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1. Pre-separation Counseling	E	E	E	E	E	10 USC Section 1142
2. Employment Assistance	E	E	E	E	NE	10 USC Section 1143, 1144
3. Health Benefits	E	E	NE	NE	NE	10 USC Section 1145
4. Commissary/Exchange	E	E	NE	NE	NE	10 USC Section 1146
5. Military Family Housing	E	E	NE	NE	NE	10 USC Section 1147
6. Overseas Relocation Assistance	E	E	NE	NE	NE	10 USC Section 1148
7. Excess Leave/Permissive TDY	E	E	NE	NE	NE	10 USC Section 1149
8. Preference for USAR/ARNG	E	E	NE	NE	NE	10 USC Section 1150
9. Montgomery G.I. Bill (Additional Opportunity)	E	NE	NE	NE	NE	38 USC Section 3011
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1. Dependency and Indemnity Compensation	E	E	E	E	NE	38 USC 410(b)
2. Pension for Non-Service Connected Disability or Death	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 521; 38 USC 3103
3. Medal of Honor Roll Pension	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 562; 38 USC 3103
4. Insurance	E	E	TBD "11"	TBD "11"	TBD "11"	38 USC 711, 773; AR 608-2
5. Vocational Rehabilitation (DV)	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 1502, 1503
6. Educational Assistance	E	NE	NE	NE	NE	38 USC 1411
7. Survivors & Dependents Educational Assistance	E	E	E	E	NE	38 USC 1701-1765
8. Home and other Loans	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 1802, 1818
9. Hospitalization & Domiciliary Care	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 610; 38 USC 3103
10. Medical and Dental Services	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 612; 38 USC 3103
11. Prosthetic Appliances (DV)	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 614; 38 USC 612(b); 38 USC 3103
12. Guide Dogs & Equipment For Blindness (DV)	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 614; 38 USC 3103
13. Special Housing (DV)	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 801; 38 USC 3103
14. Automobiles (DV)	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 1901; 38 USC 3103
15. Funeral and Burial Expenses	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 902; 38 USC 3103
16. Burial Flag	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 901; 38 USC 3103
17. Burial in National Cemeteries	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 1002
18. Headstone Marker	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	38 USC 906; 38 USC 3103
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1. Preference for Farm Loan (Dept. of Agriculture)	E	E	E	E	NE	7 USC 1983(5)
2. Preference for Farm & other Rural Housing Loans (Dept. of Agriculture)	E	E	E	E	NE	42 USC 1477
3. Civil Service Preference "13" (Office of Personnel Management)	E	E	NE	NE	NE	5 USC 2108, 3309-3316, 3502, 3504
4. Civil Service Retirement Credit	E	NE	NE	NE	NE	5 USC 8331, 8332
5. Reemployment Rights (Dept. of Labor)	E	E	NE	NE	NE	38 USC 2021-2026
6. Job Counseling & Employment Placement (Dept. of Labor)	E	E	E	E	NE	38 USC 2001-2014
7. Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Service members (Dept. of Labor)	E	E	NE	NE	NE	5 USC 8501, 8521
8. Naturalization Benefits (Dept. of Justice Immigration & Naturalization Service)	E	E	NE	NE	NE	8 USC 1439, 1440; AR 608-3, par. 2-2-3
9. Old Age, Survivors & Disability Insurance (Social Security Administration)	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE "12"	42 USC 417
10. Job Preference, Public Works Projects "13" (Dept. of Commerce)	E	E	TBD	TBD	NE	42 USC 6706; 13 CFR 317.35

General Eligibility. The eligibility of benefits set forth are not the sole determining factors, but only list the various types of discharge. The states also provide various benefits that will be influenced by the type of discharge, but information on state benefits should be obtained from state agencies.

FOOTNOTES:

"1" The veteran must have served "honestly and faithfully" for 20 years or been disabled and excludes convicted felons, deserters, mutineers, or habitual drunkards unless disabilities while sober may be some reliable. If the person following discharge is convicted of a felony, or is not free from drugs, alcohol or psychiatric problems.

"2" Only if an immediate relative is buried in the cemetery.

"3" Only if no confinement is involved, or confinement is involved, parole or release is from a U.S. military confinement facility or a confinement facility located outside the US.

"4" This discharge category includes the discharge of an officer under honorable conditions but under circumstances involving serious misconduct. See AR 600-8-24.

"5" An officer who resigns for the good of the service (usually to avoid court-martial charges) will be ineligible for benefits administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). 38 USC 3103.

"6" Including Commissioned and Warrant Officers who have been convicted and sentenced to dismissal as a result of general court-martial. See AR 600-8-24, Chapter 5.

"7" Additional references include Once a Veteran, Rights, Benefits and Obligations, DA Pam 360-525; and Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents, (VA Fact Sheet 15-1)

"8" To be determined by the Secretary of the Army on case-by-case basis.

"9" Only if the Bad Conduct Discharge was a result of court-martial by General Court-Martial.

"10" Benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs are not payable to (1) a person discharged as a conscientious objector who refused to perform military duty or refused to wear the uniform or otherwise comply with lawful orders of competent military authority, (2) by reason of a sentence of a general court-martial, (3) resignation by an officer for the good of the service, (4) as a deserter, and (5) as a alien during a period of hostilities. 38 USC 3103. A discharge (6) by acceptance of an offer that, henceforth, discharge may be issued court-martial (7) for mutiny or spying, (8) for a felony offense in the civilian social hospitals, (9) for willful and persistent misconduct, or (10) for homosexual acts involving aggravating circumstances or other factors will be considered to have been issued under dishonorable conditions and thereby bar veteran benefits. 38 CFR 3.12. A discharge under dishonorable conditions from one period of service does not bar payment if there is another period of eligible service on which the claim may be predicated (Administrator's Decision, Veterans Admin. No. 655, 10 June 1943).

"11" Any person guilty of mutiny, spying, or desertion, or who, because of conscientious objections, refuses to perform service in the Armed Forces or refuses to wear the uniform shall forfeit all rights to National Service Life Insurance and Servicemen's Group Life Insurance. 38 USC 711, 773.

"12" Applies to Post-1957 service only. Pre-1957 service qualifies for Social Security benefits regardless of type of discharge. Pre-1957 service under conditions other than dishonorable qualifies a service member for a military wage credit for Social Security purposes.

"13" Disabled and Vietnam-era veterans only. Post-Vietnam-era Veterans are those who first entered on active duty or first became members of the Armed Forces after May 7, 1975. To be eligible, they must have served for a period of more than 180 days active duty and have other than a dishonorable discharge. The 180 day service requirement does not apply to (1) veterans separated from active duty because of a service-connected disability, or (2) reserve and guard members who served on active duty under 10 USC 672(d), or p. 673, or 0136) during a period of war (such as the Persian Gulf War) or in a military operation for which a campaign or expeditionary medal is authorized.

"14" Transitional benefits and services are available only to soldiers separated involuntarily, under other than adverse conditions.

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