

**ODVA Claims Offices: 8 AM-4 PM M-F**

Unless otherwise noted at location

**VA Regional Office, Muskogee**

(918) 781-7766 or 1-888-655-2838

**Jack C. Montgomery VAMC, Muskogee**

(918) 577-3633

**VAMC, Oklahoma City**

(405) 456-5477; M-FR 9 AM- 3 PM

**Ernest Childers VA Outpatient Clinic, Tulsa**

(918) 628-2566 or (918) 628-2579

**Lawton Claims & Benefits**

(580) 354-3033

**Tinker AFB, Retiree Office, Bldg. 460**

**(Friday)** Walk-in 830 AM – 3 PM

**ODVA Central Office, Oklahoma City**

(405)521-3684, walk-in or appt.

**ODVA Program Managers**

**Manager, VA Regional Office Muskogee**

(918) 781-7766

**Assistant Manager VARO Muskogee**

(918) 781-7766

**Northeast Programs Manager**

(918)348-4901

**Southeast Programs Manager**

(918)577-0372

**Northwest Programs Manager**

(918)781-9253

**Southwest Programs Manager**

(918)348-9767

**Itinerate Veteran Service Representatives**

**ODVA Claims & Benefits** employs field or itinerant Veteran Service Representatives who travel throughout the state to assist veterans.

Schedules can be found on the ODVA website [www.odva.ok.gov](http://www.odva.ok.gov) or by calling 1-888-655-2838.

**MISSION:** In Partnership with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, State, Local Agencies, and Veterans Service Organizations, the State of Oklahoma will facilitate in providing to the Veterans and their families residing in the State of Oklahoma the highest quality support and care available anywhere in the Nation



**VISION:** The State of Oklahoma, a State known for the best Veterans Care and Services in the Nation, where Veterans and their families are provided tools that are readily accessible, while facilitating their needs and requirements to continue a quality life among the community in exchange for their service to the Nation, which has been paid in advance.



**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

1-888-655-2838



[www.okvets.ok.gov](http://www.okvets.ok.gov)



## STATE BENEFITS

**Tax Exemptions:** 100% service connected (including individual unemployment), totally disabled veterans that are rated permanent and total are eligible for sales tax, excise tax, property and household exemptions. Surviving spouses may be entitled to these benefits if the veteran was already receiving the benefit at the time of death, excluding the Excise tax.

**Motor Vehicles:** Reduced fee auto tags for veterans rated at 50% service connected or more. Surviving Spouses may also be entitled for this benefit. Special license plates are offered through the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety.

**Hunting and Fishing Permits:** Veterans with a service connected rating of 60% or more, with valid state ID

**State Parks:** Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department offers free admission to state owned and operated parks/museums. Proof of Veteran status required.

**Veteran Driver's License:** Through the Oklahoma Department of Motor Vehicles that identifies an individual as a veteran. Proof of active military service required.



**Employment Preference:** Eligible for preference when applying for Merit System Jobs with state agencies in Oklahoma. Contact Oklahoma Office of Personnel Management at [Http://www.opm.ok.gov](http://www.opm.ok.gov)

**Financial Assistance Program:** Veterans must have one year of Oklahoma residency, one year or less job interruption, temporarily injured and whose income is reduced/ changed due to illness, death or disaster (must have proof of loss). Veterans **must** apply through local service organizations. Surviving eligible family members may apply within one year of death of veteran.

**Special Disabled Veterans Employment:** Honorably discharged Veterans receiving 30% or more service connected disability and are legal residents of Oklahoma are exempt from entrance examinations and hiring procedures required by OPM in competitive and non-competitive state jobs.

**Oklahoma Cross of Valor:** Must be a resident of Oklahoma at the time of entering the service; officially listed as a captive during a war, campaign, or battle; and honorably discharged. Status must be verified through the Federal VA.

**G.I. Bill:** Veteran wishing to utilize their GI Bill may contact the Education Division by visiting [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or 1-888-442-4551



## What We Can Do?

Provide assistance filing claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for:

- Compensation (service-connected disability) initial, increase and/or temporary 100%
- Improved Pension (non-service connected disabilities)
- Dependency Indemnity Compensation (service related death)
- Improved Death Pension (non-service related death)
- Notice of Disagreements with the VA Rating Decision
- Appeals to the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA)
- Local (Muskogee) personal and BVA hearings
- Request records, to include: personnel, service treatment and unit
- Outreach Programs: home visitation, hospital visitation, constituent inquiries, speaker support, and benefits concessions

## What Documentation is Needed?

- Separation papers: DD214, WD AGO 53-55, NAVPERS 553, NGB-22 with line of duty (LOD)
- Dependent information: Marriage certificates, Birth certificates, Social Security numbers, Divorce decree(s) and Death certificate
- Medical records: Service treatment, Private medical, Household or Aid & Attendance form
- Income information: Social Security, Retirement, Savings and Interest

