



Georgia Department of Veterans Service

2014 Calendar

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE

The mission of the Department of Veterans Service is to serve the more than 776,000 veterans residing in Georgia, their dependents and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans benefits.

This responsibility falls into two basic tasks: informing veterans and their families about veterans benefits; and directly assisting and advising veterans and their families in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

To support these missions, the department maintains:

- ♦ Veterans Field Service Offices: These offices are open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (except on state holidays noted in red throughout this calendar). The Field Service Officers staffing these offices provide direct assistance to veterans at the local level. They counsel and assist veterans in gathering the documents and information required to support their claims. See veterans.georgia.gov/field-offices to locate the nearest VFSO.
- ♦ State Veterans Nursing Homes: These two facilities provide skilled nursing care to Georgia's war veterans who need those services. See the months of January and April for details.
- ♦ State Veterans Cemeteries: These two locations provide final resting places for Georgia's veterans and serve as shrines to their memory and their service to our nation. See the months of May and December for details.
- ♦ Veterans Education and Training Division: With Post 9/11 GI Bill oversight for statewide higher education, OJT and apprenticeship programs, this division is responsible for the approval, certification, and supervision of educational institutions and training establishments throughout the state. See the months of March and October for details.
- ♦ Claims and Appeals Division: The primary function of this division is to assist veterans, their dependents, and survivors in the prosecution of claims for benefits and entitlements available from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the State of Georgia. Additionally, the division provides support service for claims emanating from the VFSOs.
- ♦ Public Information Division: This division holds responsibility for keeping the public abreast of the latest information pertaining to veterans. Join us at facebook.com/gavetsvc and twitter.com/gavetsvc.

“Serving Those Who Served”

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Missions:

To assist Georgia's veterans, their dependents and survivors with claims to obtain benefits including compensation, pension, and services from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

To provide nursing home care to veteran patients at the Augusta and Milledgeville state veterans homes.

To provide memorial benefits to Georgia's veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the armed forces of our nation and to their families at the Glennville and Milledgeville state veterans cemeteries that are shrines to the memory of our state's heroes.

Vision:

We will provide the highest quality assistance to Georgia's veterans to aid them in obtaining all the benefits from the federal and state governments to which they are entitled.

We will provide the highest quality nursing home services to Georgia's veteran patients, as judged by VA surveys, state inspections and other accrediting agencies.

We will provide shrine standard services at Georgia's state veterans cemeteries to memorialize our state's fallen and deceased heroes who faithfully and honorably served in the armed forces.

Values:

We value the service Georgia's veterans have provided to our nation and our state in the armed forces of our nation and the freedoms we all enjoy because of that service.

We value the ongoing partnership our state has with the VA to provide assistance and service to Georgia's veterans and their families.

GREETINGS

We are extremely proud of the Georgians who have honorably served our country over the centuries. It is now our honor to serve you.

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service is an agency of state government created for the purpose of advising, counseling, and assisting Georgia's veterans and their families in receiving their rightful benefits under the vast and complex framework of veterans' laws.

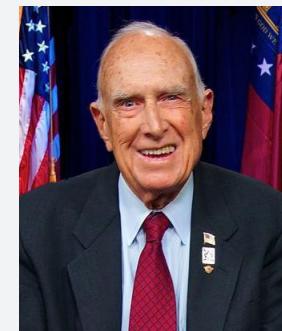
No veterans' benefits are granted automatically – you must apply for them! We exist to help you do exactly that.

Upon discharge from active military service, you may have been counseled and perhaps you received information pertaining to some of the benefits to which you may be entitled under the law. Our job is to explain in detail these benefits and, if entitled, assist you free of charge in obtaining them.

Service is in our name and service is our work. Providing quality and effective service to Georgia veterans and their dependents is and always will be our number one mission. In doing so, we pledge to stay current and adjust quickly and carefully to new laws, be diligent in their application, and continually improve our efficiency in service to veterans and their families.

Only by doing so, can we echo the words of one of our famous wartime presidents, Abraham Lincoln, who over a century ago, called upon the Nation "to care for him who have borne the battle and for his widow and orphan . . ."

Thank you for your personal sacrifice in military service to our country. We look forward to serving you.



Pete Wheeler
Commissioner



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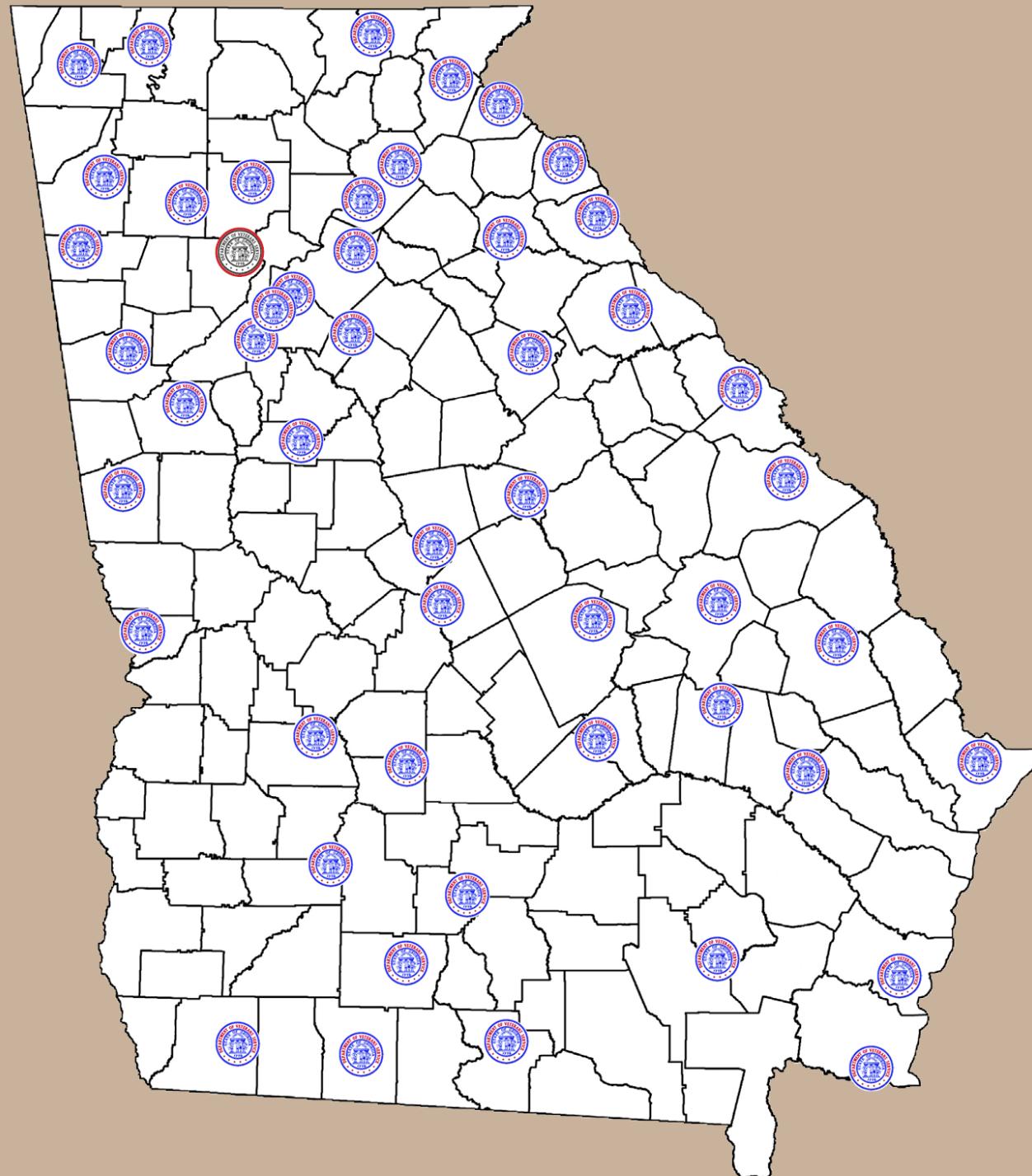


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19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	21	22	23  LAST	24	25
26	27	28	29  NEW	30	31	In 2014, GDVS anticipates opening an office in Cobb County. Find out when at veterans.ga.gov/press-releases .

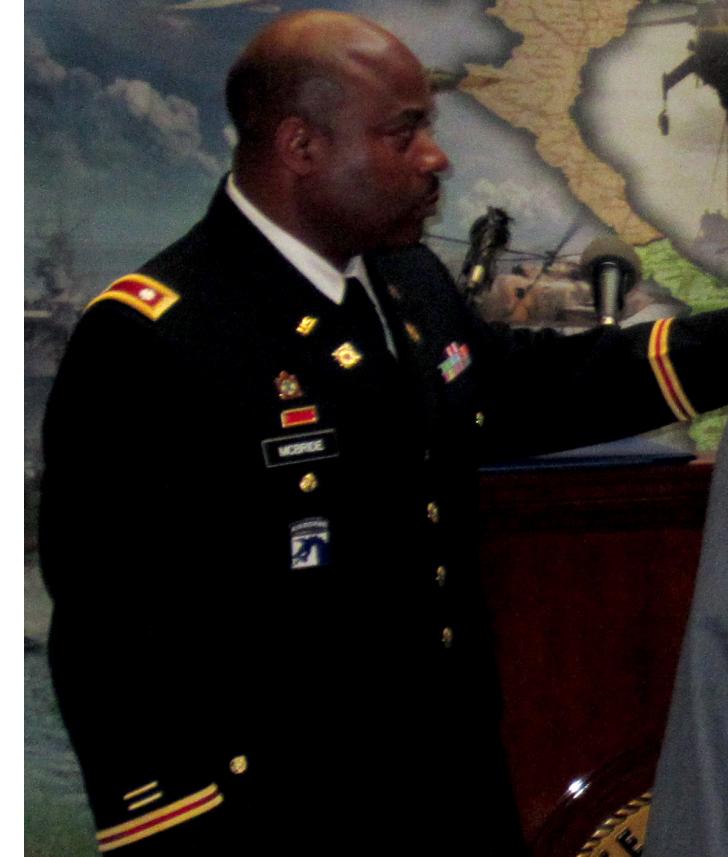


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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
**VIETNAM WAR
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50th Anniversary



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April

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Most Georgia veterans -- as well as some active-duty service members -- qualify for a Commemorative Service License Plate or a Military Medal Award License Plate. Find out how to apply for these by visiting veterans.georgia.gov/license-plates .		1 April Fools' Day	2	3	4	5
6  Holocaust Remembrance Day	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday	14  Passover Begins Tax Day	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19 Holy Saturday
20 Easter Sunday	21 Earth Day	22  Passover Ends	23	24	25 Arbor Day	26
27	28  State Holiday	29	30	Disabled Veterans, Purple Heart Medal recipients, and former POWs may qualify for tax-free license plates.	March 2014 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	May 2014 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



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14 Grandparents Day 	15	16	17 Constitution Day	18 Air Force Birthday (1947)	19 National POW/MIA Recognition Day	20
21	22	23 Equinox 	24	25 Rosh Hashana (begins at sunset)	26	27
28 Gold Star Mother's Day	29	30	"Over 18,800 Georgians have been held as prisoners of war at some point in time, with more than 2,630 having died in captivity and over 1,400 still unaccounted for..." — Governor Nathan Deal's 2013 POW/MIA Recognition Day Proclamation		August 2014 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	October 2014 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



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Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



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