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Westfield/Montgomery Veterans Services



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Veterans' Services Office, 45 Noble Street, Westfield
Monday-Friday 8:00AM-4:00PM
413-572-6247

FREE Monthly Veterans Lunch

All veterans and spouses are welcome to attend a free veteran's lunch at Westfield Technical Academy's Tigers Pride Restaurant during the school year and at the Senior Center during the summer. Advanced registration and discharge papers are required. Call the Veterans Office to register each month (413) 572-6247.



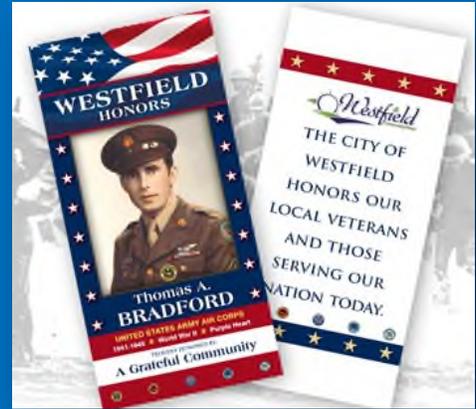
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MILITARY TRIBUTE BANNERS

Honoring our residents' beloved Veterans, Active-Duty, Reserve, and National Guard members with these beautiful military banners displayed in Westfield. This is our way of saying "Thank You" to the brave men and women of our great United States military.

The beautiful full-color banners honor your hero in an attractive 30"x 60" Patriotic Design displaying the honoree's photo and basic military information as well as your family or business name printed on the banner.



A limit of 30 banners will be displayed each year. Applications are available January 15—March 15 each year. Banners will be displayed from Memorial Day through Veterans Day, after which the family will receive the banner as a keepsake. The cost is \$160.00 per banner.

To apply, contact the Westfield Veterans Services Department at 413-572-6247.



JOIN A LOCAL VETERAN ORGANIZATION

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| American Legion Post 124 | 38 Broad Street, Westfield 413-562-9779 |
| Vietnam Veterans Chapter 219 | 306 Elm Street, Westfield 413-348-4864 |
| Marine Corps League Det. 141 | 71 North Elm St, Westfield 413-237-5360 |
| Veterans of Foreign Wars 872 | 46 Powdermill Road Southwick 413-289-4411 |
| Forty & Eight | 190 Pleasant St, Easthampton 413-335-5666 |

"The mission of the Department of Veterans' Services is to advocate on behalf of all the Commonwealth's veterans and provide them with quality support services and to direct an emergency financial assistance program for those veterans and their dependents who are in need."

MA STATE BENEFITS

There is a program for low income, unemployed and underemployed veterans and their spouses through the state of Massachusetts.

We may be able to provide monetary assistance to those who are single and have less than \$8,400 in assets and less than \$2,609 monthly income, or married couple with less than \$16,800 in assets and take in less than \$3,525 monthly.

FEDERAL BENEFITS

The Westfield Veterans' Services Office can assist you with processing a Federal Claims at no charge! We can submit your claims directly to the VA. We help with VA Claims for Pension, Disability, Aid and Assistance for Nursing Home/Homebound Care, Burial Benefits, Cemetery Flags, and more. Please call the office and make an appointment to discuss submitting a claim.

RETIRED FLAG DROP BOX

The United States Flag Code, Title 4, Section 8k states-“The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.”

There are two retired flag drop boxes in Westfield—one is at the Marine Corps League, 71 N Elm Street and the other is located at the Senior Center, 45 Noble Street.

All flags are retired in a ceremony performed locally by the our veteran organizations and boy scout troops.



PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND WORK OFF PROGRAM

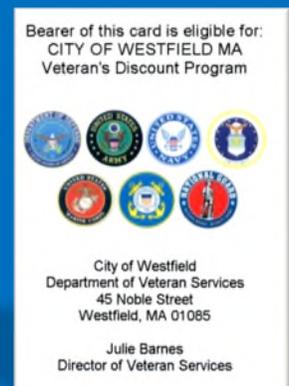
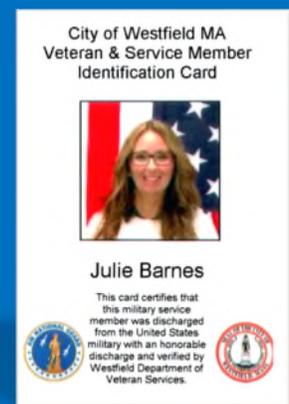
- To qualify, all veterans (and spouses where applicable) must: be legal residents of MA; be occupying the property as his/her domicile on July 1 in the year of application; have lived in MA for at least six months prior to entering the service or have lived in MA for five consecutive years immediately prior to filing for a property tax exemption.
- \$400 tax exemption for the following persons: • 10% (or more) service-connected disabled veteran; • Purple Heart recipient; • Spouse of veteran
- \$1,000 for veterans that are 100% disabled by the VA.
- Full property tax exemption for Gold Star Parents and service connected deaths.
- \$1,500 tax exemption (minus deductions) to qualifying veterans under the city’s tax work off program. There are volunteer opportunities in the elementary schools as a Safety Officer or working with our Veterans Graves Officer repairing and maintaining veterans graves.

To apply contact Julie Barnes at julie.barnes@cityofwestfield.org or call the office for more information or to apply for the volunteer program.



VETERAN ID CARD

Westfield Veterans’ Services offers a Military Veteran/Prior Service Member Identification Card to all military prior service members with an honorable discharge who are Westfield residents. The program is designed to encourage veterans to shop locally, support local businesses and the local economy, provide a source of prior military service identification, as well as to conduct outreach to local veterans to further understand their needs for programs and services. If you would like an ID Card, please call our office for an appointment.



2026 VETERAN EVENTS

WESTFIELD VETERAN SERVICES

The Department of Veterans Services is responsible for supporting veterans residing in Westfield. We assist with veterans issues on the federal, state and local levels.

Whether you are looking to file a VA Disability Claim, needing help with burial costs, seeking assistance with food or housing expenses, please contact our office.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday
8:00AM—4:00PM
45 Noble Street
Westfield MA 01085
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- Apr Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day – Sat Apr 4, 1PM, Parker Park
Patriots Day Ceremony – Mon Apr 20, 11AM, Parker Park
104th Infantry Regiment Memorial– Sat Apr 25, 11AM Apremont Park
- May Memorial Day Parade – Mon May 25, 10:30AM step off at City Hall
Memorial Day Ceremony – Mon May 25, 11AM Parker Memorial Park
- Jul Independence Day Parade (July 4, 10AM, Sat), Hampton Ponds Plaza
- Aug Purple Heart Recognition Day—Fri, Aug 7, 1PM, Kane/Wojtkiewicz Park
- Sept POW/MIA Candlelight Recognition Fri, Sept 18, 8:30AM, COA
- Nov Park of Honor Ceremony and Flag Display, Sat Nov 7, 11AM
Veterans Day Parade, Wed Nov 11, 10:30AM, step off at City Hall
Veterans Day Ceremony, Wed Nov 11, 11AM, Middle School
- Dec Pearl Harbor Ceremony, Mon Dec 7, 10:30AM, Kane/Wojtkiewicz Park

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