



## SUMMARY OF STATE VA BENEFITS

### Local Benefits Provided to Virgin Islands Veterans "Only"

**Definition of Virgin Islands Veteran - veterans who were domiciliaries of the Virgin Islands at the time of death, and who entered the armed services in the Virgin Islands or who were domiciliaries of the Virgin Islands but entered the armed services in another jurisdiction while temporarily residing in that jurisdiction.**

1. Home / land loan **(when available)** Max amount of \$220,000.00 at a low rate of 3.5%.
2. FREE **Tuition** is offered for attendance at UVI, fees are paid by the Veteran. In addition, Virgin Islands Veterans shall be permitted to attend, **without fee or charge** of any kind, UVI CELL (Community Engagement & Lifelong Learning) and any academic or career and technical courses conducted by the Department of Education in the US Virgin Islands, whether held in the day or night. (See OVA Policy #2)
3. A maximum of \$5,000.00 is **reimbursed** for Burial Expenses of Virgin Islands Veterans( See OVA Policy #4).
4. Opportunity to acquire a Taxi Medallion through the annual VI Taxi Medallion auction. (See OVA Policy #5)
5. Designation of "Veteran" on Drivers Licensed or State I.D. issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). (Includes VI National Guard Retirees w/20+ years)

### Local Benefits Provided to Veterans Residing in the USVI

6. A FREE Burial Plot in local cemeteries having a designated section for Veterans. A spouse, or minor child, and under certain conditions an unmarried adult child is also eligible for burial in conjunction with the Veteran.
7. Homestead Tax Exemption of Real Property Tax Bill is offered to Veterans or the widowed spouse of a Veteran who occupies their primary home. (See OVA Policy #6)
8. Any Veteran of the Armed Services of the United States of America who has a service-related disability that has been determined by the Veterans Administration to be entitled to receive compensation for **permanent and total disability** is exempt from the payment of all real property taxes levied by the Tax Assessor against the disabled Veteran's homestead.
9. 10-Points Preference added to Veteran's score on Local civil Service Examinations and 15-Points for Disabled Veterans. A disabled Veteran is a Veteran with a service-connected disability currently rated at 0% or more. The widow or spouse of a disabled veteran shall be entitled to the same benefit granted to disabled veterans under this subsection.
10. FREE **Emergency** Ambulance Service to all Veterans residing in the US Virgin Islands.
11. 100% reimbursement of off island travel for non service-connected Veterans with a VA medical appointment at the closest VA medical facility. (See OVA Policy #3)
12. Up to 3 FREE Veterans License Plates; however, only one disabled licensed plate per eligible Veteran. (Fees associated with the registration must be paid by the Veteran).
13. Disabled License Plate for Veterans that are "Permanent and Total Disabled" based on military service and documented on their Benefit Summary Letter obtained from the Veterans Benefit Administration @ 1(800) 827-1000.

As of November 19, 2024

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