

Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

Veteran ID Cards & Fingerprinting

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Department of Defense (DoD) Identification Card

A Department of Defense (DoD) Identification Card is used to show your military status and to get access to services at military bases. You may also use this card to get discounts offered to Veterans at many stores, businesses, and restaurants. If you have a DoD Identification Card, you don't need to request another type of photo ID card to prove you're a Veteran or to get retail or business discounts. You may be eligible if one of the descriptions below is true for you.

One of these must describe you. You're:

- Retired from the military, **or**
- On active duty, **or**
- In the National Guard, the Reserves, the Selected Reserves, or Inactive Ready Reserve

Note: Depending on your status, the DoD issues either a Common Access Card (CAC) or a Uniformed Services ID Card (USID). For both types of DoD cards, you'll need to either be a sponsor or have a sponsor. You'll need to fill out an [Application for Identification Card/DEERS Enrollment \(DD Form 1172-2\)](#). Then turn in your completed application to a Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System (RAPIDS) office for processing.

Fingerprinting or Special Agreement Check (SAC) – Department of Veterans Affairs

Fingerprints are required when applying for a VA Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Card. Fingerprints can be obtained by appointing from the VA's Office of Personnel & Management (OPM) at the following locations:

Washington DC VA Medical Center

50 Irving Street, NW, Room 1A-114
Washington, DC 20422
202-745-8000 (V)

Baltimore VA Medical Center

10 North Green Street, Room 3D111
Baltimore, MD 21201
410-605-7000 ext. 56635 (V)

Washington VA Central Office

1800 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
202-461-9560 (V)

Baltimore Regional Office

31 Hopkins Plaza, 3rd Floor Suite
Baltimore, MD 21201
410-230-4570 (V)
Email: PIV.VBABAL@va.gov

Fingerprints can also be obtained from the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center's Security Office located in Bethesda, MD. Call to schedule an appointment at 301-295-1246 (V).

Maryland Driver's License - Veterans Status

<https://mva.maryland.gov/drivers/Pages/military.aspx>

The Maryland Department of Transportation (DOT) Motor Vehicles Administration (MVA) offers a veteran designation on a driver's license or identification (ID) card for qualifying veterans. The designation indicates that you are eligible for state veteran benefits. You are eligible if your veteran status is anything other than dishonorable. There is no cost to you if:

- Add the veteran designation at any time without making any other changes
- Already have the veteran designation on the back of your driver's license or ID but want the new secure driver's license or ID with the word Veteran on the front

If you are renewing your driver's license or ID or you wish to make any corrections (ex: name, address, etc.), standard fees apply. You may add or remove the veteran designation by visiting any MDOT MVA branch. Please visit the website above for a list of required documentation. If you do not have any of the required documentation, please contact the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs to obtain documentation verifying your status as a veteran by calling 1-800-446-4926.

VA Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Card

[www.osp.va.gov/How To Get A VA ID Badge.asp](http://www.osp.va.gov/How_To_Get_A_VA_ID_Badge.asp)

Everyone working within VA facilities or requiring access to VA information systems requires a PIV card. You must be sponsored by an official PIV Sponsor in the PIV Enrollment Portal in order to be issued a VA PIV Card.

Veteran Health Identification Card

1-877-222-8387 (Toll Free – Helpline)

When you're enrolled in VA health care, you get a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) that you use to check in to your appointments at VA medical centers. You may also use this card to get discounts offered to Veterans at many stores, businesses, and restaurants. If you have a VHIC, you don't need to request another type of photo ID card to prove you're a Veteran or to get retail or business discounts. You need to be enrolled in VA health care to receive a Veteran Health Identification Card. If you aren't signed up for VA health care, you can apply online now:

www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply.

Veteran ID Card

A Veteran ID Card (VIC) is a form of photo ID you can use to get discounts offered to Veterans at many stores, businesses, and restaurants. When you have this card, you won't need to carry around your military discharge papers or share sensitive personal information to receive discounts. If you have a VIC, you don't need to request another type of photo ID card to prove you're a Veteran or to get retail or business discounts. You may be eligible if you meet both of the requirements listed below. **Both of these must be true. You:**

- Served on active duty, in the Reserves, or in the National Guard (including the Coast Guard), **and**
- Received an honorable or general discharge (under honorable conditions)

If you received an other than honorable, bad conduct, or dishonorable character of discharge, you're not eligible for a Veteran ID Card. If you have an uncharacterized or unknown discharge status, your eligibility will have to be verified before your application is approved. To apply, visit www.va.gov/records/get-veteran-id-cards/vic/.