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Online Sources for Comprehensive Lists of State Benefits for Veterans

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Federal laws concerning military benefits provide a floor, not a ceiling, which establishes base benefits for service members. States are allowed to create additional benefits for service members in their respective jurisdictions, and they often do.

The Service Member Law Center tracks state and local laws affecting those who have served. In doing so, the center has compiled individual states' laws concerning paid military leave for public employees, available at: <https://www.roa.org/general/custom.asp?page=lawcenter>.

In addition to paid leave laws, many states have own veterans affairs departments. Below is a webpage from the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs with links to all of the State Departments of Veterans Affairs websites: <http://www.va.gov/statedva.htm>.

States also have legislation granting military benefits, on top of the federal ones. This link provides a list of benefits in each state. Although not an official government source, it is still very helpful, as a starting point. It is, however, an ad-supported commercial source. So any information that you glean from it should be verified. The information is available at: <http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/state-veterans-benefits-directory.html>.

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¹I invite the reader's attention to <https://www.roa.org/page/LawCenter>. You will find more than 2000 "Law Review" articles about the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), the Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act (USFSPA), and other laws that are especially pertinent to those who serve our country in uniform. You will also find a detailed Subject Index, to facilitate finding articles about specific topics. The Reserve Officers Association, now doing business as the Reserve Organization of America (ROA), initiated this column in 1997.

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