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Welcome Home

New Commissary Access Given to Veterans

Now that the Defense Department has given new access to veterans to commissary, post exchange, and MWR benefits, multiple questions have been raised.

- First and foremost, what type of veteran's ID is needed to access these benefits? Veterans must possess a Veteran Health ID Card with the words service connected on it.
- Next, are felons allowed unescorted access to the base? Possibly. Each case is reviewed on a case by case basis, and exceptions may be made by applying to the installation commander.
- Are dependents eligible for these new benefits? No. Only specific Veterans are eligible, however, dependents may accompany Veterans, but cannot make purchases.
- What MWR activities can be used? Armedforcestravel.com; Bowling; Camping; Clubs; Golf; Lodging; Movies (if there is an admission fee); Pools (at the Military Department discretion) and Tickets (At the discretion of MWR)

To see other questions, please visit:

<https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAnAge/70068/dod-answers-top-10-questions-expanded-commissary-exchange-mwr-access/>

- Are you newly discharged from the military? Were you injured or do you have health issues that may be related to your service? Make an appointment to see if you qualify for disability compensation.
- Are you a service member, veteran, or the surviving spouse of a service member? Make an appointment to see what types of benefits may be available to you.



SCOTT COUNTY VETERAN AFFAIRS

The Veteran Services program provides assistance to all veterans and their dependents in applying for federal and/or state benefits and other related matters. Federal benefits include:

Applying for:

- Compensation (Service connected disability)
- Pension (Non-service connected disability)
- Widow's Benefits
- Survivors Benefits Plan
- Certificates of Eligibility for Home Loans
- Aid and Attendance for Nursing Home and Housebound Veterans
- Iowa's Veteran's Home Admittance
- Apportionments
- Overpayments
- Appeals
- Obtaining military records and medals
- Upgrading discharge
- Distributing grave markers and flag holders

Base Access Instructions for Rock Island Arsenal

In order to gain access to the Rock Island Arsenal, Veterans will need to bring certain documents to the Moline gate before entry will be permitted. Veterans should bring a valid state identification card, driver's license, or valid US Passport. Upon entry in to the visitor access center, Veterans will be asked to complete a favorable background check. Upon completing a favorable background check, Veterans will receive a base access pass that is good for one year and is valid at any gate. Please remember, that all vehicles and persons are subject to search and privately owned weapons are not allowed on the base at any time.



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Urgent Care Now Available to Veterans Under the Mission Act

Veterans that use VA healthcare are now able to utilize local urgent care clinics under the VA Mission Act. Veterans must use one of the urgent care clinics that are contracted through the VA. To see which clinics are contracted, please visit the following link:

<https://www.va.gov/find-locations/>

A Veteran must have received care from the VA in the past 24 months in order to be eligible. Eligible Veterans do not need to obtain authorization before using in-network urgent care. There is also no limit to the number of times a veteran can use an Urgent Care clinic. Some veterans may have a \$30 copay if they use an urgent care clinic. Please speak to your VA healthcare provider to find out more information.