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To: Joint Committee on Kansas Security
From: Natalie Teemer-Washington, Research Analyst
Re: Proof Required for Veterans' Benefits

PROOF REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN VETERANS BENEFITS

This memorandum covers the proof required by the federal government for certain veterans' benefits and the proof required by certain private businesses in Kansas for military discounts. Several types of federal benefits are offered to veterans, military service members, and military families. The Veterans Benefits Administration provides various benefits to service members, veterans, and their families. The proof required to receive federal veterans' benefits varies based on the type of benefit and the status of the person applying for benefits. The table below summarizes the proof required to receive one type of benefit from each of three major benefit categories provided by the federal government: disability benefits, home loan benefits, and education benefits.

FEDERAL BENEFITS AND EVIDENCE REQUIRED		
Benefit Category	Benefit	Evidence Required
Compensation	Disability Compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discharge or separation papers (Department of Defense [DD] Form 214 or equivalent); • Medical evidence of a current physical or mental disability; AND • Evidence of a relationship between the disability and an injury, disease, or event in military service. Medical records or medical opinions are required to establish this relationship.
Home Loan	Purchase Loan and Cash-out Refinance	<p>Veteran or current or former National Guard or Reserve members who HAVE been on federal active service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DD Form 214 - required to have a copy showing the character of service (item 24) and the narrative reason for separation. <p>Active Duty Service Member A current statement of service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Signed by (or by the direction of):</i> the adjutant, personnel office, or commander of the unit or higher headquarters.

FEDERAL BENEFITS AND EVIDENCE REQUIRED

Benefit Category	Benefit	Evidence Required
Home Loan (continued)	Purchase Loan and Cash-out Refinance (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Showing:</i> Full name, social security number, date of birth, entry date on active duty, the duration of any lost time, and the name of the command providing the information. <p>Current National Guard or Reserve member who has NEVER been federal active service</p> <p>A current statement of service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Signed by (or by the direction of):</i> the adjutant, personnel office, or commander of the unit or higher headquarters. • <i>Showing:</i> full name, social security number, date of birth, entry date on duty, total number of creditable years of service, the duration of any lost time, and the name of the command providing the information. <p>Discharged member of the National Guard who has never been activated for federal active service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Guard Bureau (NGB) Form 22, Report of Separation and Record of Service, for each period of National Guard service; or • NGB Form 23, Retirement Points Accounting, and proof of the character of service. <p>Discharged member of the Selected Reserve who has never been activated for federal active service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of latest annual retirement points statement and evidence of honorable service. <p>Surviving Spouse in Receipt of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VA form 26-1817 and veteran's DD 214 (if available). • Must include veteran's and surviving spouse's social security number on the VA 26-1817 form. <p>Surviving Spouse Not Receiving DIC benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VA form 21-534 • DD214 (if available) • Marriage License • Death Certificate or DD Form 1300 – Report of Casualty

FEDERAL BENEFITS AND EVIDENCE REQUIRED		
Benefit Category	Benefit	Evidence Required
Education Benefits	Post 9/11 GI Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran must complete and submit VA form 22-1990 – Application for VA Education Benefits. • School Certifying Official must complete and submit VA form 22-1999 – VA Enrollment Certification.

Certain private businesses offer discounts to veterans and military service members. The proof required by private businesses is generally limited to a military or veterans' identification card (ID). The following table shows the documents two private businesses near Fort Riley, Kansas, use to verify military status for a military discount.

SELECTED PRIVATE BUSINESSES IN KANSAS OFFERING MILITARY DISCOUNTS AND PROOF REQUIRED		
Business Name, Type, and Location	Discount Offered	Proof Required
HyVee (Grocery Store)	5.0 percent	Military ID
Walgreens (Pharmacy)	10.0 percent (excluding prescriptions)	Military ID, Dependent ID, or VA document

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NATIONAL GUARD REPORT OF SEPARATION AND RECORD OF SERVICE

The proponent agency is ARNG-HRH. The prescribing directive is NGR 600-200.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

1. **AUTHORITY:** Title 10 USC 12101 and 12103, Title 32 USC 301 and 304, and Executive Order 9397.
2. **PURPOSE:** Official discharge document, which records the National Guard member's (ARNG & ANG) service in the National Guard. The original and one copy will be provided to the soldier. A copy will be maintained by the MILPO for state records. For organizational use only.
3. **ROUTINE USES:** None.
4. **DISCLOSURE:** Voluntary; However, failure to provide Service Number may result in a delayed or erroneous processing of NGB Form 22A.

Report of separation and record of service in the		National Guard of Kansas		and as a Reserve of the	
1. LAST NAME- FIRST NAME- MIDDLE NAME		2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
4. DATE OF ENLISTMENT	5a. RANK	5b. PAY GRADE	6. DATE OF RANK	7. DATE OF BIRTH	
8a. STATION OR INSTALLATION AT WHICH EFFECTED				8b. EFFECTIVE DATE	
9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED		10. RECORD OF SERVICE		YEARS	MONTHS
		(a) NET SERVICE THIS PERIOD			
		(b) PRIOR RESERVE COMPONENT SERVICE			
		(c) PRIOR ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE			
		(d) TOTAL SERVICE FOR PAY			
11. TERMINAL DATE OF RESERVE/MILITARY SERVICE OBLIGATION		(e) TOTAL SERVICE FOR RETIRED PAY			
12. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course Title, number of weeks, month and year completed)		13. PRIMARY SPECIALTY NUMBER, TITLE AND DATE AWARDED (Additional specialty numbers and titles)			
14. HIGHEST EDUCATION LEVEL SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED		15. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED THIS PERIOD (State Awards may be included)			
SECONDARY/HIGH SCHOOL YRS (Gr 1-12)					
COLLEGE YRS					
16. SERVICEMAN'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO AMT					
17. PERSONNEL SECURITY INVESTIGATION					
a. TYPE b. INVESTIGATION					
18. REMARKS					
19. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPERATION(Street, City, County, State, and Zip Code)			20. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPERATED		
21. NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER			22. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN		
23. AUTHORITY AND REASON					
24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE		25. TYPE OF CERTIFICATE USED		26. REENLISTMENT ELIGIBLTY	
27. REQUEST		DECLINE COPIES OF MY NGB FORM 22		INITIALS	

CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

This Report Contains Information Subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, As Amended.

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle)		2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH ARMY/RA		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		
4a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK SPC	b. PAY GRADE E04	5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD)		6. RESERVE OBLIGATION TERMINATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) 00000000		
7a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY		b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known)				
8a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND WT CO A WARRIORS FT EUSTI MC		b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED				
9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED N/A				10. SGLI COVERAGE <input type="checkbox"/> NONE AMOUNT: \$ 400,000.00		
11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.)		12. RECORD OF SERVICE		YEAR(S)	MONTH(S)	DAY(S)
		a. DATE ENTERED AD THIS PERIOD		2006	08	15
		b. SEPARATION DATE THIS PERIOD		2010	01	27
		c. NET ACTIVE SERVICE THIS PERIOD		0003	05	13
		d. TOTAL PRIOR ACTIVE SERVICE		0001	08	09
		e. TOTAL PRIOR INACTIVE SERVICE		0020	07	10
		f. FOREIGN SERVICE		0001	02	08
		g. SEA SERVICE		0000	00	00
		h. INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING		0000	00	00
i. EFFECTIVE DATE OF PAY GRADE		2006	08	15		
13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service) ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (3RD AWARD)//ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (3RD AWARD)//NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL//IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL W/ CAMPAIGN STAR//ARMY SERVICE RIBBON// DRIVER AND MECHANIC BADGE W/DRIVER-WHEELED VEHICLE(S) CLASP//NOTHING FOLLOWS		14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year completed)				
15a. COMMISSIONED THROUGH SERVICE ACADEMY			YES	X	NO	
b. COMMISSIONED THROUGH ROTC SCHOLARSHIP (10 USC Sec. 2107b)			YES	X	NO	
c. ENLISTED UNDER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (10 USC Chap. 109) (If Yes, years of commitment 0)			YES	X	NO	
16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID 20	17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION				YES NO X	
18. REMARKS SERVED IN A DESIGNATED IMMINENT DANGER PAY AREA//SERVICE IN IRAQ 20071008-20090715// SERVICE IN IRAQ 19910101-19910530//MEMBER HAS COMPLETED FIRST FULL TERM OF SERVICE// MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO NO INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION PAY//US FLAG ISSUED//NOTHING FOLLOWS						
The information contained herein is subject to computer matching within the Department of Defense or with any other affected Federal or non-Federal agency for verification purposes and to determine eligibility for, and/or continued compliance with, the requirements of a Federal benefit program.						
19a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (Include ZIP Code)		b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include ZIP Code)				
MASSACHUSETTS						
20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 6 BE SENT TO (Specify state/locality)		MA		OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	X YES NO	
a. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 3 BE SENT TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (WASHINGTON, DC)		X		YES	NO	
21a. MEMBER SIGNATURE	b. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20100127	22a. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title, signature) DESIGNED BY: Y TRANSITION LEAD		b. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20100127		

SPECIAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (For use by authorized agencies only)

23. TYPE OF SEPARATION		24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Include upgrades) HONORABLE	
25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY	26. SEPARATION CODE	27. REENTRY CODE	
28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION			
29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD (YYYYMMDD) NONE		30. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4 (Initials) DAL	

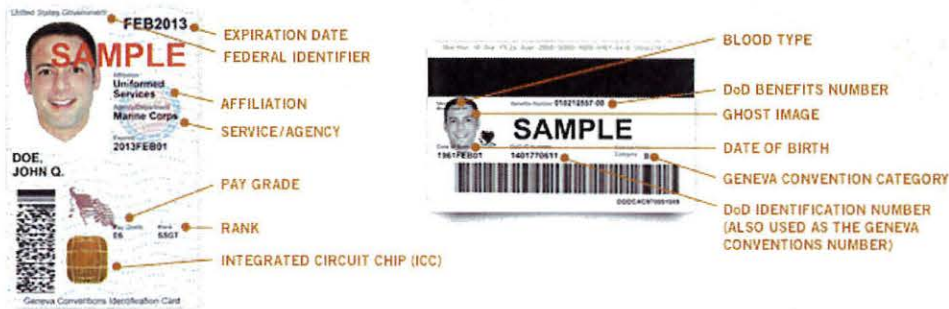
Sample Military Identification Cards

The information below was retrieved from the Department of Defense ID Card Reference Center's website: <http://www.cac.mil/>

COMMON ACCESS CARD (CAC)

The CAC, a "smart" card about the size of a credit card, is the standard identification for active duty uniformed service personnel, Selected Reserve, DoD civilian employees, and eligible contractor personnel. It is also the principal card used to enable physical access to buildings and controlled spaces, and it provides access to DoD computer networks and systems.

Card Topology



Card Types & Eligibility

The four different types of cards are listed below. The card you will be eligible for will be determined by your "Sponsor," the person affiliated with the DoD or other federal agency responsible for verifying and authorizing your need for an ID card. The uses of the card depend on the component/Command that you support. Each component/Command can customize the CAC to meet its specific needs.

Are you a sponsor? Visit the [Sponsorship & Eligibility section](#) of the ID Card Lifecycle for more details on this process.

CARD TYPE	RECIPIENTS	AFFILIATION
 <p>Armed Forces of the United States Geneva Conventions Identification Card</p> <p>The standard card for active duty personnel in accordance with Geneva Convention requirements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Duty Armed Forces Selected Reserves Reserve and National Guard members on active duty more than 30 days Contracted Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) U.S. Public Health Services (PHS) 	<p>Displays branch of Service</p>
 <p>U.S. DoD and/or Uniformed Services Identification Card</p> <p>The standard card for qualifying civilian employees, contractors, and foreign national affiliates who need access to DoD facilities, installations, and computer systems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DoD and uniformed services civilian employees (appropriated and nonappropriated) Eligible DoD, USCG, and NOAA contractors Non-DoD civilian employees to include: USCG and NOAA, state employees working in support of the National Guard, Intergovernmental Personnel Act employees, and non-DoD federal employees working in support of DoD 	<p>Senior Executive Service (SES)</p> <p>Civilians</p> <p>Contractors</p> <p>Civilian affiliates</p> <p>Federal affiliates</p> <p>Military affiliates</p>



U.S. DoD and/or Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card

The standard card granting applicable benefits and privileges for civilian employees, contractors, and foreign national military, as well as other eligible personnel.

- DoD and uniformed services civilian employees (appropriated and nonappropriated) when required to reside on a military installation within CONUS, HI, AK, Puerto Rico, and Guam, or when stationed or employed and residing in foreign countries for at least 365 days
- DoD contractors when stationed or employed and residing in foreign countries for at least 365 days
- DoD Presidential appointees
- Uniformed and non-uniformed full-time paid personnel of the Red Cross assigned to duty with the uniformed services within CONUS, HI, AK, Puerto Rico, and Guam, when required to reside on a military installation, or in foreign countries
- Eligible foreign military

Senior Executive Service (SES)
 Civilians
 Contractors
 Civilian affiliates
 Federal affiliates
 Military affiliates

COLOR CODING



Blue Bar: Non-U.S. Citizen



Green Bar: Contractors

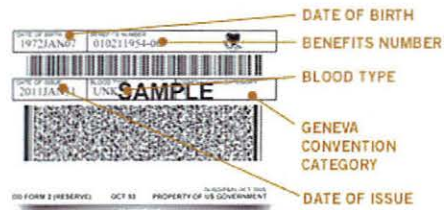
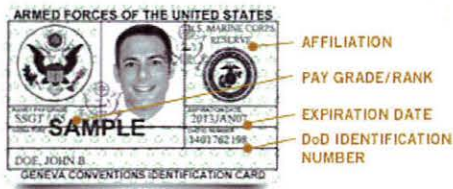


White: All Remaining Personnel

UNIFORMED SERVICES ID CARD


If you are a military retiree or military family member, you must have a Uniformed Services ID Card to access military service benefits or privileges.

Card Topology



Card Types & Eligibility

There are seven different Uniformed Services ID Cards. The benefits associated with each card depends on who you are or who your sponsor is.

CARD TYPE	RECIPIENTS
 <p>DD Form 2 (Reserve)</p> <p>Armed Forces of the United States Geneva Conventions Identification Card</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the Individual Ready Reserves and Inactive National Guard
 <p>DD Form 2 (Retired)</p> <p>United States Uniformed Services Identification Card</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retired members entitled to retired pay Members on the Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL) Members on the Permanent Disability Retired List (PDRL)
 <p>DD Form 2 (Reserve Retired)</p> <p>United States Uniformed Services Identification Card</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retired members of the Reserves and National Guard under the age of 60



DD Form 1173

United States Uniformed Services
Identification and Privilege Card

- Dependents of: active-duty servicemembers of the regular components; Reserve component servicemembers on active duty for more than 30 days; retirees; Medal of Honor recipients; former members in receipt of retired pay; Transitional Health Care Members (TAMP); 100% Disabled Veterans (DAV); and Ship's Officers and Crewmembers of NOAA Vessels
- Surviving dependents of: active-duty and retired military members; Medal of Honor recipients; and 100% Disabled Veterans (DAV)
- Accompanying family members of authorized civilian personnel overseas or in CONUS, HI, or AK when required to reside on a military installation
- Eligible dependents of foreign military
- Other benefits-eligible categories as described in DoD policy



DD Form 1173-1

United States Uniformed Services
Identification and Privilege Card
(Guard and Reserve family member)

- Dependents of: Reserve members not on Active Duty or in receipt of retired pay; former members not in receipt of retired pay; Reserve servicemembers who die after receipt of NOE
- Other benefits-eligible categories as described in DoD policy



DD Form 2765

Department of Defense/Uniformed
Services Identification and Privilege
Card

- Medal of Honor recipients
- 100% disabled veterans
- Former members in receipt of retired pay
- Transitional Health Care Member (TAMP)
- Area Executives, Center Directors, and Assistant Directors of the USO when Serving OCONUS
- United Seaman's Service (USS) Personnel OCONUS
- Officers and Crews of MSC Vessels deployed to foreign countries
- Select Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) personnel
- Other benefits-eligible categories as described in DoD policy



DoD Civilian Retiree Card

- Appropriated and non-appropriated fund civilians that have retired from any DoD service component or agency