

# WHY SOUTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF THE MOST VETERAN-FRIENDLY STATES IN THE COUNTRY

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A COMPREHENSIVE RELOCATION & BENEFITS  
GUIDE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



If you're considering a move to South Carolina—or you've recently received PCS orders to Fort Jackson, Shaw AFB, Charleston, or another installation—you may be surprised by the benefits available to veterans and military families.

Here are some of the top reasons veterans choose to call South Carolina home.



# YOUR MOVE-TO-SC BENEFIT CHECKLIST

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## Property Tax Exemption

Eligible veterans may receive a complete exemption from property taxes on their primary residence.

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## Vehicle Tax Benefits

Veterans who qualify for the 100% disabled veteran exemption may also be eligible for property tax exemptions on up to two vehicles.

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## Military Retirement Pay

Recent legislation has expanded tax exemptions for military retirement income, making South Carolina an attractive option.

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## Social Security Benefits

South Carolina does not tax Social Security benefits, helping retirees keep more of their income during retirement.

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## VA Healthcare Access

Veterans throughout South Carolina have access to VA healthcare facilities and clinics, including the Columbia VA Health Care System.

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## Affordable Cost of Living

Compared to many military markets around the country, South Carolina offers affordable housing options and lower property taxes.



# STRONG MILITARY PRESENCE

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**South Carolina proudly supports its military community through several installations, including:**

- Fort Jackson (Columbia)
- Shaw Air Force Base (Sumter)
- Joint Base Charleston
- Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort
- Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island

This strong military presence creates a welcoming environment and extensive support network for service members and veterans.



# VETERAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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South Carolina provides a thriving job market for transitioning service members, offering diverse career pathways where military experience is highly valued. Veterans can find excellent opportunities in:

- 01 Government positions & Healthcare**

Many South Carolina employers actively recruit veterans due to their leadership experience, work ethic, and specialized skills to fill vital roles across both public sectors and state healthcare systems.
- 02 Manufacturing, Logistics and transportation**

With a booming industrial economy, veterans can find extensive opportunities throughout the state's massive manufacturing hubs, commercial supply chains, and logistical networks.
- 03 Aerospace and defense industries**

Given the state's strong military presence, South Carolina's premier aerospace and defense sectors actively seek out veterans with highly specialized technical skills and security clearances.



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# A GREAT PLACE TO PUT DOWN ROOTS

Many military families come to South Carolina because of an assignment—and stay because of the quality of life.



*Thank you!*

From beautiful lakes and beaches to mild winters, excellent food, family-friendly communities, and a strong veteran support network, South Carolina continues to be a top destination for veterans and military retirees.

If you're considering buying a home in South Carolina and would like guidance on VA loans, veteran benefits, relocation, or military-friendly communities, I'd be honored to help.



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