



WELCOME TO D-M, VETERANS!

Extended Veteran Base Access

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base will welcome authorized individuals with a Veterans Health ID Card (VHIC) beginning January 1, 2020. This is in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Section 621.

What This Means For You

Accessible Amenities

Once base access requirements are met, eligible veterans may access the following facilities:

- ✓ Base Exchange (1)
- ✓ Express/Gas Station (2)
- ✓ Commissary (3)
- ✓ Bowling Center (4)
- ✓ FamCamp (5)
- ✓ Arts & Crafts Resale (6)
- ✓ Lodging (7)
- ✓ Community Center Dining & Stripes Cafe (8)
- ✓ All Restaurants
- ✓ RV Storage Lot

Inaccessible Amenities

SERVICES/FACILITIES NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED ARE OFF-LIMITS.* THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

Medical & Pharmacy Services**, Legal Assistance, Fitness Facilities, Outdoor Recreation, Auto Hobby, Pools, Skeet Range, Childcare, Airman & Family Readiness Center, Education Center, & AMARG "The Boneyard".

* = Use of unauthorized facilities can result in loss of base access.

** = Additional information about VA health benefits and priority groups can be found at www.va.gov

Read on for additional details →

ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIAL

DoD common access card (when otherwise eligible)

DoD uniformed services identification card (when otherwise eligible)

REAL ID-compliant driver's license issued by a state, territory, possession or the District of Columbia

REAL ID-compliant non-driver's license issued by a state, territory, possession or the District of Columbia

Enhanced driver's license issued by a state, territory, possession or the District of Columbia

U.S. passport or passport card

Foreign passport bearing an unexpired immigrant or non-immigrant visa or entry stamp

Federal personal identity verification card (when otherwise eligible)

Transportation Worker Identification Card

Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)

CAN SPOUSES OR DEPENDENTS SHOP?

While spouses and dependents are not eligible for this benefit, or to make purchases, they may accompany the eligible veteran or caregiver as a guest.

For installation access purposes, guests must present an acceptable credential as proof of identity and pass a basic on-the-spot background check.



WELCOME HOME

JANUARY 1, 2020



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Department of Defense is proud to expand commissary, exchange, and morale, welfare and recreation retail eligibility to:

- Veterans awarded a Purple Heart
- Veterans who are former prisoners of war
- All veterans with a service-connected disability
- Individuals assessed, approved, and designated as the primary family caregiver of eligible veterans under the Department of Veteran Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

HOW DO I GET ACCESS?

Upon the first visit to the installation, eligible veterans and caregivers must present their required documentation at the visitor control center.

Security will verify your identity and purpose of visit, then run an on-the-spot background check as they do for all individuals seeking access to DoD installations.

If you pass the background check and the installation has credential enrollment capabilities, your acceptable credential may be enrolled for recurring access, eliminating the need to stop at the visitor control center upon each visit.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Veterans will need a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) that displays "PURPLE HEART," "FORMER POW," or "SERVICE CONNECTED" below the photo on the front of the card for installation and benefit access.

Veterans who have a zero percent service-connected disability rating and exceed the VA income threshold, and have been placed in VA Priority Group 8E, may use the Health Eligibility Center (HEC) Form H623A paired with an acceptable identification credential* for installation and benefit access.

Primary Family Caregivers will receive an official letter from the VA Office of Community Care that indicates eligibility for DoD privileges paired with an acceptable credential* (e.g. REAL ID-compliant driver's license) for installation and benefit access.

WHERE CAN I SHOP?

These veterans and caregivers will be able to access:

- Commissaries*
- Military service exchanges
- Golf courses
- Bowling centers
- Recreational lodging
- RV campgrounds
- Movie theaters
- And more!

**DoD is required to charge a small fee to new users who are eligible solely under the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018, to cover any increase in costs to the U.S. Treasury for processing commercial credit and debit cards.*

Check out The Exchange (AAFES) website for details about getting verified for online shopping:

<https://www.shopmyexchange.com/veterans>

HOW DO I GET A VHIC?

VHIC cards are issued to veterans enrolled in VA health care.

Visit: <https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic/> for information regarding eligibility for the VHIC and the application process.

