





# South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

## SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY PLATES

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### Guidelines

**Limit 3 plates** per registrant who qualifies

Examples of official military documentation:

DD-214 (must be honorably discharged or “general under honorable conditions”), NGB Form 22, official orders, A “Twenty-Year Letter” from a Military Reserve component, Veterans Identification Card.

For all plates labeled “wheelchair,” the registrants must also submit: [Form RG-007A Application for Placard and/or License Plate for People who have a Disability](#).

**\*Parking information: Free parking at metered or timed spaces is included with this plate.**

**View plate gallery:** <https://dmv.sc.gov/Vehicle-Owners/Registration/Plate-Gallery>

#### **Air Medal** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the Air Medal.

#### **Bronze Star (service medal)** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the Bronze Star medal for service.

#### **Bronze Star (with valor medal)** No Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the Bronze Star medal with valor.

\*Parking information

#### **Chief Petty Officer** \$60 + Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant attained the paygrade of E7-E9 in the US Navy. A Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) can be accepted.

#### **Combat-Related Disabled Veteran** Registration Fee

Requires a letter from the US Department of Veterans Affairs certifying the registrant has a combat or operations-related disability.

#### **Distinguished Flying Cross** No Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

\*Parking information

#### **Distinguished Service Cross** No Fee

Air Force       Army       Navy  
Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

\*Parking information

#### **Distinguished Service Medal** No Fee

Air Force       Army       Coast Guard  
 Marine Corps       Navy

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

\*Parking information

#### **Female Veteran** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant is or was in the US Military.

#### **Veteran** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant is or was in the US Military.

#### **Gold Star Family** or

#### **Gold Star Family Personalized** No Fee

The Gold Star Family Plate to include the Personalized option may be issued to each next of kin who have been authorized the Gold Star Lapel Button as a result of a service member losing their life under circumstances stated in [Section 1126 Title 10 US Code](#).

Next of kin includes widow/widower\*, parent\*\*, child, stepchild, child through adoption, brother, half-brother, sister, half-sister.

\* *Widow/widower includes those who have since re-married*

\*\* *Parent includes mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother or father through adoption, and foster parent who stood in loco parentis.*

Application requires documentation to certify servicemember death meets requirements of [Section 1126 Title 10 US Code](#).

1) DD-1300 DoD Report of Casualty or

2) DD-2064 DoD Certificate of Death (overseas)

\*Parking information

#### **Korean War** No Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant participated in the Korean War.

#### **Legion of Merit** No Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the Legion of Merit.

\*Parking information

#### **Marine Corps League** \$30 + Registration Fee

Available to anyone who has a membership with the Marine Corps League.

#### **Medal of Honor** No Fee

Air Force       Army       Navy

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the Medal of Honor.

\*Parking information

#### **Meritorious Service Medal** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

#### **National Guard** Registration Fee

Air Force       Army

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant is or was in the National Guard. A Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) can be accepted.

#### **National Guard – Retired** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant retired from the National Guard.

#### **Navy and Marine Corps Medal** No fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal.

\*Parking information

#### **Normandy Invasion Survivor** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant participated in the Normandy Invasion.

#### **Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant participated in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

#### **Operation Enduring Freedom** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant participated in Operation Enduring Freedom.



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**Palmetto Cross** No Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the Palmetto Cross.

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**Pearl Harbor Survivor** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was a member of the military at the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

**Prisoner of War** No Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was a prisoner of war.

\*Parking information

**Purple Heart** or

**Purple Heart (wheelchair)** No Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the Purple Heart.

For handicapped parking privileges (wheelchair), requires [Form RG-007A](#).

\*Parking information

**Silver Star** No Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the Silver Star.

\*Parking information

**Soldier's Medal** No Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the Soldier's Medal.

\*Parking information

**South Carolina Medal of Valor** No Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant was awarded the South Carolina Medal of Valor.

\*Parking information

**State Guard** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant is or was in the SC State Guard.

**Operation Iraqi Freedom** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**US Army Warrant Officer** \$40 + Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant attained the paygrade of WO1-CW5 in the US Army.

**US Military Reserve** Registration Fee

Air Force       Army       Coast Guard  
 Marine Corps       Navy

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant is or was in the corresponding US Military Reserve. A Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) can be accepted.

**US Military** Registration Fee

Air Force       Army       Coast Guard  
 Marine Corps       Space Force       Navy

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant is or was a member of the corresponding US Armed Forces. A Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) can be accepted.

**US Armed Forces Retired** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant is retired from the US Armed Forces.

**US Submarine Veterans** \$20 + Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying registrants are active or veteran U.S. Submarine Sailors. Suitable documentation includes DD214, Completed Submarine Qualification Card, and a membership card for the United States Submarine Sailors.

**Vietnam War** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant participated in the Vietnam War.

**World War II Veteran** Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying the registrant participated in World War II.

\*S.C Code Sections 56-3-14910(D), -14920(D), -14930(D) state, "A person issued a license plate under the provisions of subsection (A) may park in metered or timed parking places without being subject to parking fees or fines. This section has no application to areas or during times in which the stopping, parking, or standing of all vehicles is prohibited or which are reserved for special types of vehicles. As a condition to this privilege, a vehicle must display a distinguishing license plate issued by the department for vehicles registered to recipients of an award specified in subsection (A)."









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### Military License Plates for Veterans with a Disability or who are Handicapped

	Plate	Registration Fee	Free Metered or Timed Spaces Parking	Handicap-Parking	Requirements In addition to the requirements below, each plate requires:  Official military documentation certifying the registrant was in the US Military that shows a discharge status of "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions" or a Veterans Identification Card (VIC).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Disabled Veteran</b> 	Free	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>This plate does not allow handicap-parking privileges.</b></li> <li>Letter from the County or US Department of Veterans Affairs Office showing the disability as the loss of or use of a leg, arm, or vision or classified as totally and permanently disabled due to service-connected disabilities.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Disabled Female Veteran</b> 	Free	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>This plate does not allow handicap-parking privileges.</b></li> <li>Letter from the County or US Department of Veterans Affairs Office showing the disability as the loss of or use of a leg, arm, or vision or classified as totally and permanently disabled due to service-connected disabilities.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Disabled Female Veteran (wheelchair)</b> 	Free	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from the County or US Department of Veterans Affairs Office showing the disability as the loss of or use of a leg, arm, or vision or classified as totally and permanently disabled due to service-connected disabilities.</li> <li>Applicant must also submit a <a href="#">Form RG-007A</a>, signed by a licensed physician in addition to the requirements above.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Disabled Veteran (wheelchair)</b> 	Free	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from the County or US Department of Veterans Affairs Office showing the disability as the loss of or use of a leg, arm, or vision or classified as totally and permanently disabled due to service-connected disabilities.</li> <li>Applicant must also submit a <a href="#">Form RG-007A</a>, signed by a licensed physician in addition to the requirements above.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Female Veteran (wheelchair)</b> 	\$40.00 (Trucks by GVW)	Yes	Yes	Applicant must also submit <a href="#">Form RG-007A</a> (Must be certified Handicapped) signed by a licensed physician in addition to the requirements listed above.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Veteran (wheelchair)</b> 	\$40.00 (Trucks by GVW)	Yes	Yes	Applicant must also submit <a href="#">Form RG-007A</a> (Must be certified Handicapped) signed by a licensed physician in addition to the requirements listed above.