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Veterans must know where to find all the benefits they are entitled to

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There are many benefits available to veterans. However, the challenge is to be able to match up the benefits to those who could use the assistance.

This will be a periodic column in *The Nugget* to reach out to every veteran in Lumpkin County and everyone who knows a veteran and is willing to pass on this information.

The Georgia Department of Veteran's Services office in Gainesville is a treasure trove of knowledge for veterans.

It can tell vets what assistance is available, explain what the qualifications are for the various programs and help to apply for the benefits.

Every Georgia veteran can take advantage of:

- A license tag for one of your vehicles at no cost—a \$20 savings.

There are numerous tag selections based on military branch and other factors. Just take your DD214 to the tag office when your new tag is due.

- Veterans' drivers licenses are also available at no cost—a \$35 savings—if you present a DD516 along with your DD214 when you apply for a new license. The DD516 is available at the VA office in Gainesville.

Whether you are former Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force or Coast Guard, we know of the effort you extended and sacrifices you made to help protect our wonderful United States of America.

I was always taught the only bad question is the one you don't ask, so if you need help or want to know what might be available to assist you, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Georgia Department of Veteran Services Office in Gainesville, 311 Green Street NW, Room 312. You can also reach them by phone at 770-531-6060, or by email at chayes@vs.state.ga.us. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, except state holidays.

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