

# MONTCALM COUNTY VETERAN'S AFFAIRS



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## Veterans medical transportation:

- ⇒ Non emergency medical transportation to VA Medical facilities or VA scheduled appointments in the community.
- ⇒ Must call at least 5 business days prior to appointment to ensure a volunteer driver can be located.
- ⇒ This is a free service but donations can be made to the Montcalm County Department of Veterans Affairs to offset fuel and maintenance costs



## Our Accredited Veteran Service Officer will assist you with:

- ⇒ Analyzing and assessing your Military Records to determine eligibility for VA Benefits.
- ⇒ Assistance in obtaining the correct documentation that is required for a successful claim.
- ⇒ Completing appropriate forms and electronically submit claims to the VA Regional Office of jurisdiction.
- ⇒ Provide follow up on all VA Correspondence related to the claim.
- ⇒ Review your rating decision and discuss potential appeal options and assist in the appellate process if necessary .
- ⇒ Filing for any ancillary benefits as a result of your VA Rating Decision.

[US Department of Veteran Affairs Website](http://www.va.gov)

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## Serving Montcalm County Veterans and Their Families

If you are a veteran, dependent or surviving spouse of a veteran, you may be entitled to VA Benefits. Contact a benefit counselor today to schedule an appointment at (989)-831-7477

- ⇒ I didn't know I was eligible for benefits is a common phrase heard in the world of veterans benefits.
- ⇒ Un-remarried surviving spouses of veterans may also be eligible for benefits.
- ⇒ Many give up on their quest for benefits due to frustration and complexity of the VA benefit process.
- ⇒ You may be eligible for a tax free benefit and not know it.
- ⇒ Surviving spouses may be eligible for benefits even if the veteran did not apply for benefits in their lifetime.
- ⇒ If you are a Member of the National Guard or Reserves you may be eligible for VA benefits.
- ⇒ Help for combat veterans having trouble readjusting to civilian life is just a phone call away.

⇒ **Veteran Crisis Hotline:**

**1-800-273-8255 press 1**



Many veterans and their dependents find the VA process overwhelming while others are unaware of their eligibility. Contact an accredited benefits counselor today to set up an appointment.

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Montcalm County Department of Veterans Affairs is a CVSF Grant funded government office providing services to veterans and their family members. If you reside outside of Montcalm County please visit [www.macvc.net](http://www.macvc.net) to find your local county office.

*Pension, Survivor's Pension, Aid & Attendance*

- ⇒ Income/net worth based benefits for war era veterans and their surviving spouses
- ⇒ Assistance with preparing, completing and follow up
- ⇒ Total & Permanent, Housebound & Aid Attendance Rates
- ⇒ Tax free benefit paid directly to the claimant

*Other Benefits:*

- ⇒ *Military Record Requests, DD214 and others.*
- ⇒ *Burial/Death benefits including VA marker, monetary benefits, internment in a National Cemetery, burial flag, Presidential Memorial Certificate, and others.*
- ⇒ *Survivors benefits including Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC), CHAMPVA, Education Assistance.*
- ⇒ *Home Loan Guaranty for veterans and reservists.*
- ⇒ *Vocational Rehabilitation including reemployment, direct job placement, self employment, employment through long term services.*
- ⇒ *Service Disabled Veterans Insurance.*
- ⇒ *Special Adaptive Housing/ Automotive assistance for service disabled veterans.*

*Disability Compensation*

- ⇒ Tax free monetary benefit
- ⇒ Paid to veterans whose disability/diseases were a direct result of or aggravated by their military service
- ⇒ Secondary conditions that are the result of a service connected disability can also be rated service connected
- ⇒ Presumptive conditions for former POWs, Agent Orange exposure, Atomic veterans Gulf War Illness, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

*VA Healthcare/Prescriptions*

- ⇒ Comprehensive care including outpatient and inpatient services
- ⇒ Eligibility based on enrollment priority groups
- ⇒ Full service facilities in Battle Creek, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Saginaw

*Post 9/11 GI Bill*

- ⇒ Monthly housing allowance paid directly to student
- ⇒ Tuition and fees paid directly to the school
- ⇒ Annual books and supplies stipend paid to the student
- ⇒ Transferable to dependents

*Emergency Financial Assistance*

- ⇒ War era veterans and their survivors, applications reviewed by a local committee

\*Eligibility for each benefit is governed by Federal, State, and local statues and differ from benefit to benefit\*