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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 provided by the Montcalm County Department of Veterans Affairs.



# 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

www.va.gov

# 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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Veterans Affairs is a millage funded
government office providing services to
veterans and their family members. If
you reside outside of Montcalm County
please visit <a href="https://www.macvc.net">www.macvc.net</a> 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.
- \*Eligibility for each benefit is governed by Federal, State, and local statues and differ from benefit to benefit\*

# **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
- $\Rightarrow$  Tuition and fees paid directly to the school
- ⇒ Annual books and supplies stipend paid to the student
- ⇒ Transferable to dependents

## **Emergency Financial Assistance**

⇒ War/Peace time era veterans and their survivors, applications reviewed by a local committee