

INGHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

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Our Accredited Veteran Benefit Counselors will assist you with:

- Analyzing and assessing your military service to determine your eligibility for VA benefits.
- Assistance in obtaining the appropriate documentation that is required for a successful claim.
- Completing appropriate forms and electronically submit your claim to the VA Regional Office of jurisdiction.
- Providing follow up on all VA correspondence related to your claim.
- Reviewing your rating decision and discuss potential appeal options and assist in appellate process if applicable.
- Filing for any ancillary benefits as a result of your VA Rating Decision.

“...to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan...”
- Abraham Lincoln

US Department of Veteran Affairs Website

www.va.gov

Serving Ingham and Clinton County Veterans and Their Families

If you are a veteran, dependent or surviving spouse of a veteran you may be eligible for VA benefits. Contact a benefit counselor today @ (517) 887-4331 to schedule an appointment.

- I didn't know I was eligible for benefits is a common phrase heard in the world of veteran benefits. Not only are veterans eligible for VA benefits but their spouses and dependent children may also be eligible.
- Un-remarried surviving spouses of veterans may be eligible for benefits.
- Many veterans and dependents of veterans give up in their quest for benefits due to the frustration and complexity of the VA benefit process.
- You may be eligible for a monthly tax free benefit and not know it.
- Surviving spouses may be eligible for a monthly benefit even if the veteran did not apply for benefits during their lifetime.
- Accredited benefit counselors are available Monday - Friday on an appointment basis to assist you navigate the world of VA benefits. There is no charge for our services.
- If you are a member of the National Guard or Reserves you may be eligible for VA benefits.
- The Community Based Outpatient Clinic at 2025 S. Washington Street, Lansing has brought VA outpatient care closer to the veteran. No longer do you have to travel to Battle Creek or Ann Arbor for primary care services. They also provide mental health services for local veterans.
- Help for combat veterans having trouble readjusting to civilian life is just a phone call away.



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Other benefits:

- Burial/Death benefits including VA marker, monetary benefits, internment in National Cemetery, burial flag, Presidential Memorial Certificate, and others.
- Survivor's benefits including Dependency & Indemnity Compensation, CHAMPVA, Education Assistance.
- Home Loan Guaranty for veterans/reserve
- Vocational Rehabilitation including reemployment, direct job placement, self employment, employment through long term services and independent living services
- Service Disabled Veterans Insurance
- Special Adaptive Housing/Automobile grants for service disabled veterans
- Military Records Requests, DD 214 others

Ingham County Department of Veteran Affairs is a county funded government office providing services to Ingham and Clinton county veterans and their family members. If you reside outside of Ingham or Clinton county please visit www.macvc.net to find your local county office.

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.

Pension, Survivor's Pension, Aid & Attendance

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

Disability Compensation

- Tax free monetary benefit
- Paid to veterans whose disabilities/diseases were a 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)

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Counseling

- Individual and group counseling sessions
- Services provided by Vet Center staff and Kalamazoo Psychology staff
- Call (517) 887-4331 for a referral - **Veterans Crisis Hotline** 1 (800) 273-8255 press 1

Post 9/11 GI Bill

- Monthly housing allowance paid directly to student
- Tuition & fees paid directly to school
- Annual books and supplies stipend paid to student
- Transferrable to dependents

VA Healthcare/Prescriptions

- Comprehensive care including outpatient and inpatient services
- Eligibility based on enrollment priority groups
- Local outpatient services available at Lansing Community Outbased Clinic
- Full service facilities in Battle Creek, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Saginaw

Transportation to VA Medical Appointments

- Monday - Thursday from Lansing to VA Healthcare System Ann Arbor
- Reservations suggested - call (517) 887-4331
- Downtown pickup at bus station
- 10 passenger van - wheelchair accessible

Emergency Financial Assistance

- War era veterans & their survivors
- Applications reviewed by local committee
- Assistance for basic daily necessities

*Eligibility for each benefit is governed by either federal, state or local statutes and differ from benefit to benefit.