

As a Veteran, you may qualify for the following benefits:

Disability Compensation. Disability Compensation is a tax free monetary benefit paid to Veterans with disabilities that are the result of a disease or injury incurred or aggravated during active military service. Compensation may also be paid for post-service disabilities that are considered related or secondary to disabilities occurring in service and for disabilities presumed to be related to circumstances of military service, even though they may arise after service. Generally, the degrees of disability specified are also designed to compensate for considerable loss of working time from exacerbations or illnesses.

Non-service Connected Pension. VA helps Veterans and their families cope with financial challenges by providing supplemental income through the Veterans Pension benefit. Veterans Pension is a tax-free monetary benefit payable to low-income **wartime** Veterans.

Burial Benefits. Burial benefits available for Veterans buried in a private cemetery may include a Government headstone, marker or medallion, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost to the family. Some Veterans may also be eligible for Burial Allowances. There are not any VA benefits available to spouses and dependents buried in a private cemetery.

Clothing Allowance. Veterans who have unique clothing needs as a result of a service-related disability or injury may receive a supplement to their disability compensation. The clothing allowance reimburses you if your clothing gets permanently damaged by a prosthetic or orthopedic appliance you wear, or by a prescribed medication you use on your skin.

Cold War Certificate. The Secretary of Defense awards the Cold War Recognition Certificate to all members of the armed forces who faithfully and honorably served the United States anytime during the Cold War era, which is defined as September 2, 1945, to December 26, 1991.

Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and Concurrent Retirement Disability Pay (CRDP)

Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and Concurrent Retirement Disability Pay (CRDP) are programs created by Congress to allow eligible military retirees to receive monthly entitlements in addition to retired pay.

CRSC is a special compensation for combat-related disabilities. It is non-taxable, and retirees must apply to their Branch of Service to receive it.

CRDP is a restoration of retired pay for retirees with service-connected disabilities. It is taxed in the same manner as your retired pay, and it is normally considered taxable income. No application is required. Eligible retirees receive CRDP automatically.

The purpose of these entitlements is to recover some or all of the retired pay that military retirees waive for VA disability compensation.

Employment Assistance. Qualified Veterans may be eligible for several employment and training services and special assistance to Veterans who face barriers to employment.

Health Care. If you served in the active military service and were separated under any condition other than dishonorable, you *may* qualify for VA health care benefits. Current and former members of the Reserves or National Guard who were called to active duty by a federal order and completed the full period for which they were called or ordered to active duty may be eligible for VA health benefits as well.

High School Diploma. Veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam Conflict, who left high school prior to graduation to serve in the armed forces of the United States, or who left school prior to graduation due to family circumstances and subsequently entered the armed forces of the United States, may receive their high school diploma.

Home Loans. VA Home Loans are provided by private lenders, such as banks and mortgage companies. VA guarantees a portion of the loan, enabling the lender to provide you with more favorable terms.

Individual Unemployability. Individual Unemployability is a part of VA's disability compensation program that allows VA to pay certain Veterans disability compensation at the 100% rate, even though VA has not rated their service-connected disabilities at the total level.

Military Awards and Decorations. The military services will work replacement medal requests for the veteran at no cost. This includes family members with the signed authorization of the veteran.

Military Records (Correction). You will need to apply to the review board for your respective service branch for corrections or changes.

Ohio Veterans Homes. The Ohio Veterans Homes are a State of Ohio establishment comprised of three unique facilities – a nursing home located in Georgetown, Ohio (approximately 45 miles east of Cincinnati), and a nursing home and a domiciliary located in Sandusky, Ohio (approximately 60 miles west of Cleveland). Each one offers a quality of life which emphasizes privacy, encourages independence, provides comfort and security, and meets social needs.

Survivors Pension. The Survivors Pension benefit, which may also be referred to as Death Pension, is a tax-free monetary benefit payable to a low-income, un-remarried surviving spouse of a deceased Veteran with **wartime** service.

Transportation. Our office provides transportation to the Dayton and Chillicothe VA Medical Centers for veterans with scheduled appointments.

Waivers & Overpayments (Debt Management Center). If you have a debt with the VA, you may have questions concerning payment plans, amounts offset from your benefit payments and what to do if payment of the debt would cause hardship.