

## Health Benefits

- Hospital, outpatient, dental, pharmacy, and prosthetic services
- Domiciliary, nursing home, and community-based residential care
- Sexual trauma counseling
- Specialized healthcare for women
- Health and rehabilitation programs for homeless veterans
- Readjustment counseling
- Alcohol and drug dependency treatment
- Medical evaluation for military service exposure including Gulf War, Agent Orange, Radiation, etc.

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## Disability Benefits

### Disability Compensation

- The VA can pay you compensation if you are at least 10% disabled as a result of your military service

### Disability Pension

- The VA can pay you a pension if you are a wartime veteran with limited income, and you are no longer able to work or are age 65 or older

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## Burial Services

- Headstones, Markers and Burial Flags
- Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC)
- Reimbursement of Burial Expenses
  - Up to \$300
- Burial in VA National Cemetery

## You may be eligible for VA benefits if you are a:

- Veteran
- Veteran's dependent
- Surviving spouse or child of a deceased veteran
- A member of the military Reserves or National Guard
- An active duty military service member

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## Services Available

Requesting Military Discharge  
Michigan Veterans Trust Fund  
Vocational Rehab & Employment  
Educational & Training Benefits  
Healthcare Benefits  
Disability Benefits  
Burial Benefits  
Home Loans  
Life Insurance  
Address Change  
DD-214 Replacement



## St. Joseph County Veterans Affairs

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Office: 125 W. Main, PO Box 189  
Centerville, MI 49032  
Office Hours: Mon-Fri by appointment

## Separation Document (DD-214)

A certified copy of your DD-214 is needed to verify military service for benefits. To safeguard your DD-214 you can file it with the St. Joseph County Clerk's Office where your document will be recorded and you will receive the original and certified copy free of charge.

## Michigan Veterans Trust Fund

Temporary assistance granted by the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTF) for emergencies and hardships is available to eligible veterans and their families, residing in St. Joseph County

## Vocational Rehab & Employment

The VA helps veterans with service-connected disabilities prepare for, find and keep suitable employment.

## Dependents & Survivors

Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and Death Pensions may be payable to survivors of:

- Service members who dies in active duty
- Veterans who died from service-related disabilities
- Certain veterans who were being paid 100% VA disability compensation

## Aid and Attendance Benefits

Aid and Attendance (A&A) is a benefit paid in addition to monthly pension & is available to:

- The veteran or spouse requires the aid to another person to perform daily tasks
- The veteran or spouse is a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity
- The veteran or spouse is blind, or has a corrected visual acuity of 5/200 or less, in both eyes, or a concentric contraction of the visual field of 5 degrees or less

## Agent Orange Exposure

Veterans who served in-country Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 who have a disease that the VA recognizes as associated with Agent Orange exposure are presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange. Exposed veterans who have been diagnosed with any disease listed below can be awarded disability compensation:

- AL Amyloidosis
- Chronic B-cell Leukemias
- Chloracne (or similar acneform disease)
- Diabetes Mellitus Type 2
- Hodgkin's Disease
- Ischemic Heart Disease
- Multiple Myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Parkinson's Disease
- Peripheral Neuropathy, Early-Onset
- Porphyria Cutanea Tarda
- Prostate Cancer
- Respiratory Cancers
- Soft Tissue Sarcomas (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma)

Contact St Joseph County Veterans' Services to set up an appointment to get a Service-Connected Claim started. Be sure to bring:

- DD-214
- Copy of Marriage License (and Divorce papers if applicable)
- Social Security Numbers for spouse and dependents
- Private medical records



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## For More Information

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