

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS FACILITIES SERVING
MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO**

Cleveland Louis Stokes VA Medical Center
10701 East Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44106
Phone: (216) 791-3800

Parma Community Based Outpatient Clinic
8787 Brookpark Rd.
Parma, Ohio 44134
Phone: (216) 739-7000

Akron Community Based Outpatient Clinic
55 West Waterloo Road
Akron, OH 44319
Phone: (33) 724-7715
Fax: (330) 724-1029

**Emergency Care Services
At Non-VA Medical Facilities**
(844) 724-7842 or Louis Stokes VAMC at
(216) 791-3800, Ext. 4441/4433

VA Urgent Care
Call 1-833-4VETNOW (1-833-483-8669) to verify you
are eligible for urgent care services.

Cleveland VA Regional Office
1240E. Ninth St., Cleveland, Ohio 44199
Phone: (800) 827-1000 (TDD 800.829.4833)

Vet Centers
Parma 5700 Pearl Road Suite 102, PH: (440) 845-5023
Cleveland 11511 Lorain Ave., PH: (216) 671-8530
Cleveland Heights 2134 Lee Rd., PH: (216) 932-8471

*If you have served in any combat zone, There is a
Vet Center now in Medina.*

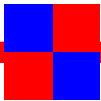
*Appointments will be at the Professional Building
on W. Washington St, Suite 3-C*

*To schedule an appointment call the Parma Vet
Center at: (440) 845-5023*

Be sure to tell them it is for Medina Office



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Who to Call

Veterans Crisis Line - 1 (800) 273-8255 - Press-1

VISN 10 Tele-Nurse - (888) 828-6446 or 9552

Military One Source - (800) 342-9647

www.militaryonesource.com

Ohio Dept. Veterans Services

1-877-OHIO-VET - (614) 644-0898

National Personnel Records - (314) 263-3901

VA Benefits Compensation - (800) 827-1000

VA Pension Benefits - (877) 397-6380

VA Insurance Center - (800) 669-8477

VA Education Benefits - (888) 442-4551

VA Debt Management - (800) 827-0648

VA Headstone and Marker - (800) 697-6947

VA Health Care Benefits - (877) 222-8387

VA Special Issues: Gulf War Issues, Agent

Orange, Radiation, etc. - (800) 749-8387

CHAMPVA - (800) 733-8387

Medina County Veterans Service Office
210 Northland Drive – Medina, Ohio 44256
PH: (330) 722-9368 – FAX: (330) 722-9378

E-mail: veterans@medinacountyveterans.org

Track us on the web at:

<http://www.medinacountyveterans.org>

Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Tuesday 10:00 - 4:30

(Closed Noon – 1:00 PM for Lunch)

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Disability Compensation



*Medina County
Veterans Service Office*



**SERVICE-CONNECTED
DISABILITY COMPENSATION**

This pamphlet is designed to inform you about service-connected disability compensation benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The information is not regulatory and should not be interpreted as such.

I. DISABILITY COMPENSATION DESCRIPTION

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.

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC): is a tax free monetary benefit generally payable to a surviving spouse, child, or parent of Service-members who died while on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training or survivors of Veterans who died from their service-connected disabilities. DIC for parents is an income based benefit.

Special Monthly Compensation (SMC): is an additional tax-free benefit that can be paid to Veterans, their spouses, surviving spouses and parents. For Veterans, Special Monthly Compensation is a higher rate of compensation paid due to special circumstances such as the need of aid and attendance by another person or a specific disability, such as loss of use of one hand or leg. For spouses and surviving spouses, this benefit is commonly referred to as aid and attendance and is paid based on the need of aid and attendance by another person.

II. Eligibility

Compensation benefits require that your disability be service-connected. You must also have separated or been discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions.

Disability Compensation: Your disability must be the result of an injury or disease that was incurred or aggravated while on active duty or active duty for training; or from injury, heart attack, or stroke that occurred during inactive duty training. A disability can apply to physical conditions, such as Lou Gehrig's Disease, as well as mental health conditions, such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).



Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC): Surviving spouses of a Service-member who died on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty for training may be eligible for DIC. Children may be eligible for DIC if not included in the surviving spouse's DIC benefit.

Special Monthly Compensation Disability (SMC): compensation recipients may be eligible for this additional tax-free benefit due to the special circumstances of your disability, if you are housebound, or need help performing daily living functions.

III. How to File

Our office is able to assist you with your application.

The best way to apply is to come into your local County Veterans Service Office.

When applying for compensation benefits, you must have access to the following information:

- **Service Medical Records:** If not available, VA will request the records from the Service Department.
- **Other Medical Records:** Medical records to substantiate treatment by private doctors and/or hospitals. VA will obtain medical treatment records from VA medical centers if advised of such treatment.
- **Dependency Documents:** If available, photocopies of birth and marriage certificates and, Social Security Numbers for all current dependents and information of past marriages for both veterans and current spouse.
- **Military Discharged DD-214:** If not available, VA will obtain verification of military service.

IV Other Possible Related Benefits

- Medical Care for Dependents and Survivors
- Vocational Rehabilitation Service
- Disabled Veterans Life Insurance
- Preference for Federal Employment
- Job Finding Assistance
- Clothing Allowance
- Automobile Grants
- Specially Adapted Housing Grants
- Veterans Mortgage
- Life Insurance
- Dependents Educational Assistance Program
- Priority Inpatient and Outpatient Medical Care
- Prosthetics, Sensory and Rehabilitative Aids
- Burial Benefits
- Certain State and Local Benefits
- Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC)
- Concurrent Retirement & Disability Payments (CRDP)
- Veterans who have service-connected disabilities evaluated at 30% or more are entitled to additional allowances for dependents.

- Additional amounts are also payable for a spouse who is in need of the aid and attendance of another person.
- Higher rates are paid when the eligible veteran is determined to have suffered certain specific, severe disabilities.



These are all decided on an individual basis. Federal law prohibits the award of VA disability compensation concurrently with military pay, except to the extent that retirement pay is waived or military pay is offset.

VETERANS CURRENTLY IN RECEIPT OF VA COMPENSATION Veterans who are currently receiving service-connected disability compensation are entitled to make application for an increase if their current disability have worsened. **Caution:** It is possible that disability ratings can be reduced if it is found by the evidence of record that your disability have gotten better. Statutory Protections exist when ratings have been in effect for 20 or more years, even if the disability has improved. In order to make application for an increase, it is necessary that the veteran show medical proof of the worsened condition. Assistance in making application for an increase in service-connected disability ratings, as well as for any other benefits you may be entitled to, is available from your local County Veterans Service Office at, 1-877-OHIO-VET (644-6838). Veterans may also obtain assistance from the VA nationwide toll-free number, 1-800-827-1000 (TDD 1-800-829-4833).

**Compensation Chart
as of December 1, 2020
(Veteran alone, no dependents)**

We are accredited with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS).

10%	\$144.14
20%	\$284.93
30%	\$441.35
40%	\$635.77
50%	\$905.04
60%	\$1,146.39
70%	\$1,444.71
80%	\$1,679.35
90%	\$1,887.18
100%	\$3,146.42