

## OHIO VETERANS HOME

The Ohio Veterans Homes are a State of Ohio establishment comprised of three facilities – a nursing home located in Georgetown, and a nursing home and a domiciliary located in Sandusky. Each one offers a quality of life which emphasizes privacy, encourages independence, provides comfort and security, and meets social needs. To be eligible for admission, an applicant must:

- Have been an Ohio resident for one year.
- Have served on active duty during a time of war or armed conflict or be the recipient of the Purple Heart, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, or Southwest Asia Service Medal.
- Have received their most recent discharge under honorable conditions.

Be disabled by disease, wounds, or otherwise and, by reason of such disability, incapable of earning a living. Individuals who are current drug and alcohol abusers, psychotics, or have active tuberculosis are not eligible for immediate admission.

The Ohio Veterans Home charges residents an assessment based on their ability to pay. Telephone toll free 800.572.7934.

## VA HEALTHCARE

The VA Healthcare System is based on three things:

1. Your Veterans Status and/or
2. Your Disability and/or
3. Your Income

### Can I get VA health care benefits?

You may be able to get VA health care benefits if you served in the active military, naval, or air service and didn't receive a dishonorable discharge.

If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, or entered active duty after October 16, 1981, you must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which you were called to active duty, unless any of the descriptions below are true for you.

This minimum duty requirement may not apply if any of these are true. You: Were discharged for a disability that was caused—or made worse—by your active-duty service, or Were discharged for a hardship or "early out," or Served prior to September 7, 1980.

If you're a current or former member of the Reserves or National Guard, you must have been called to active duty by a federal order and completed the full period for which you were called or ordered to active duty. If you had or have active-duty status for training purposes only, you don't qualify for VA health care.

## MEANS TEST INCOME THRESHOLDS

Most Veterans not receiving VA disability compensation or pension payments must complete a financial assessment to determine if they qualify for free VA healthcare. Most non-service connected and non-compensable 0% service connected Veterans who report total gross household income under VA National Income Thresholds may be subject to income verification.

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES IN NORTHERN 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: (330) 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

**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)

**Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery**  
10175 Rawiga Rd  
Seville, Ohio 44273  
Phone: (330) 335-3069

**Vet Centers**  
Parma 6325 York Rd, Parma Heights, OH 44130  
PH: (440) 845-5023

### Who To Call

National Personnel Records - (314) 801-0800  
VA Benefits Compensation - (800) 827-1000  
VA Pension Benefits - (877) 397-6380  
VA Insurance Center - (800) 669-8477  
VA Debt Management - (800) 827-0648  
VA Headstone and Marker - (800) 697-6947  
VA Health Care Benefits - (877) 222-8387  
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](mailto:veterans@medinacountyveterans.org)  
Website: [www.medinacountyveterans.org](http://www.medinacountyveterans.org)

### Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Tuesday 10:00 - 4:00  
(Closed Noon – 1:00 PM for Lunch)

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Medina, Ohio 44256  
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# NONSERVICE CONNECTED PENSION BENEFIT INFORMATION FOR WARTIME VETERANS & SURVIVING SPOUSES

## War-Time Pension



*...To fulfill President Lincoln's promise to care for those who have served in our nation's military and for their families, caregivers, and survivors...*

**Abraham Lincoln  
United States President**



**QUALIFIED VETERAN / SURVIVING SPOUSE**

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

**Who is Eligible?**

Generally, a Veteran must have at least 90 days of active duty service, with at least one day during a wartime period to qualify for a VA Pension. If you entered active duty after September 7, 1980, generally you must have served at least 24 months or the full period for which you were called or ordered to active duty (with some exceptions), with at least one day during a wartime period.

In addition to meeting minimum service requirements, the Veteran must be:

- Age 65 or older, OR
- Totally and permanently disabled, OR
- A patient in a nursing home receiving skilled nursing care, OR
- Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance, OR
- Receiving Supplemental Security Income

Your yearly family income must be less than the amount set by Congress to qualify for the Veterans Pension benefit.

**Aid and Attendance (A&A)** is an increased monthly pension amount may be added to your monthly pension amount if you meet one of the following conditions:

- You require the aid of another person in order to perform personal functions required in everyday living, such as bathing, feeding, dressing, attending to the wants of nature, adjusting prosthetic devices, or protecting yourself from the hazards of your daily environment
- You are bedridden, in that your disability or disabilities requires that you remain in bed apart from any prescribed course of convalescence or treatment
- You are a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity
- Your eyesight is limited to a corrected 5/200 visual acuity or less in both eyes; or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less

**Housebound** is an increased monthly pension amount may be added to your monthly pension amount when you are substantially confined to your immediate premises because of permanent disability.

**How Much Does the VA Pay?**

Your yearly family income must be less than the amount set by Congress to qualify for the Veterans Pension benefit. If eligible, your pension benefit is the difference between your “countable” income and the annual pension limit set by Congress. VA generally pays this difference in 12 equal monthly payments.

**Income and Net Worth Limitations**

**Countable income** includes income from most sources as well as from any eligible dependents. It generally includes earnings, disability and retirement payments, interest and dividend payments from annuities, and net income from farming or a business. Some expenses, such as unreimbursed medical expenses, may reduce your countable income.

**Net worth** is the sum of a claimant’s or beneficiary’s assets and annual income. You should report all of your net worth. VA will determine whether your assets are of a sufficiently large amount that you could live off of them for a reasonable period of time.

**Out of Pocket Medical Expenses**

Medical expenses that you pay for yourself and your dependents, not reimbursed from any source, may be used to reduce countable income for pension purposes. Changes in expenses should be reported promptly.

The Improved Pension Rate Tables have two divisions:

1. the Maximum Annual Pension Rate (MAPR) Category and
2. the Amount

**Date of cost-of-living increase: December 1, 2023**

Increase factor: 3.2%

Standard Medicare deduction: Actual amount will be determined by SSA based on individual income.

Net Worth Bright-Line Limit effective 12-01-2023 is \$155,356

**When the VA receives a pension claim, we review the terms and conditions of any assets the survivor may have transferred in the 3 years before filing the claim**

**VETERAN**

<i><b>If you have no dependents and...</b></i>	<i><b>Your MAPR amount is (in U.S. \$) Annual / Month</b></i>
<i>You don't qualify for Housebound or Aid and Attendance benefits</i>	\$16,551 / \$1,379
<i>You qualify for Housebound benefits</i>	\$20,226 / \$1,685
<i>You qualify for Aid and Attendance benefits</i>	\$27,609 / \$2,300

**PERIODS OF WARTIME SERVICE**

Under current law, VA recognizes the following wartime periods to determine eligibility for VA Pension benefits:

- Mexican Border Period (May 9, 1916 – April 5, 1917 for Veterans who served in Mexico, on its borders, or adjacent waters)
- World War I (April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918)
- World War II (December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946)
- Korean conflict (June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955)
- Vietnam era (November 1, 1955 – May 7, 1975 for Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period; otherwise August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975)
- Gulf War (August 2, 1990 – through a future date to be set by law or Presidential Proclamation)

**WHEN A VETERAN OR SURVIVING SPOUSE WITHOUT A DEPENDENT IS BEING FURNISHED NURSING CARE THROUGH MEDICAID, THE VA ONLY ALLOWS \$90.00 PER MONTH FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES**

**SURVIVING SPOUSE**

<i><b>If you have no dependents and...</b></i>	<i><b>Your MAPR amount is (in U.S. \$) Annual / Month</b></i>
<i>You don't qualify for Housebound or Aid and Attendance benefits</i>	\$11,102 / \$925
<i>You qualify for Housebound benefits</i>	\$13,568 / \$1130
<i>You qualify for Aid and Attendance benefits</i>	\$17,743 / \$1,478

\*\*\* Other eligible family member may also qualify for this benefit.

**BE AWARE** Be cautious if someone offers to move your assets around for you to qualify for VA pension. This type of scam is often directed toward Veterans and family members who do not actually qualify for VA pension. You could be required to repay these benefits to the government. Examples of possible pension poaching scams:

- Organizations that cold call Veterans, charge money for assisting with a VA pension claim, and take credit card information from Veterans over the telephone
- People who charge as much as \$6,000 upfront to represent claimants before VA, with a percentage of any eventual back payment from VA as a portion of the ultimate fee.