

**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: (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.

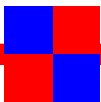
Cleveland VA Regional Office
1240E. Ninth St., Cleveland, Ohio 44199
Phone: (800) 827-1000 (TDD 800.829.4833)

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

*If you have served in any combat zone, there is a
Vet Center now in Medina.
Appointments will be at the Human Services Bldg.
246 Northland Dr.,
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) 644-6838

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 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 for those that served and their families
"Because we are family"*



**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: VA disability compensation provides tax-free monthly payments. If you have a service-connected condition, you may be eligible for compensation. A service-connected condition means an illness or injury that was caused by—or got worse because of—your active military service. Keep reading to find out if you may be eligible.

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC): If you're the surviving spouse, child, or parent of a service member who died in the line of duty, or the survivor of a Veteran who died from a service-related injury or illness, you may be able to get a tax-free monetary benefit called VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (VA DIC). Find out if you can get VA benefits or compensation.

Special Monthly Compensation (SMC): VA special monthly compensation (SMC) is a higher rate of compensation that we pay to Veterans as well as their spouses, surviving spouses, and parents with certain needs or disabilities. 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.

II. Eligibility

You must have separated or been discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions.

Disability Compensation: You may be eligible for VA disability benefits or compensation if you meet both of these requirements.

Both of these must be true:

- You have a current illness or injury (known as a condition) that affects your mind or body, and
- You served on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training

And at least one of these must be true:

- You got sick or injured while serving in the military—and can link this condition to your illness or injury (called an in-service disability claim), or
- You had an illness or injury before you joined the



military—and serving made it worse (called a pre-service disability claim), or

- You have a disability related to your active-duty service that didn't appear until after you ended your service (called a post-service disability claim)

III. How to File

Our office is able to assist you with your application. The best way to apply is to make an appointment with one of our County Veterans Service Officers (CVSO) at our 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).

10%	\$171.23
20%	\$338.49
30%	\$524.31
40%	\$755.28
50%	\$1,075.16
60%	\$1,361.88
70%	\$1,716.28
80%	\$1,995.01
90%	\$2,241.91
100%	\$3,737.85

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