

CALUMET COUNTY VETERANS - CORE VA BENEFITS LIST "THE GOLDEN TICKET"

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Website: <https://www.co.calumet.wi.us/230/Veterans-Service-Office>

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If you are outside of Calumet County call the CVSO Association of WI at **844-WIS-CVSO (947-2876)** or www.wicvso.org

1. **VA Benefits Account:** Sign up for the Federal VA Account. www.va.gov Veteran and Survivor Benefits: 1-800-698-2411.
2. **myWisVets:** Sign up for State VA benefits account. Apply for License Identifier and more <https://dva.wi.gov> **1-800-947-8387**.
3. **Military Base and Commissary Access:** For eligibility call 1-800-698-2411 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/2fusllrn>.
4. **WDVA Aid to Needy Veterans Grants** - Income based – for **Veteran** only. Dentures and Dental work.
5. **Subsistence Aid Grant** - Loss of employment due to illness or disaster – covers two months of expenses, up to \$3,000.
6. **Wisconsin Education Benefits**
 - A. **WI GI Bill** – 100% tuition waiver for Veterans and 100% waiver for dependents of Veterans who have at least a 30% service-connected disability. **Only UW colleges and technical schools**. Up to 128 credits. Five-year rule law CHANGE. Veterans entered from another state and/or 30% service-connected dependents NOW eligible.
 - B. **WI Veteran Student Assistant Grant** – For certain non-profit schools' same benefits as the WI GI Bill.
7. **Federal Education Benefits**
 - A. Montgomery, Post 9/11, and Forever GI Bills for active duty and reservists.
 - B. Survivors and dependents education benefit (Chapter 35 benefits): To be eligible the Veteran must be 100% service-connected (permanently and totally disabled), died while on active duty, or because of a service-connected disability.
8. **WDVA Retraining Grant** - Up to \$3,000 for retraining for unemployed or under-employed Veterans.
9. **Veterans Housing and Recovery Program (VHRP)** - Homeless Program located Green Bay, Chippewa Falls, and Union Grove providing housing, job training, counseling, and rehabilitative services to obtain employment and affordable housing.
10. **Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program (VORP)** – Housing, outreach, case management, mental health, and referrals.
11. **Veterans Cemeteries** – Spooner, Union Grove, and King, WI - free for Veterans, fee for dependents. New National Cemetery in Minocqua, WI – free for Veteran and dependents.
12. **Wisconsin Veterans Homes** - Veterans and spouses are eligible. Located: King, Chippewa Falls, and Union Grove.
13. **WI Property Tax Credit** - 100% or Individual Unemployable service-connected Veterans or their widowed surviving spouses of widows receiving Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) are eligible for property tax refund if they meet eligibility.
14. **Health-Care Benefits**
 - A. Medical treatment and hospital care for Veterans only. Hospice care with less than 6 months to live.
 - B. Medications \$5.00, \$8.00, or \$11.00; If subjected to copay: appointments \$15 for general care or \$50 for specialty care.
 - C. Group 6 Automatic Enrollment – Exposed to Agent Orange, Radiation, 0% service-connected, Gulf War, and Camp Lejeune.
 - D. Free counseling, hearing aids, and eyeglasses. If Veteran is service connected 50% or higher receives free medications.
 - E. VA Dental Program – private program with monthly premium. <https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vadip/>
15. **VA Home Loan** - No money down for 15 and 30-year mortgages. Spouse may be eligible after death of the Veteran.
16. **Pension Program with or without Aid and Attendance**
 - A. Financial support for wartime era Veterans and surviving spouses with limited income - determined by income, assets, and disabilities.
 - B. Veterans are required to have 90 days of active duty, **one day during a wartime period**.
17. **Disability Compensation**
 - A. A TAX-FREE compensation payment to Veterans who are disabled by injury or disease incurred or aggravated during military service, i.e., Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, sexual assault, and any physical ailments acquired in the service.
 - B. 100% service connected – Healthcare and Dependent Education Assistance (DEA) for dependents up to \$40,000 per year.
 - C. 70% and above nursing care covered at VA contracted nursing homes or for serviced connected condition.
 - D. Additional special monthly compensation for Veterans who have a service-connected disability rated at 100%; and/or have an additional service-connected disability rated at 60%.

18. **Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E)** - Employment assistance, training, and education for service-connected Veterans.
19. **Agent Orange (AO) Exposure – Presumptive Conditions: If you were in areas below, you were exposed to AO.**
 - A. Vietnam – 1/9/1962 and 5/7/1975 in-country Vietnam, inland waterways, and territorial waters within 12 nautical miles.
 - B. Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in Korea used between the dates of 4/1/1969 to 8/31/1971.
 - C. **NEW** - Any U.S. or Royal Thai Bases in Thailand: 1-9/1962 – 6/30/1976, Laos: 12/1/1965 – 09/30/1969, Cambodia at Mimot, Krek, Kamont Cham Province: 4/16/1969 – 4/30/1969, Guam and American Samoa and territorial waters: 1/9/1962 – 7/30/1980. Johnston Atoll or ships harbored at Johnston Atoll: 1/1/1972 – 09/30/1977.
 - D. **Surviving Spouses** could apply if the veteran died from one of the diseases caused by Agent Orange.
 - E. **Over 54 diseases and cancers are associated with Agent Orange exposure to include Diabetes Type II, Ischemic Heart Disease, Parkinson’s, Hypertension, Hypothyroidism, Bladder Cancer, Prostate Cancer to include secondary ailments.**
20. **Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water**
 - A. The Department of Veterans Affairs has published new regulations to establish eight new presumptive conditions for **Active duty (Veterans), Reserve, and National Guard** members who served at Camp Lejeune due to exposure to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune, N.C., MCAS New River and including satellite camps and housing areas during the dates of 8/1/53 to 12/31/1987.
 - B. **Eight Conditions include:** Adult Leukemia, Aplastic Anemia and other myelodysplastic Syndromes, Bladder Cancer, Kidney Cancer, Liver Cancer, Multiple Myeloma, Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma and Parkinson’s disease.
 - C. **Health Care** is being offered to Active-Duty Veterans who served during January 1, 1957, to December 31, 1987, for 15 Conditions: Bladder cancer, Miscarriage, Breast cancer, Multiple Myeloma, Esophageal cancer, Myelodysplastic syndromes, Female Infertility, Neurobehavioral effects, Hepatic steatosis, non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, Kidney cancer, Renal toxicity, Leukemia, Scleroderma, Lung cancer.
21. **Burn Pit and Toxic Exposures** –The **NEW Presumptive Conditions** are **asthma, rhinitis, sinusitis, bronchitis, COPD, constrictive and obliterative Bronchiolitis, emphysema, granulomatous, interstitial lung disease, pleuritis, pulmonary fibrosis, sarcoidosis, brain cancer, gastrointestinal cancers, glioblastoma, head cancers, kidney cancer, lymphatic cancers, lymphoma cancers, melanoma, neck cancers, pancreatic cancer, reproductive cancers, and respiratory cancers.** This applies to Veterans who served in: The Southwest Asia Theater of operations from August 2, 1990, to the present **AND** Veterans who served in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Syria, and Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War, from September 19, 2001, to the present. While on active duty, Veterans may have been exposed to a variety of airborne hazards including smoke and fumes from open burn pits and oil well fires, sand, dust, and particulate matter, general air pollution common in certain countries, fuel fumes, aircraft exhaust, and other mechanical fumes.
22. **Gulf War – Medically Unexplained Illnesses**
 - A. Veterans may be eligible to receive a service-connected compensation if they served in the Southwest Asia Theater of military operations from August 2, 1990, to present or served in Afghanistan on or after September 19, 2001.
 - B. **Presumptive Conditions: myalgia encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia, functional gastrointestinal disorders, and undiagnosed illness**
23. **Asbestos Exposure** - Veterans who were exposed to asbestos while in service and developed a disease related to asbestos exposure such as Asbestosis, Pleural Plaque, **Lung Cancer, and Mesothelioma** may receive service-connected compensation.
24. **Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) “Lou Gehrig’s Disease”** – Service-connected disability for all veterans with 90 days or more of continuous active service are eligible to apply.
25. **VA Caregiver Program** – Caregivers can receive a monthly payment and support services for rendering care to **eligible** Veterans with a combined rating of 70% or higher service-connected disability.
26. **Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)** - For widows of veterans who died from a service-connected disability, or if the disability contributed to the death of the veteran. CHAMPVA and VA Dental Program if qualified for DIC.
27. **Burial Benefits**
 - A. Free burial marker, flag, and military rites to eligible veterans.
 - B. Burial/Plot Allowance – Available for veteran who are service-connected, receiving VA Pension, or died in a VA facility.
28. **Calumet County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) – Transportation Program**
 - A. Calumet County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) partnered with the ADRC to offer Veterans transportation to medical appointments. The CVSO will cover 100% of the cost of the ride for the Veteran.
 - B. Contact CVSO office to get payment authorization: 920-849-1452.
29. **Calumet County ADRC – Services and support for elderly and disabled individuals call today 920-849-1451.**