

12 years — Vocational Rehabilitation: As part of a rehabilitation program for service-connected disabled veterans rated at 20% or more and having a serious, employment related handicap, the VA may pay tuition, books, expenses, and a monthly living allowance. Those with a 10% disability will be considered for entitlement if such disability results in a serious employment handicap.

No time limit — GI Home Loan Guarantee: The VA may guarantee part of your loan for the purchase of a home, manufactured home or condominium.

No time limit — Medical Care: To the extent resources and facilities are available, the VA provides hospital care covering the full range of medical services to eligible veterans pursuant to US Code.

The address and phone number for the Claims Office is:

**Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs
Bureau of Claims
VA Regional Office
5400 West National Avenue, Room 157
Milwaukee, WI 53214
Phone (414) 902-5757**

Veterans should contact their local County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) for more information on veterans' benefits and services available through the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA). Please look in your telephone directory under "County Government."

Information is also available on WDVA's website:

www.WisVets.com

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OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



WDVA CLAIMS ASSISTANCE

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The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) maintains a claims office at the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Regional Office in Milwaukee. WDVA personnel advise and assist Wisconsin veterans and their dependents in filing and pursuing claims with the VA.

Claimants may assign the WDVA Claims Office to serve as their VA accredited representative for matters pertaining to VA benefits and entitlements by completing a VA Form 21-22. For more information on accredited representation by the WDVA Claims Office, contact the Claims Office or your local County Veterans Service Office (CVSO).

As your VA accredited representative, the WDVA Claims Office will work with your CVSO to provide you with some important services.

- To assist you in submitting a meritorious claim for VA benefits, the office will help to identify what evidence is needed to have the best possible chance of having your claim approved.
- We will monitor your claim as it progresses through the development process and intercede on your behalf if problems with your claim should arise. We will explain and clarify VA procedures and regulations that apply to your claim.
- If your claim is denied by the VA, and you disagree with their decision, the office will help you through the appeal process. For example, we will assist you in preparing a proper notice of disagreement; representing you at a personal hearing.
- The WDVA Claims Assistance Office has access to the latest VA statutes, regulations and Court of Appeals decisions. In addition, the WDVA Claims Assistance Office staff is able to work directly with VA personnel in order to research and resolve issues that may impact the claims process.

The WDVA Claims Office has expertise and experience in helping veterans and family members obtain a variety of federal VA benefits and services including:

Disability Compensation — A payment to veterans who are disabled by injury or disease incurred, aggravated or a result of military service.

Pension — Financial support for veterans with limited income who served during a wartime period. To qualify, a veteran must be permanently and totally disabled, or age 65, or in receipt of disability Social Security or SSI, or a resident of a long term care facility.

Vocational Rehabilitation — Employment assistance, training and education for veterans with service-connected disabilities who were released from service under conditions other than dishonorable.

Health Care Benefits — Medical treatment and hospital care for veterans with service-connected disabilities and others who meet VA eligibility criteria.

Education Benefits — Montgomery GI Bill benefits for former active-duty service persons and eligible members of the Reserve Components.

Burial Benefits — Including burial in state or federal veterans' cemeteries. Headstones and markers may be provided for burials in private cemeteries.

VA Guaranteed Home Loans — May be used by veterans and unremarried surviving spouses, whose spouse died of a service-connected disease or disability, to purchase or refinance a home.

VA BENEFITS TIMETABLE

You have (after separation):

Within 180 days — Dental Treatment: VA provides one-time dental care for veterans who were not provided dental examination or treatment within 90 days of discharge or separation from service. The time limit does not apply to veterans with dental disabilities resulting from combat wounds or service injuries, or are former prisoners of war, or are receiving 100% service-connected disability.

120 days — Veterans Group Life Insurance: SGLI may be converted to a 5-year renewable term policy.

1 year — Appeal to Board of Veterans

Appeals: A veteran has one year from the date of receipt of a notice of decision to disagree with the VA and file an appeal.

90 days — Reemployment: Apply to your former employer for reemployment or contact the VA or the Office of Veterans' Reemployment Rights of the US Department of Labor.

2 years — Insurance: Life insurance may be available for service-connected veterans for 2 years following date of notification of service-connected entitlement.

Limited time — Employment Compensation:

The amount of benefit and payment period varies among states. Visit your local Job Service Office. Veteran must complete the first term of obligated service under honorable conditions or be released at the convenience of the government, to be eligible.

10 years — Montgomery GI Bill (Active Duty): Provides financial assistance to honorably discharged veterans who enlisted after 7/1/85.

10 years — Montgomery GI Bill (Selected Reserve) (Chapter 1606, Title 10 USC): For members of the Selected Reserve who enlist or reenlist for six years after June 30, 1985, or, if an officer, agree to serve six years in addition to the initial obligation. Program is available only for college training. Generally benefits end on the date of separation from the Selected Reserves, but there are exceptions.