

Mission Statement

The County Veterans Service Officers Association of Wisconsin (CVSOA) is an organization of professional veterans' advocates. In Wisconsin, both Tribal and County Veterans Service Officer C/TVSO play a critical role in the veterans' advocacy system and are often the initial contact in the community for veterans' services. Through the different offices, the CVSOA is committed to Wisconsin counties to provide a vital and efficient system of services and advocacy to veterans, their dependents and survivors.

The CVSOA promotes legislation and policy at both the state and federal levels that is supportive of veterans' rights and issues that are in harmony with our national obligation to veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The association provides a medium for the exchange of ideas and information, training and support to facilitate the delivery of services to nearly 488,000 veterans.

The CVSOA recognizes the importance and merit of the congressionally-chartered veterans' service organizations and is committed to fostering a mutually beneficial relationship for the common good of all veterans. It is the intent of this organization that every veteran residing in Wisconsin receives the benefits and services to which they are entitled by law and moral obligation.

Are You Eligible?

If you served in the Armed Forces, you may be eligible for benefits.

The character, length and location of your service will determine your eligibility for benefits.

The County Veterans Service Officer Association of Wisconsin salute and thank you for your service!



Veterans Benefits



Contact us:

- * CVSO Website: <https://wicvso.org>
click on "Locate your CVSO"
- * Find your CVSO in the Phone Book under County Government, then Veteran Services
- * Facebook: www.facebook.com/WICVSO

In Wisconsin, every county has a County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) and almost every officer has at least one staff member. Chapter 45 of the Wisconsin Statutes mandates this. CVSOs are county employees, not VA employees, which means we advocate for you. The 11 federally recognized tribes also have Tribal Veterans Service Officers. Our job is to educate veterans and their dependents and survivors about federal and state benefits and assist them with applying for the benefits they are interested in and eligible for. There is never a charge for our services. Do not pay someone else to do something for you that we can do at no cost to you.

Below, is a list of just some of the benefits for veterans and their families; however, not all veterans will be eligible for every benefit.

Health Benefits

- * Tricare
- * VA health care
- * CHAMPVA
- * Mental health counseling

Education Benefits

- * Post 9/11 G.I. Bill®
- * Wisconsin G.I. Bill
- * Veterans Education (VetEd)
- * Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)
- * Dependents Education Assistance (DEA)
- * Retraining Grant

Financial Benefits

- * Service-connected disability compensation
- * Non-service connected pension
- * Assistance to Needy Veterans (ANV) grants
- * Veteran's Service Commission grants
- * Subsistence aid grant
- * Property Tax Credit

Loan Benefits

- * Federal home loan guarantee

Insurance Benefits

- * Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance
- * Life Insurance
- * SGLI to VGLI conversions

Death Benefits

- * Dependents Indemnity Compensation (DIC)
- * Widow's/Widower's pension
- * Burial flag
- * Government grave marker
- * Burial allowance
- * Presidential Memorial Certificates (PMC)
- * Grave registration

Other Services

- * Wisconsin eligibility
- * Recording of DD form 214
- * Obtaining discharge papers, military awards, personnel records and service medical records
- * Veterans' Home applications
- * Veterans Assistance Program (VAP)
- * State park and trail passes

- * "Veteran" identifier on driver's license
- * Transportation to VA medical Appointments (where available)

Important Phone Numbers

- * VA Regional Office, 800-827-1000
- * VA Pension Management Center, 800-827-1000
- * Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, 800-947-8387
- * VA Medical Center, Iron Mountain, MI, 800-215-8262
- * VA Medical Center, Madison, WI, 888-478-8321
- * VA Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI, 888-469-6614
- * VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN, 866-414-5058
- * VA Medical Center, Tomah, WI, 800-872-8662
- * Tricare East (Humana) 800-444-5445
- * CHAMPVA, 800-733-8387
- * Education Center, Buffalo, NY, 800-827-1000
- * DFAS for Retirees, 800-321-1080

Important Web Sites

- * Federal VA: www.va.gov
- * Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs: www.dva.state.wi.us
- * Tricare: www.tricare.mil
- * Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS): www.dfas.mil