

## Mission Statement

The Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Service Office is part of the County Veterans Service Officers Association of Wisconsin CVSOA which is an organization of professional veterans' advocates. In Wisconsin, the CVSO/TVSO plays a critical role in the veterans' advocacy system and is often the initial contact in the community for veterans' services. Through the CVSO/TVSO, 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 (to include District 5) 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 certain benefits.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Service Office salutes and thanks you for your service!

## To Serve Those Who Served

Every day for a CVSO/TVSO is Veterans Day!

"The day this nation can't afford to take care of her veterans is the day this nation should quit creating them". *Richard Eubank, VFW National Commander*

## Veterans Benefits



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United States Army Flag



United States Air Force Flag



United States Coast Guard Flag



United States Army National Guard Flag

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In Wisconsin, every county has a County Veterans Service Officer and some Tribes have a Tribal Veterans Service Officer (CVSO/TVSO), almost every officer has at least one staff member. This is mandated by Chapter 45 of the Wisconsin Statutes. CVSOs/TVSOs are county/tribal employees, not VA employees, which means we advocate for you. 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. Don't pay someone else to do something for you that we can do for free.

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 GI Bill
- Wisconsin GI Bill
- Veterans Education (VetEd)
- Vocational Rehabilitation & 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
- Veterans Emergency Assistance
- Subsistence aid grant
- Property Tax Credit

### **Insurance Benefits**

- Service-Disabled Veterans Ins
- 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-214
- Obtaining discharge papers, military awards, personnel records and service medical records
- Veterans' Home applications
- Veterans Assistance Prg (VAP)
- State park and trail passes

- "Veteran" identifier on driver's license
- Transportation to VA medical appointments

### **Important Phone Numbers**

- VA Regional Office, 800-827-1000
- VA Pension Mgmt Ctr 877-292-6380
- Wisconsin Dept of Veterans Affairs WDVA 800-215-8262
- VA Medical Center Iron Mtn , MI 800-215-8262
- VA Medical Center Madison, WI 888-478-8321
- VA Medical Center Tomah, WI 800-872-8662
- Tricare Northern Region 800-874-2273
- CHAMPVA 800-733-8387
- Education Center St Louis, MO 888-442-4551
- DFAS for Retirees 800-321-1080

### **Important Web Sites**

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

***Contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Service Office for help in applying for any of the above listed benefits***