

## Wartime Service Dates

Under current law, the VA recognizes the following wartime periods. These dates are used to determine eligibility for benefits.

- World War I  
April 6, 1917 – Nov. 11, 1918

- World War II  
Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946

- Korean Conflict  
June 27, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955

- Vietnam Era  
Aug. 5, 1964 (Feb. 28, 1961 for veterans who served "in country" before Aug. 5, 1964) - through May 7, 1975

- Gulf War  
Aug. 2, 1990 – through a future date to be set by law or Presidential Proclamation

### Veterans Affairs

#### Dental Insurance Program (VADIP)

Eligible VADIP beneficiaries include:

- Any Veteran enrolled in VA healthcare
- Any individual enrolled in VA's Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA)
- Dependents who do not qualify as a CHAMPVA beneficiary are not eligible.

To enroll in VA health care or for VADIP eligibility questions, visit the Veterans Affairs website at [www.va.gov/healthbenefits](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits) or call 877-222-VETS (8387).

To enroll as a CHAMPVA beneficiary, visit the CHAMPVA website at [www.va.gov/hac/](http://www.va.gov/hac/) for beneficiaries/[champva/champva.asp](http://www.va.gov/hac/champva/champva.asp) or call 800-733-8387.

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### Pennsylvania

Office of the Deputy Adjutant  
General for Veterans Affairs  
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs  
Building S-O-47  
Fort Indiantown Gap  
Annville, PA 17003-5002  
Phone: 1-800-547-2838  
[www.dmva.state.pa.us](http://www.dmva.state.pa.us)

### United States

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Philadelphia Regional Office  
1-800-827-1000  
[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

## Lehigh County Veterans Mentor Program



Veteran mentors are volunteers who assist veterans involved in the criminal justice system. Mentors must be current or prior military.

For information about the program or to volunteer, call the Lehigh County District Attorney at 610-782-3100.



# VETERANS BENEFITS

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# WE CAN ASSIST YOU WITH ...

## ... Lehigh County Benefits

The Lehigh County Office of Veterans Affairs assists eligible veterans and their families to obtain all benefits due them according to the laws of the United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the County of Lehigh.

### BURIAL ALLOWANCE

Lehigh County provides a \$100 allowance toward the funeral and burial of honorably discharged veterans with wartime service\* and who resided in Lehigh County for at least one year at the time of death. This benefit is also available to the widows of eligible veterans. One day's service during wartime fulfills the requirement. An application for this benefit must be made within one year after death.

\* See reverse for service dates

### HEADSTONE

Lehigh County will pay the normal costs, not to exceed \$100, for the installation of a federal marker or military lettering on an existing headstone to mark a veteran's grave.

### DISCHARGES RECORDED

All honorably discharged service members should record their discharge (DD-214) with the county's Office of the Recorder of Deeds. This is a free service.

### FLAGS AND MARKERS

Flags and markers for veterans buried within the county are provided free of charge to families and veterans organizations responsible for placing them on graves.

## ... PA State Benefits

### DISABLED VETERANS REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

- Veteran must be resident of PA
- Honorable discharge
- Wartime service\*
- Blind, paraplegic or loss of two or more limbs, or 100% permanent service-connected disability
- Dwelling owned solely by veteran (& spouse)
- Veteran's principal dwelling

\* See reverse for service dates

### STATE VETERANS' HOMES

Pennsylvania offers its eligible veterans or surviving spouses facilities throughout the state. The level of care provided includes personal care, skilled nursing care, and dementia care.

Eligibility:

- Honorable discharge
- Resident at time of entry into military service or a current resident of Pennsylvania

### OTHER BENEFITS AVAILABLE

- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Blind/paralyzed veterans' pensions
- Educational gratuity for children of permanently disabled veterans with wartime service
- State educational grants & financial aid for veterans. Call 800-692-7392
- Veterans license plates, placards, and licenses. Call 800-932-4600
- Free/reduced rate hunting, fishing, and fur trapper license for certain disabled veterans

## ... Federal Benefits

The Lehigh County Office of Veterans Affairs accredited service officers can help veterans and their families receive federal VA benefits for which they are eligible. These benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Health care benefits
- Service-connected disabilities
- Pensions
- Burial and memorial benefits
- Dependents and survivors benefits

## Home Loan Guarantees

The VA guarantees loans to veterans or their surviving spouse for the purchase or refinancing of homes, condominiums, and manufactured homes. The VA backs part of the loan, thus allowing a veteran to get a mortgage at competitive interest rates and sometimes without a down payment. VA loan guarantees can also be used for home construction, repairs or alterations, refinancing, and westernization improvements.

Grants are available to qualified disabled veterans for Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) and Specially Adapted Housing (SAH).

The VA can also assist veterans with foreclosure issues for VA and non-VA loans.

Visit [www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/](http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/) or talk to your lender for more information.