



Dunn County Veterans Service Office

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Upcoming Events

July 27th – July 31st

Dunn County Fair

**Volunteers needed to staff
the Veterans Service Office
Fair Booth**

August 5th

Highground Bike Tour

Arrival at River State Park in
afternoon

August 20th

2nd Annual Dunn County

Warriors in Action Golf

Tournament

Menomonie Country Club

Contacts:

Tom Micek – 715-235-0352

Menomonie Country Club –
715-235-3595

Dear Reader,

This quarter I wanted to remind readers that it is never too late to ask a question about the benefits you may be entitled to. Whether your service time was recent or many years ago, you may be eligible to some benefits from the VA. I also encourage you to tell your friends and let them know our office is here and always willing to explore eligibility.

We hope to see you will visit us this year at the Dunn County Fair,

Greg Quinn, County Veteran Service Officer

What is a VA payment?

Our office frequently gets questions about what a VA payment is and how someone is eligible. Below are three types of payments a Veteran could receive:

Disability Compensation

A tax-free monetary benefit paid to Veterans with disabilities that are the result of a disease or injury incurred or aggravated during active military service. The benefit amount is graduated according to the degree of the Veteran's disability on a scale from 10 percent to 100 percent (in increments of 10 percent). Compensation may also be paid for disabilities that are considered related or secondary to disabilities occurring in service and for disabilities presumed to be related to circumstances of military service, even though they may arise after service. Generally, the degrees of disability specified are also designed to compensate for considerable loss of working time from exacerbations or illnesses.

*Source VA.gov

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Are you in need of assistance?

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program recently allocated funds to assist Veterans only with the following needs:

- Utility Disconnection
- LP Fill
- 1st Month of Rent
- Security Deposit
- Eviction Prevention

All applications must meet
certain criteria.

For assistance call
715-232-1646

In Remembrance of the following Dunn County Veterans

Benjamin Hitz Jr.
Robert Trainor
Elmer Drogseth
John Kosman
Fred Bartko

John Songs
Earl Lemon
Raymond Phillips
Galen Burton
Adrian Smith

Michael Koehler
Tim Kistner
James Roberts
Eugene Kraemer
Terry Durland

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VA Pension

Pension benefits are needs-based and your "countable" family income must fall below the yearly limit set by law. Veterans must have at least 90 days of active duty, including one day during a wartime period. If the active duty occurred after September 7, 1980, you must have served at least 24 months or the full period that you were called up (with some exceptions).

You must also be:

- Age 65 or older with limited or no income, **OR**
- Totally and permanently disabled, **OR**
- A patient in a nursing home receiving skilled nursing care, **OR**
- Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance, **OR**
- Receiving Supplemental Security Income

**Source VA.gov*

Military Retire Pay

You may be qualified for U.S. Military Retirement if you:

- Served on active duty in the U.S Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps for a period of 20 years or more; or
- Retired medically from the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps.

**Source <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/plan/eligibility.html>*

**** It is important to note that compensation and Pension benefits are 100% tax free. Retirement Pay is federally taxed, but not state taxed in Wisconsin**

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