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A National Lutheran Community



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The Village at
PROVIDENCE
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National Lutheran
Communities & Services

Veteran's Benefits

Assistance Program

National Lutheran Communities & Services (NCLS) is proud to partner with Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries to help veterans and their spouses residing in one of our communities or receiving services in their homes to receive the maximum amount of benefits available through the United States Department of Veteran Affairs.

Americans who have served in the armed forces have protected the freedoms all Americans enjoy. Through their service and sacrifice, veterans have earned the gratitude and respect of the nation.

To start the process of reviewing eligibility and/or obtaining benefits, please contact:

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National Lutheran Communities & Services (NLCS) is a faith-based, not-for-profit ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) Delaware-Maryland, Metropolitan Washington, D.C. and Virginia Synods, serving people of all beliefs. NLCS honors, inspires and supports choice and opportunity in partnership with older adults.





Our dedicated Veterans Specialist offers assistance to veteran residents and their spouses in reviewing current benefits and may discuss:

- Form DD214 – *Report of Separation*
- Compensation
- Non-service related pension or improved pension
- Widows DIC – *Dependency Indemnity Compensation*
- Widows pension
- Death benefits
- Medical benefits
- VA life insurance
- Benefits available for non-service connected injuries and illnesses
- Presentation of a high school diploma for veterans who left school before graduation for the armed forces

NLCS is dedicated to helping all veterans and their spouses who may be eligible for additional benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Our program is designed to take the headache out of navigating through forms, complicated language and trying to determine what you may or may not be eligible for.



Eligibility for most VA benefits is based on honorable discharge from active military service. Active service means full-time service, other than active duty for training, as a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or as a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, Environmental Science Services Administration or National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration, or its predecessor; the Coast and Geodetic Survey. National Guard and Reserve members are also entitled to certain benefits. Some benefits may be available for National Guard and Reserve members as well as Merchant Marines who served during World War I if a specific form has been issued to them.



At no charge to residents, our specialist can:

- Determine if you may be eligible for benefits
- Determine if you may be eligible to receive additional benefits later pension
- File necessary paperwork
- Obtain the proper records needed for submission