

Veterans Need To Know Who Live In Western Mass.

During the Time of COVID-19

Central Hampshire Veterans' Services, as well as all the other offices in Western Massachusetts offer a number of benefits to Veterans and surviving spouses. This is *not* at all a complete list of all benefits you may be eligible or entitled to.

By law, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires every city and town to have a Veteran Service Officer (VSO) to assist Veterans in obtaining federal and state benefits. *Please do not try to do this on your own!*

Your local VSO is a Veteran and is your primary contact to assist you in answering questions and helping you with the necessary paperwork. Our Central Office is in Northampton and our only office staffed during the COVID-19 PANDEMIC. Work collaboratively with them!

Central Hampshire Veteran Services is currently staffed Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 – 2:00 and all messages are several times checked everyday

To locate the name and contact information of your local VSO, go to <http://www.massvetsadvisor.org/>. This web site offers a great deal of information about Veterans benefits.

Massachusetts Veterans, in general, are eligible for the following benefits:

Under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L. ch. 115), the Commonwealth provides a uniform program of **financial** and **medical** assistance for Veterans and their dependents that.

Qualifying Veterans and their dependents receive necessary financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies, and medical care in accordance with a formula, which takes into account the number of dependants and income from all sources. Eligible dependents of deceased Veterans are provided with the same benefits as they would were the veteran still living.

Beyond the standard assistance we have a system to provide boxes of non-perishable food to last 2 weeks for 2 people from Massachusetts Military Support Foundation and One Call Away (Food4Vets) and from the Salvation Army. Best of all the box is delivered to you!

Ultimately, you are responsible for helping yourself and need to play an active role in obtaining the benefits you have earned. We are here to help.

Please contact our office at 413 587-1299 or email us at vetadmin@northamptonma.gov

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