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The Military Assistance Project

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### WHO WE ARE

Indiana Legal Services, Inc. created the Military Assistance Project (MAP), a statewide project that is headquartered in Indianapolis, to assist low-income Hoosier military members, veterans, and their families within Indiana.

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### Who We Represent

The MAP assists military members, veterans, and family members in Indiana and assists out-of-state military member, veterans and family members with legal cases in Indiana. An individual may qualify if they the same income eligibility guidelines as other Hoosiers are low income.

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### What We Do

While most veterans have many of the same similar legal issues that other ILS non-veteran clients have, it is not uncommon for veterans to have legal issues that are related to their former military service and subsequent Department of Veteran Affairs issues. Many of the issues that low-income Hoosier military members, veterans, and their families within Indiana face interfere with their ability to live a stable life. The MAP works to reduce these issues by employing different means to reach our veterans and provide them with quality legal services.

The MAP provides support to ILS' eight branch offices, by assisting and, in some cases, serving as co-counsel, for legal issues that require military or veteran-related expertise.

The MAP may also provide direct legal representation for certain legal issues that are highly needed by veterans. The MAP handles a variety of cases including:

- ***Discharge Upgrades***
- ***Correction of Military Records***
- ***VA overpayments***

- *Accessing Military Records*
- *Expungements*
- *Specialized Driving Privileges*

The MAP conducts outreach around the state and has collaborated with other nonprofit organizations to increase access to legal services for military members, veterans, and their families.

***New* The MAP also facilitates recurring NO COST legal clinics at the Indianapolis VA Medical Center with the assistance of many community partners on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 11am to 4pm, in Room C1202.**

### **Monthly Legal Clinic-**

Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center  
1481 W. 10th Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
3rd Tuesday of each Month  
11am to 4pm  
Room C1202

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## **How To Request for Help**

Requesting legal assistance from the MAP may be done in several ways:

- By calling our centralized intake number 844 243 8570  
Monday through Friday between the hours of 10am and 2pm.
  - You may also apply online: [Apply Here](#)
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## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Interested in volunteering or interning?

The MAP is often looking for volunteer attorneys, law students, undergraduate students, and community members to assist with cases and various outreach projects.

For more information, contact: [MAPinquiry@ilsi.net](mailto:MAPinquiry@ilsi.net).

Or send communication to

### **The Military Assistance Project (MAP)**

Indiana Legal Services, Inc.

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## **Where Can I Learn More?**

### **Attorneys Serving Veterans and Military**

Visit our page [here](#) for more resources available for veterans and members of the armed services.

### **Local Assistance for Veterans:**

Did you know that you have a County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO)? They have access to all the forms and other information you may need to obtain service from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs as well as the forms for requesting veteran benefits from the State of Indiana.

To find your Indiana CVSO, please click on the following site.

Source link: <http://www.in.gov/dva/2370.htm>

To find a CVSO in other states:

Source link: <http://nacvso.org/find-a-service-officer/>

### **Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Programs and Services**

Veterans of the United States Uniformed Services may be eligible for a broad range of programs and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) thru the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA).

Source Link: <http://www.va.gov/opa/persona/index.asp>

### **Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Benefits Reference Library**

Source Link: <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/publications.asp>

- **The very first step in obtaining access to your VA Health Benefits is to enroll for care:**

Source Link: <http://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/apply/index.asp>

## Seeking Benefits from the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Benefits

There are numerous ways to apply for benefits from the Veterans Benefits Administration depending on the type of benefit you are seeking.

- **The fastest way to submit your application is electronically thru the VA eBenefit webpage:**
  - Source link: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/apply>
- **If you prefer to complete a written application**, visit:
  - Source link: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/Applying.asp>
- **What should you do if you plan to file a VA claim yet are not ready to file a VA claim? Submit an “intent to file” to lock in your back pay date (you must submit your claim within one year from the date you submit your intent to file:**
  - Source link: <http://explore.va.gov/intent-to-file>
- **Veterans Pension** is a tax-free monetary benefit payable to low-income veterans with active wartime service:
  - Source link: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/vetpen.asp>
- **The Survivors Pension benefit**, which may also be referred to as Death Pension, is a tax-free monetary benefit payable to a low-income, un-remarried surviving spouse and/or unmarried child(ren) of a deceased Veteran with wartime service:
  - Source link: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/spousepen.asp>
- The **Milwaukee VA Pension Management Center services all Pension and Surviving Pension claims for the State of Indiana** and surrounding states (Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio). Mailing address is: Milwaukee VA Pension Center, PO Box 342000, Milwaukee WI 53234-9907.
  - Source link: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/PENSION/resources-contact.asp#mil>
- **Claim for Standard Government Headstone or Marker**
  - Source link: <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-1330.pdf>
- **Claim for Government Medallion for Placement in a Private Cemetery**
  - Source link: <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-1330M.pdf>

**National Guard and Reserve members with active service may qualify for a variety of VA benefits.**

Source link: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/GUARDRESERVE/active-reserve.asp>

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