**LOCATIONS**

* **Merced County Veteran Service Office**

Phone number: 209-385-7588

Fax number: 209-725-3848

Address: 3376 North Highwat 59 Suite D, Merced CA 95348

Office hours: Monday to Friday from 8AM – 5PM

Website: <https://www.co.merced.ca.us/460/Veterans>

* **Merced County Veterans Services**

Address: 3605 Hospital Road, Atwater, California, 95301

Phone: 209-385-7588

Hours of operation: Mon-Fri 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

* **Veterans of Foreign Wars**

Address: 1388 Broadway Avenue, Atwater, California, 95301

Phone: 209-358-7224

* **Veterans of Foreign Wars**

Address: 7093 Walnut Avenue, Winton, California, 95388

Phone: 209-358-8138

**Disability Compensation**

Disability compensation is a benefit paid to Veterans because of injuries or disease that happened during active duty. In some cases, an existing disease or injury was worsened due to active military service. This benefit is also paid to certain Veterans disabled from VA health care. The benefits are tax-free.

**Who is eligible?**

 You may be eligible for disability compensation if:

• You have a service-related disability or illness.

• Your discharge was not dishonorable.

**How much does VA pay?**

The amount of benefit pay varies depending on your disability. You may be paid additional amounts if:

• You have very severe disability(ies) or loss of limb(s).

• You have a spouse, child(ren) or dependent parent(s).

**What documentation to bring with you to your meeting with your Veteran Service Representative:**

* DD214 and/or discharge paperwork
* Social security number for both Veteran and Spouse
* If married, a copy of current marriage certificate; plus, all past divorce papers and/or death certificates.
* Dependents under 18 or attending college - Copy of Birth Certificates and Social Security Numbers
* All civilian medical records of all possible service-connected disabilities that you wish to file for.
* If you see any VA Clinic / Hospital - a copy of their diagnoses is needed.
* Direct Deposit Information to include routing number, account number, and Bank Name.

***\*\*\*Other Benefits/ Resources***

* Blue Water Navy: For Vietnam Blue Water Navy Veterans || <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/home/showpublisheddocument/37596/637009548420100000>
* Survivor’s Benefits
* Burial Benefits and Headstones
* Veterans Homes
* National Veterans Cemeteries

**Patient Resources**

* Emergency: 911
* Veterans Crisis Line: 800-273-8255, select 1
* 24-hour nurse: 888-826-2838, ext. 6933
* Change your appointment: 559-228-6913 or 559-228-5304
* Media inquiries: 559-228-5308
* National Veterans Helpline: 800-507-4571
* Patient locator: 559-225-6100 or 888-826-2838
* Pharmacy refill: 888-826-2838, ext. 5333
* Telephone care: 559-228-6933 or 888-826-2838, ext. 6933

\*\*\*California Veterans Resources Book: <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/home/showpublisheddocument/33479/636892973921530000>