



2021 Year End Report

 ST. CLAIR COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
Veterans Affairs

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Summary of Benefits Provided

Federal Benefits

Disability Compensation Claims to include the following:

- Presumptive Conditions for Gulf War Veterans
- Presumptive Conditions for Herbicide Exposure (Agent Orange)
- Presumptive Conditions for Former POWs
- Presumptive Conditions for Radiation Exposure
- Presumptive Conditions for Exposure to Contaminated Water at Camp Lejeune, NC

Non Service Connected Disability Pension Claims (Regular Pension; Housebound; Aid & Attendance)

Dependency & Indemnity Compensation Claims (Survivors)

Survivors Pension Claims (Survivors - Regular Pension; Housebound; Aid & Attendance)

Home Loan Guarantees

Education Benefit Claims (Veterans)

Vocational Rehabilitation

Dependents Education Assistance

Automobile and Special Adaptive Equipment Claims

Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) Claims

Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Claims

Assistance with VA Medical Care Applications

Clothing Allowance Claims

Records Retrieval (DD Forms 214; Reports of Separation; Personnel Records; & Health Records)

Discharge Review and Correction of Military Records

Appeals up to the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA)

Combat Related Special Compensation

Claims for VA Burial Allowances

Burial in National Cemeteries

Burial Flags

Headstones, Markers, & Medallions

Presidential Memorial Certificates

Homeless Veterans Assistance - CHAMPVA Claims

Replacement Medals

State Benefits

Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTF) (Temporary Emergency Financial Assistance)

MVTF Request for Military Discharge (DD Forms 214)

Children of Veterans Tuition Grant

Assistance with applications to the State Homes for Veterans (Grand Rapids & Marquette)

Local Benefits

Veterans Relief Fund (Financial Assistance for Indigent Veterans, Survivors, Minor Children, Parents)

Funeral Expenses of Veterans and Spouses (\$300.00 Reimbursement / Setting Fee Reimbursements)

Transportation to and From Detroit and Ann Arbor VA Medical Centers

Tax Exemption for 100% Permanently & Totally Disabled Veterans

2021/2022 Workload Summary and Veterans Statistics

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs estimated the number of veterans residing in St. Clair County, as of September 2021 at **11,344**. In calendar year 2021, our Veterans Service Officers filed **829** new claims and/or appeals resulting in retroactive awards of **\$2,319,769**. This is the retroactive award benefit amount only and does not include concurrent receipt of benefits for St. Clair County residents which will be explained further in the financial summary section. Thus far in Calendar Year 2022, from **841** new claims submitted our retroactive award amount is **\$587,097** with many claims still pending.

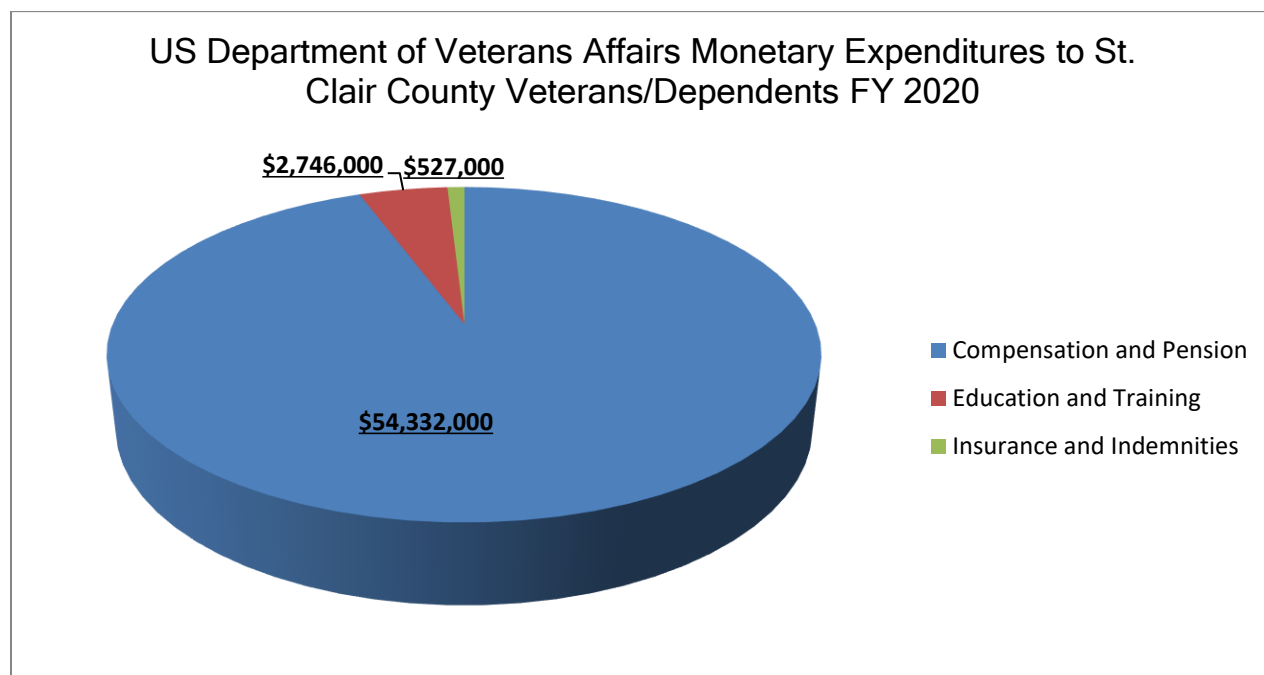
St. Clair County MI VA Benefit Recipient Demographics:

- Total Active Monthly Benefit Recipients for Compensation Claims : **2,591**
 - 0% to 20% Disabled - **955**
 - 30% to 40% Disabled - **433**
 - 50% to 60% Disabled - **375**
 - 70% to 90% Disabled - **526**
 - 100% Disabled - **302**
- Total Active Non-Service Connected Pension Recipients: **141**
- Age/Sex Demographics of Benefit Recipients:
 - Less than 35 - **225**
 - Age 35-44 - **255**
 - Age 45-54 - **319**
 - Age 55-64 - **358**
 - Age 65-74 - **982**
 - Age 75 or Older - **439**
 - Male - **2,433** / Female - **158**

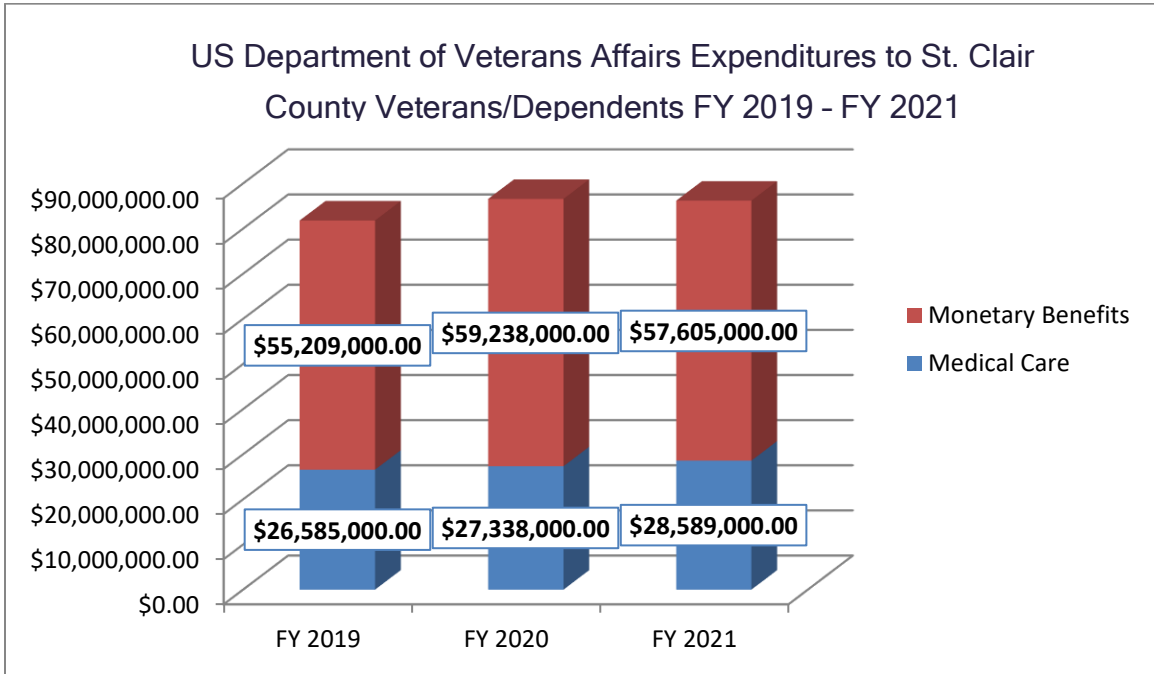
Financial Summary

US Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits to and for Veterans/Dependents, FY 2021

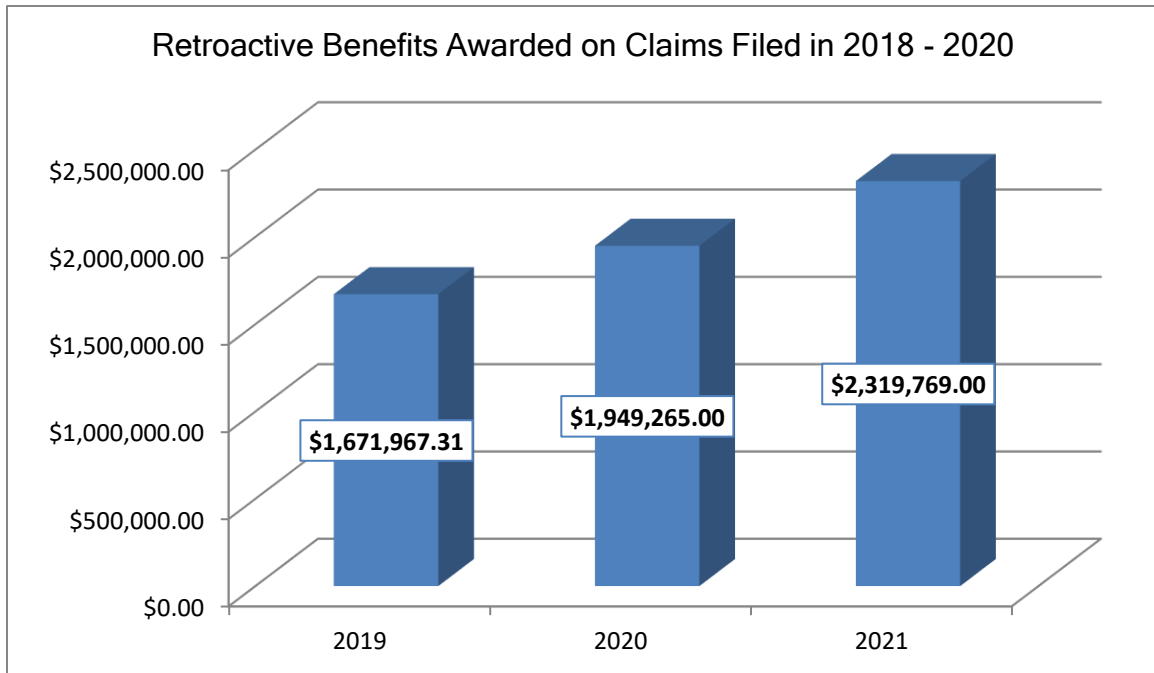
The charts in this section summarize and demonstrate the monetary expenditures issued by the VA for Federal Veterans Benefits in the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. Benefits paid directly to St. Clair County veterans from Compensation and Pension, Education and Training, and Insurance and Indemnities totaled **\$57,605,000** for this one year period. In addition, the VA expended **\$28,589,000** for medical care provided at the VA Medical Centers in Detroit and Ann Arbor and the Yale Community Based Outpatient Clinic.



The following chart shows that benefits paid out by the Department of Veterans Affairs for St. Clair County residents has remained relatively stable despite a decline in veteran population which reflects the state and nationwide decreases overall. This will be further explored in the Demographics section.



Retroactive benefit awards for new claims filed through our office specifically have exceeded one million dollars in each of the last three Calendar Years.



Emergency Relief Provided to St. Clair County Veterans

Michigan Veterans Trust Fund:

- FY 2021: 4 Grants awarded from 10 applications totaling \$6,519.93 for Emergency Shelter and Utilities.

Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund:

- Calendar Year 2021: 2 Grants awarded totaling \$2,916.85 from 2 applications.

St. Clair County Emergency Relief Fund

- Calendar Year 2021: \$19,619 for assistance with utilities, emergency medical bills, vehicle and home repair and housing.

Notable Events/Opportunities/Projects in 2021

- Yale VA Vaccine Clinic Volunteering
- Weekly SSVF Hotel/Motel Case Conferencing
- Tour of Chesterfield Veterans Home
- Blue Water Fallen Hero Community Banner Project Kick Off
- Memorial Day Ceremony - Pine Grove Park
- Training - Burn Pit Exposure and Women
- Veteran Walking Group (Weekly)
- Senior Outreach Services Meetings
- SC4 Community Resource Fair
- Coast Guard Chief Retirement Ceremony
- In Person Visits - St. Clair County Intervention Center
- Monthly Veterans Meet and Greet
- Michigan Virtual Veterans Experience Action Team 3 Day Outreach Project
- NACVSO National Conference (Virtual)
- MACVC State Conference (Muskegon)
- Macomb County 41b Veterans Court Meetings. Also working with our own Circuit/District Courts.
- Various Holiday Outreach and Gift Donations/Disbursal
- 2021 St. Clair County Veteran of the Year Ceremony
- 2021 Wreaths Across America
- Paper Records Review/Purge and Digitization of all DD-214's in Compliance with SOM Records Retention and Disposal Schedule