



Military History Checklist Fact Sheet

“Identify, Honor, Serve”



Veterans may have experiences from their military service that present unique needs throughout their care at home journey. Because the unique needs of Veterans may require specific interventions, the first step to addressing these issues is to identify them as Veterans. The Military History Checklist is available to identify Veterans, evaluate the impact of the experience, and determine if there are benefits to which the Veteran and surviving dependents may be entitled.

What is the Military History Checklist?

- A short and simple form that can be used by care-at-home providers and easily implemented within your organization.
- A tool that enables care-at-home providers to identify additional information about patients who are Veterans, including branch of service, time of service, combat experience, and possible VA benefits.

Why take the time to ask about military service?

- Identifying your patients as Veterans is the first step to honoring them for their service.
- Veterans may have issues related to their military service, which their plan of care should address.
- Veterans may be entitled to benefits through VA.
- Volunteers who are Veterans may be able to provide valuable support to Veterans and their families.

Best Practices

- Use this tool as a conversation guide rather than a mandated checklist.
- Ask patients if they have served in the military rather than asking them if they are Veterans.
- Thank patients who have been identified as Veterans for their service with an honoring ceremony.

Successes

- *“Implementation of the military checklist has given us a great understanding of how to care for the unique needs of our Veterans and their families.”* – Care at Home Professional
- *“He was deeply touched when the staff commented on his military history. The recognition and appreciation of his service meant a great deal to him.”* - Family Member
- *“We obtained benefits for a patient who did not know he was eligible for VA benefits.”* – Care at Home Professional

Military History Checklist Resources

- **Military History Checklist form**
 - One page questionnaire to be added to admission packets or EMRs
- **Military History Checklist Guide**
 - Summary of Military History Checklist questions and their implications

For more information, visit www.WeHonorVeterans.org or contact Veterans@allianceforcareathome.org.
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