

VETERANS ADVOCACY PROJECT

WHO WE ARE

Since 2020, Legal Aid of Southeastern PA's Veterans Advocacy Project (VAP) has provided client-centered, trauma-informed legal services to veterans who are unhoused, or at risk of becoming unhoused, living with limited income, seniors, or incarcerated. Through true wrap-around services from partnerships with other veteran-serving organizations, LASP advocates to increase income and stabilize housing for our community's veterans and their families.

THE NUMBERS



**Total people
LASP served**

July 2024-June 2025

8,215



**Total people
VAP served**

July 2024-June 2025

808



**Low-income
veterans who do
not get all the legal
help they need**

84%*



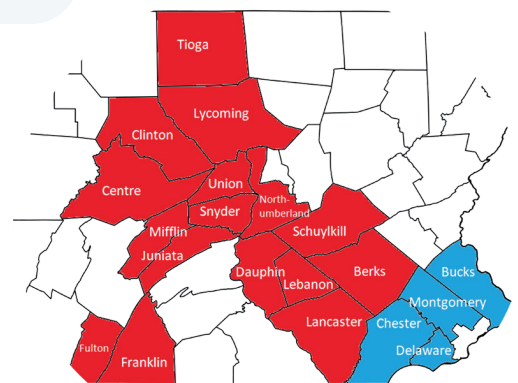
**Economic impact
of LASP's legal
services**

\$1:\$7**

AREAS WE SERVE

LASP's primary service area includes Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties in the Philadelphia suburbs.

As the only provider in the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network with a dedicated veterans unit, through partnerships with Veterans Multi-Service Center & the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, LASP also provides assistance with VA benefits and discharge upgrades to an additional 16 counties in central and northern PA.



*Data from the Legal Services Corporation (LSC)'s Justice Gap Report: justicegap.lsc.gov/resource/veterans

**LSC analysis of 20 years of studies shows that for every \$1 invested, civil legal aid returns an average of \$7, nationally. Benefits include cost savings—like reduced spending on shelters, emergency healthcare and law enforcement—as well as improved family stability and increased participation in local economies. lsc.gov/roi | lasps.org/news

CLIENT WINS

April 2021 - October 2025

318

positive decisions
from VA & SSA

\$5.7 M

obtained in back pay
for veterans

\$1,400

average increase in
monthly income

\$121 M

estimated increase in
lifetime income

CLIENT STORY



After years of being denied support, an unhoused and disabled veteran finally found justice.

With help from a LASP attorney, he overcame repeated rejections from the VA and SSA.

By late 2024, he secured over \$82,000 in back pay and a monthly income of \$2,400—up from nothing. These hard-won benefits restored dignity, stability, and access to care, transforming his future and ensuring nearly \$1.2 million in lifetime income.

CLIENT STORY



After decades of PTSD, depression, and homelessness, a former combat medic finally found relief.

With patient and care, a LASP attorney built trust with this veteran, overcoming his fear and stigma of filing of a claim. In just months, VA recognized his service-connected trauma, raising his monthly income from \$171 to over \$3,800 and awarding \$45,800 in back pay.

That support ended years of instability—giving him the means to stay housed, meet basic needs, and reclaim his life.

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