

# Montgomery County Veterans Transportation Service 931-553-5175



The Montgomery County Veterans Transportation Service (MCVTS) was formed in December of 1989 to fulfill transportation requirements for veterans and their dependents. The first trip to Nashville was made in September of 1991. The all-volunteer transportation network provides veterans and their eligible dependents free transportation every week of the year to and from VA and civilian medical facilities in the Nashville area.

Veterans and their family members needing transportation to hospitals in the Nashville area can call the dispatcher at 931-553-5175 with their appointment information to schedule a seat on the van. We have an 11 passenger 2020 FORD TRANSIT VAN and a six passenger 2015 FORD TRANSIT VAN that is equipped to transport a wheelchair rider. Many of the veterans are handicapped and in a wheelchair. Without the help of the MCVTS they wouldn't be able to get to Nashville to obtain proper medical attention. MCVTS is the only all-volunteer organization in Tennessee that transports wheelchair patients to the VA and civilian medical facilities.

The VETERANS VAN runs FIVE (5) days per week, Monday-Friday, except holidays. Veterans are picked up at three (3) designated locations in Clarksville starting at 5:45 AM and then returned to the designated pick-up points.

Since its inception our all-volunteer organization has transported over 38,000 veterans and family members.

To keep up with an increasing number of riders more drivers are needed. Drivers can volunteer as many or as few days a month to drive as they want. To qualify a volunteer must be insurable, hold a valid driver's license, pass a background check, be in good health, and enjoy helping the veterans.

Veterans who use the service are grateful for the ride to their medical appointments and for the people who selflessly serve as not having to worry about transportation eases some of the burden dealing with a disability or disease.

Most of the service's drivers are veterans themselves but it's not a requirement. Anyone with a desire to volunteer will be welcomed. In addition to drivers, volunteers also staff the MCVTS office from 9:30 am. to 2:30 pm. Monday through Friday, answering questions and scheduling rides.

Though the service is free to veterans who need transportation, the MCVTS, as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is always in need of regular monetary donations to cover, gas, vehicle maintenance, insurance, and other operating costs such as office supplies. The cost alone to operate the service is over \$6,000 yearly and the service tries to replace one van every 3-5 years as finances allow.

To learn more about volunteering with the Montgomery County Veterans Transportation Service, or to make a donation, contact the office at 350 Pageant Lane, Suite 308, Clarksville, TN 37040, or call 931-553-5175.