

Most Commonly Used Resources for Veterans



Important: Remember to ask the veteran you are serving whether he/she is comfortable using a computer and the internet before you recommend resources to them.

For issues related to: VA Enrollment; Service-Connected Disabilities; VA Compensation; Needing military paperwork; Wanting to upgrade their discharge, call the VA-Accredited Veteran Service Officer nearest them. (Visit www.michiganveterans.com, click on “Locate a Benefits Counselor” and then select the county they live in.)

Financial Assistance Resources

Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTF): Up to \$1500 for local approval (state board reviews all appeals and claims over \$1500). *Requires at least 180 Days of Active Duty service during wartime and an unforeseen emergency.*

Following counties must go through MVTF for applications:
Lake, Mason, Mescota, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Montcalm, Muskegeon, Ottawa, Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Washtenaw, Bay, Arenac, Roscommon, Ostego, VanBuren, Gratiot, Kalamazoo. (All other counties must apply through their local County Veteran Service Office: www.michiganveterans.com “Find A Benefits Counselor” or by calling 1.800.MICH.VET.)

The Patriot Fund: Up to \$500, one time only. Requires an honorable discharge and an unforeseen emergency. Contact Gary Tanner at gtanner364@gmail.com.

Michigan Bikers Helping Veterans: Requires an honorable discharge, unforeseen emergency. Must complete entire application (leave no blanks). www.supportmiVeterans.org

Forgotten Eagles of Michigan: Up to \$500. Must contact and apply to chapter nearest Veteran's residence.

www.forgotteneagles.org

Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund (FWSF): Requires honorable discharge (or currently serving honorably) and an unforeseen emergency. www.fwsf.org / B2B POC Lynn Phillips (contact staff for contact info).*

Pentagon Foundation: Must have deployed to OEF/OIF, honorable discharge, and unforeseen emergency. Can only receive once per household. Applications found online, www.pentagonfoundation.org. Contact 703.838.1344 or militaryheroes@penfed.org for additional information.

Local Veteran service organizations often can provide funds.

Financial Counseling/Advising

Military OneSource: 800.342.9647

Military Family Life Consultants: 248.246.1580

Gabriella Barthlow: 586.783.1398*

Legal Issues

State Side Legal: Legal Help for military members, Veterans, and their families. Visit www.statesidelegal.org and select ‘Find Local Help’ to locate a local legal office.

University of Michigan Legal Clinic: Washtenaw County only. Contact directly at 734.763.2798 or lixy@umich.edu.

Wayne – Oakland – Macomb Counties: Legal Aid & Defender Association, www.ladadetroit.org or 313.967.5555

VA Claim Legal Assistance: Legal Help For Veterans, PLLC – 800.693.4800, www.legalhelpforVeterans.com

Housing

VA HUD-VASH / Healthcare of Homeless Veterans (HCHV): Must have VA Health Care. Qualify on individual basis.

Detroit VAMC

Beth Baker – (HCHV) Supervisor 313.576.1580

Ann Arbor VAMC

Office – 734.845.5058

Saginaw VAMC

HCHV Office – 989.497.2500, ext 11773

Battle Creek VAMC

HCHV Outreach Worker – 269.966.5600, ext 33148

Iron Mountain VAMC

HCHV Social Worker – 906.774.3300, ext 32773

Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

Search by county to find local providers.

Eviction / Homeless / Social Work / Multiple other local programs.

*Volunteers, please do not give the phone numbers and email addresses listed with asterisks next to them to service members or veterans you are assisting. Those numbers are provided so that you can provide warm hand-offs.

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