Veterans Day & Veterans Services







Veterans Day is observed on November 11th, and it originated in 1938 as Armistice Day, set to commemorate the end of World War I on November 11th, 1918, and honor WWI veterans. In 1954, at the behest of veterans service organizations, the Armstice Day was changed to Veterans Day in order to honor all veterans.

This veterans day, take time to reflect on the financial and housing struggles that veterans face. Deployments can lead to challenges such as disability, poor mental health, a lack of education, and isolation that make it difficult to navigate the complex econonic/housing markets.

According to the 2023 annual homelessness assessment report,

35,574

veterans were experiencing homelessness on one night in January.

20,076 sheltered	15,507 unsheltered

The Detroit Regional Office of Veterans Affairs administers several services for veterans, including compensation, pension, counselling about eligibility for benefits/how to apply for VA benefits, and outreach for homeless veterans. Appointments can be made at https://www.benefits.va.gov/detroit/

VA | U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

The Michigan Veterans Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports homeless veterans through transitional housing, essential goods, employment training, and other services. To find out more about the organization, visit their website at http://michiganveteransfoundation.org/

MVF Michigan Veterans Foundation
DVC ★ Detroit Veterans Center

Volunteers of America provides supportive services for veteran families. Services include transitional housing for veterans, food security, employment training, and more. Veterans in MI can call (877) 509 8387, visit the Detroit Veterans Housing Program in person at 253 E Milwaukee, Detroit MI, 48202, or find out more at https://www.voami.org/services/veteran-services/

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Sources + More Information

- *Veterans Day History*: https://www.military.com/veterans-day/history-of-veterans-day.html
- *National Alliance to End Homelessness*: https://endhomelessness.org/homelessness-in-america/who-experiences-homelessness/veterans/

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