

# 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](http://www.michiganveterans.com), click on “Locate a Benefits Counselor” and then select the county they live in. Or view p. 52 in the Resource Guide for a list of Veteran Service offices by county.



**For issues related to...** For more information, look on the pages of our B2B Resource Guide noted in the corners of each box.

## Financial Assistance

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Do they have 180 days of wartime service and an unforeseen situation that has caused a temporary financial emergency that a grant would resolve?

**Michigan Veteran Trust Fund** – Apply online at [www.michiganveterans.com](http://www.michiganveterans.com) or by calling 1-800-MICHVET.

Are they a Post-9/11 Veteran?

Contact the **Fallen & Wounded Soldiers Fund**, Dr. Lynn Philips at 734-929-4765\*.

Do they live in a county with Veterans Relief?

Call their County Veteran Counselor. (To locate their County Veteran Counselor, visit [www.michiganveterans.com](http://www.michiganveterans.com) and click on “Find a Benefits Counselor.”)

Are they a current or former Guardsman in need of \$500+ and can wait 4-6 weeks?

Visit [www.ngam.org](http://www.ngam.org) or call 517-944-1676\*.

Are they in financial need due to deployment?

Call **VFW Unmet Needs Fund** at 1-866-789-6333 or visit [www.vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants](http://www.vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants).

Have they tried their local service organization? (VFW, DAV, AL, etc.)?

Do they not qualify for anything else?

**The Patriot Fund** is specifically intended to help veterans who do not qualify for other existing financial relief programs and they provide \$500-700 grants. Contact Gary Tanner at 313-550-4289\*.

**Michigan Bikers Helping Veterans**: Apply online at [www.supportmiveterans.org](http://www.supportmiveterans.org).

**Forgotten Eagles of Michigan**: Each request is considered on their merit and must be of a critical nature. Visit [www.forgotteneagles.org](http://www.forgotteneagles.org)

**Hooah, Inc**: Contact Bryan Gahns at 248-933-5412\* or [bgahns@hooahinc.org](mailto:bgahns@hooahinc.org).

Would they like free financial counseling?

**Military OneSource** provides free financial counseling, call 800-342-9647.

**Military Family Life Consultants** provide financial planning, call 248-246-1580.

**Gabriella Barthlow** provides free in person/phone counseling. Call 586-783-1398\*.

## Legal Issues

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Do they live in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb?

Legal Aid and Defender Association, visit [www.ladadetroit.org](http://www.ladadetroit.org) or call 313-967-5800.

Do they live in Wayne County?

**Detroit Free Legal Aid Clinic** (Family and Elder Law Only): Contact this organization at [www.detroitflac.com/Free-Legal-Aid-Clinic-Inc-Homepage](http://www.detroitflac.com/Free-Legal-Aid-Clinic-Inc-Homepage) or 313-833-0058.

Do they live in Washtenaw County?

**University of Michigan Veterans Legal Clinic**: Call 734-763-6750.

If they live in counties other than Washtenaw or Wayne, call:

**Sailor, Soldier, Airman and Marine Access Center**: Contact this organization at [www.ssamac.org](http://www.ssamac.org) or 586-359-2195.

**Legal Hotline for Older Michigan Citizens**: Call 800-347-5297.

Anything else?

Take down as much information as possible and somebody will call them back.

\*Volunteers, please do not give the phone numbers 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.

## Housing/Homelessness

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### Are they a low-income veteran?

Locate their local **Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Grantee** by going to [www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf) and selecting the Service Provider list.

### Do they receive VA care? Do they have a service-connected disability?

**VA Homeless Programs:** Call the Program at the VA closest to where they live :

Ann Arbor: 734-845-5058

Battle Creek: 269-966-5600, ext. 31648

Detroit: 313-576-1000, ext. 64602

Iron Mountain: 906-774-3300, ext. 32541

Saginaw: 989-497-2500, ext. 11773

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## Employment

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### Have they served on active duty and/or deployed to a combat area?

**Michigan Works!** Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist: Visit [michiganworks.org](http://michiganworks.org) and click "Find Your One-Stop Service Center." Use the map to find their local Michigan Works! office, where the DVOP Specialist is housed.

### Veteran Hiring Initiatives:

**General Motors** – Mark McKeen, [mark.mckeен@gm.com](mailto:mark.mckeен@gm.com)

**Quicken Loans** – Justin Mendoza, [JustinMendoza@quickenloans.com](mailto:JustinMendoza@quickenloans.com)

**Helmets to Hardhats** – [www.helmetstohardhats.org](http://www.helmetstohardhats.org)

**NACE** – [www.naceinstitute.org/certification](http://www.naceinstitute.org/certification)

**Roush** – Rob Ells, [rob.ells@roush.com](mailto:rob.ells@roush.com)

### Resume assistance:

**Aarow Strategies Operation Restore Valor**, call 248-502-2500.

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## Mental Health Resources

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### Are they in immediate crisis?

**Veteran's Crisis Line:** 1-800-273-TALK and Press 1 for Veterans OR text to 838255. (If you are unsure whether to seek emergency services, call B2B Program Psychologist Dr. Beau Nelson at 734-780-5725\* or Program Social Worker Jamie Wright at 734-478-3551\*.

### Are they seeking counseling AND are currently serving (in any capacity) or have been discharged within the last six months?

**Military OneSource:** Call 1-800-342-9647.

### Are they seeking counseling/mental health services AND they are a combat veteran OR a survivor of military sexual trauma (MST)?

**Vet Centers:** Call the Vet Center nearest to where they live:

Clinton Township: 586-412-0107

Dearborn: 313-277-1428

Detroit: 313-831-6509

Escanaba: 906-233-0244

Grand Rapids: 616-285-5795

Pontiac: 248-874-1015

Saginaw: 989-321-4650

Traverse City: 231-935-0051

### Are they seeking counseling?

**Give an Hour:** Visit [www.giveanhour.org](http://www.giveanhour.org) and click "Search for a Provider" to find a free provider.

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