

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 lix@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.

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Employment

Michigan Works Office – by County

www.michiganworks.org – Select the mitten. Designated Veteran Employment Services. Veterans get priority to all provided services.

Pure Michigan Talent Connect

MI Talent – www.mitalent.org/find-a-job. Postings are updated daily and can be locally searched.

Recruit Military

National Job Board that specializes in careers.
www.recruitmilitary.com – Free registration required to see recent Michigan career postings.

Mental Health Resources

Vet Centers

Liberal eligibility requirements (won't turn anyone away).
Provides one-on-one or group confidential counseling.
Provides remote counseling in the community.

Dearborn – 313.277.1428

Detroit – 313.822.1716

Escanaba – 906.233.0244

Grand Rapids – 313.285.5795

Pontiac – 248.874.1015

Saginaw – 989.321.4650

Traverse City – 231.935.0071

Clinton Township – 586.412.0107

Mental Health (CMH) Regional Veteran Navigators

Region 1 UP: Jason Wallner, jasonw@upsail.com

Region 2 Northern MI: Brian Martinus,
bmartinus@nmre.org

Region 3 West MI: Eric Miller, ericm@lsre.org

Region 4 SW MI: Georgie Braithwaite,
Georgie.braithwaite@swmbh.org

Region 5 Mid-State: Kevin Thompson,
kevin.thompson@midstatehealthnetwork.org

Region 6 SE MI: Erika Behm, behme@cmhpsm.org

Region 9 MACOMB: William Schranz,
william.schranz@mccmh.net

Region 10: Christy Koons, koons@region10pihp.org

County Navigators

St. Clair County: Wendy Martindale,
wmartindale@scccmh.org

Sanilac County: Kathy Behnke, kbehnke@sanilaccmh.org

Lapeer County: Nicole Gauthier,
ngauthier@lapeercmh.org

Genesee County: Eduardo Calzada, ecalzada@genhs.org

Clinton, Eaton, Ingham Counties: Jaimie Hutchison,
hutchiso@ceicmh.org and Matt Mitchell,
mitchel1@ceicmh.org

Muskegon County: Robert Near,
Robert.near@healthwest.net

Give an Hour

Local professionals looking to give an hour of their time to speak with a Veteran in need. Use website to find a local provider: www.giveanhour.org.

Veteran's Crisis Line

Call 800.273.TALK and press 1. They will provide immediate triage, help establish a more long-term plan from within the VA, and make recommendations for local resources.

Buddy-to-Buddy Program Psychologist

FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY, number not for public use
Dr. Beau Nelson – 734.780.5725*

Remember, B2B Volunteers:

1. Keep it confidential
2. Help any Vet with at least one day of service
3. Use warm hand-offs
4. Build relationships with those we serve

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