

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

The Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center 800-MICH-VET (800-642-4838) and MichiganVeterans.com provide one-stop access for veterans and their families seeking information, resources and support.

Veterans having temporary financial issues should call 800-MICH-VET (800-642-4838) or fill out an Emergency Assistance Form online. MVAA works to connect veterans with available resources including the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund.

MVAA's Discharge Document Retrieval service gives veterans a convenient way to request copies of their DD-214 discharge documents.

At the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans and the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, eligible veterans and their spouses benefit from skilled nursing, dementia, special needs and domiciliary care in safe, caring environments.

MVAA's online mental health screening tool provides 24/7 access to anonymous online screenings for depression, bipolar, post-traumatic stress, anxiety, alcohol/substance abuse and eating disorders.

Learn more about these services at

MichiganVeterans.com
or by calling the

Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center
at

800-MICH-VET (800-642-4838).

MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY



Connecting veterans with
benefits and resources





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SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency serves as the central coordinating point, connecting those who have served in the United States Armed Forces and their families to services and benefits throughout the state of Michigan.

The agency works to identify and break down barriers veterans face in employment, education, health care and quality of life, making Michigan a great place for veterans and their families to call home.

We can provide information, resources and support to help you make the most of benefits you have earned.

STEP ONE:

Contact the Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center at 800-MICH-VET (800-642-4838) or visit MichiganVeterans.com to learn more about the benefits and support available to you as you transition through the various stages of your life.

STEP TWO:

Connect with your local veterans service officer. Accredited VSOs are available through MVAA, the Michigan Veterans Coalition or your nearest county veterans service office. These individuals offer free benefit counseling to veterans and their families to ensure they are making the most of the benefits they have earned. To find a service officer near you, visit MichiganVeterans.com and select "Locate a Benefits Counselor" or call 800-MICH-VET (800-642-4838).

What can a VSO do for you? An accredited veterans service officer works with you to determine what federal VA benefits and state services you and your family qualify for and helps to compile the necessary paperwork for your claim. They also serve as an advocate to make sure your application is processed correctly.

STEP THREE:

Prepare to meet with your VSO. If this is your first visit, you will want to bring documentation to support your claim. You will need the following items to file a claim:

- Original or certified copy of your discharge papers (DD-214 or other)
 - * To request a copy of your DD-214, contact MVAA at **800-MICH-VET (800-642-4838)**.
- Statement(s) from doctor(s) showing current medical condition being claimed, including the doctor's name and contact information
- Medical evidence indicating that the disability was caused by or arose during your active duty service
- Medical treatment records
- Collateral statement(s) and/or eyewitness accounts
- Other evidence you believe will support your claim

STEP FOUR:

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