

MVAA 2023 Annual Report

Serving Veterans with Purpose and Pride





▼ **(Left photo)** Chelsea Rider, Allen Dow and Jason Rogers bring MVAA's Mobile Service Unit van to a Veteran Suicide Awareness Walk.

(Right photo) MVAA's Jason Rogers and Rick Ochoa attend an ROTC program event at Adrian College.

AT THE MVAA, SERVING VETERANS IS PERSONAL

At the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, we celebrated our 10-year anniversary in March 2023 by reinforcing our unwavering commitment to serving Michigan's 530,000+ veterans and their families.

For us, supporting veterans is not just a job, but a deeply personal mission. Many of our 70+ employees, contractors and volunteers are veterans and most have close family members who served. But all of us care deeply about helping Michigan's veterans and their families thrive by getting them connected to their earned benefits.

Ours is a people-driven agency. We consider ourselves a team in every sense of the word — a team that works

together and covers down for one another. There is no room for egos when serving veterans. We also understand that we don't operate in a silo, which is why we work with thousands of veteran-friendly organizations and advocates to support our former service members.

On any given day, you can find one of our Veteran Engagement Officers helping run a veteran resource fair in Marquette, Gaylord or Lansing. Or one of our Buddy to Buddy volunteers providing mentorship to a fellow veteran.

Every month, the technicians in our Veteran Resource Service Center help an average of 2,000 veterans and their families locate DD-214 discharge papers and connect to benefits ranging from education assistance to health care.

From Dowagiac to Detroit, our accredited Veterans



Service Officers assist veterans in filing VA benefit claims that lead to millions of dollars in recoveries every year.

We have teams of people dedicated to assisting distressed veterans. They do this by offering one-on-one support and, on a larger scale, working to prevent veteran suicide through the Michigan Governor's Challenge.

The folks in our Veterans Trust Fund provide emergency financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families that helps them pay their mortgage, rent, utilities or other needs.

Our employment analyst works with hundreds of Michigan employers to help them hire and retain veterans, while our education analyst works with colleges, universities and trade schools to support student veterans.

We have an employee dedicated to serving underserved veteran populations including homeless, women and tribal veterans. Another works to build partnerships with organizations throughout Michigan to expand veteran opportunities and streamline services.

Our senior leaders have played a direct role in getting laws passed and rules adopted that benefit Michigan veterans, including initiatives that have expanded employment, housing and recreational opportunities for veterans.

As we enter our second decade of serving veterans, we are just as committed as ever to finding innovative ways to accomplish our mission. We will continue breaking down the barriers veterans face in employment, education, health care and quality of life, and we'll do it with purpose and pride. We will serve our veterans like it's personal. Because for us, it is.

► **(Left photo)** MVAA Education Analyst Joe Saur (right) helps a member of Michigan Veteran Homes Grand Rapids catch a fish at the home's annual fishing tournament.

(Right photo) MVAA staff members Karli Refior, Martha Wilber, Laurie Nevin, Amie Barrett and Cassie Cook attend a celebration for MVAA's 10th anniversary.

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) started operations on March 20, 2013. Ten years later, on March 20, 2023, we marked a decade of service by reinforcing our mission to serve as the state's central coordinating agency for veterans and their families.

As part of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), the MVAA provides support, care, advocacy and service to veterans of all eras and backgrounds. The MVAA is responsible for operation of the Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center, a call center (1-800-MICH-VET) for veterans and their families; the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, which provides short-term emergency relief to eligible veterans; and the state's grant to chartered veterans service organizations and the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors.

The MVAA assists veterans and their families by connecting them to the federal and state resources and benefits they earned for their service. The agency does this by working with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), various state departments and agencies, and hundreds of community-based veteran programs to create a no-wrong-door access to benefits and services.

The MVAA embraces the belief that those who serve our state and nation in the armed forces are considered members for life. This means our commitment to these brave men and women starts

the day they take their oath, providing them with comprehensive support after their service, ensuring their long-term care needs are met with dignity and their loved ones are supported in their time of need. Our goal is to reach and serve all Michigan veterans, a strategic approach that calls for connecting with underserved veteran populations including women veterans, tribal veterans and incarcerated veterans.

Through our comprehensive approach, we work to remove the 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.

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency FY23 Expenditures

At the MVAA, we pride ourselves on being good stewards of taxpayer money and transparent in how we spend it. Our state appropriated budget in FY23 was \$7.5 million, of which about \$2.7 million went for partnerships, grant opportunities and our executive and budget and data teams.

All of these efforts were focused directly on our mission of serving Michigan's veteran families. The bulk of the budget — nearly \$4.3 million — was spent on veteran customer service, marketing and direct outreach and service provision to veterans. This includes:

- **Customer service** — \$1,011,732. Our Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center (1-800-MICH-VET) is the nerve center of our agency. Center technicians handle more than 2,000 cases a month, helping veterans access their DD-214 discharge papers and connecting them to Veteran Service Officers and

resources ranging from health care to education to employment.

- **Marketing and communications** — \$970,450. Determined to reach every veteran in the state, we publicized our services throughout Michigan with direct marketing, advertising, print and digital media, public events and other communications. These efforts included our weekly veteran newsletter and branded messaging sent to tens of thousands of transitioning service members and those identifying as veterans on their driver's licenses.
- **Veterans Service Officers** — \$487,230. Our VSOs submitted more than 450 applications for veterans' benefits, realizing nearly \$10 million in recoveries for veterans and their families.
- **Strategic Outreach** — \$1,852,618. Our targeted outreach to veterans and veteran-centric organizations focused on breaking down the barriers veterans face in education, employment, health care and quality of life. This includes our Community Outreach and Regional Engagement (CORE) Initiative, which provides tailored outreach to veterans on a regional basis.

Michigan Veterans Trust Fund FY23 Expenditures

FY23 expenditures totaled about \$2.7 million, of which more than \$1.5 million went to emergency grants for eligible veterans and their families, including both wartime and peacetime veterans. These grants assisted more than 1,200 veterans and dependents.



▲ MVAA staff reach veterans across the state by attending local veteran resource events.



▼ **(Left photo)** Tom Pitock speaks with MVA Education Analyst Joe Saur and DMVA Events Coordinator Katy Golden at the 2023 Veteran-Friendly Schools Education Conference.

(Right photo) MVA Women Veterans & Special Populations Coordinator Erika Hoover networks with veteran leaders and advocates at the second annual Michigan Veterans Leadership Summit.

TOP 10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MVA'S 10-YEAR HISTORY

As we proudly head into our second decade of serving veterans, we look back on some of our major accomplishments from 2013-2023. These milestones would not have been possible without our many partners!

10) The MVA has won four Abraham Lincoln Pillar of Excellence Awards from the VA. Awarded programs include the Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center and Michigan Veterans Community Action Team (both in 2016), Incarcerated Veterans Program (2019) and Veteran-Friendly Schools (2020).

9) We've connected countless veterans to educational opportunities through outreach efforts including our Michigan Veteran-Friendly Schools program. The program includes 60+ universities, colleges and trade schools.

8) Our Veteran-Friendly Employers program, which helps Michigan employers recruit, hire and retain veterans, has grown to 600+ employers from every industry.

7) We've helped bring together veteran-friendly organizations across Michigan for better coordination of services. This includes collaborating with hospitals, universities and businesses through our Michigan Veteran Connector program to better identify veterans and connect them to earned benefits.

6) We've distributed tens of millions of dollars in grant funding to stakeholders serving veterans and



their families. Grant-funded veteran services range from food and housing assistance to transportation to dental services.

5) We are reaching and serving veterans of all backgrounds, including women, tribal and LGBTQ+ veterans. Our efforts to support underserved veteran populations include helping get Women Veterans Recognition Day established on June 12 every year in Michigan. In addition, our “She Is a Veteran” and “I Am a Veteran” awareness campaigns have reached millions through advertising and social media.

4) The MVAA is a leader in the Governor’s Challenge to prevent veteran suicides. Along with our many partners, we are addressing the factors that can lead to veteran suicide including mental health, unemployment and homelessness. We have created a five-person unit within MVAA that specifically targets mental health and suicide prevention.

3) MVAA’s accredited Veteran Service Officers have handled nearly 7,000 claims and recovered over \$95 million in federal benefits for veterans and their dependents. We’ve also helped connect countless veterans to VSOs who work for other agencies and organizations.

2) Our Michigan Veterans Trust Fund has distributed more than \$127 million in emergency aid to 646,000 eligible veterans or their dependents during its 77-year history. Established in 1946, the Trust Fund became part of the MVAA in 2013.

1) Our Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center (1-800-MICH-VET) surpassed 150,000 cases for veterans and their families in 2023. Our technicians connect veterans to everything from their discharge papers to employment resources to emergency financial assistance.

► **(Left photo)** Veteran advocates from across the state meet in Lansing for a Veteran Suicide Prevention Roundtable in July 2023.

(Center photo) Toni Kennedy, Maureen Adams and Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Director Lindell Holm assist at a Berrien County Food4Vets event.

(Right photo) Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center technician Amie Barrett assists a veteran at a veteran resource event.

A LOOK BACK AT 2023



▼ **(Left photo)** MVA Director Brian L. Love speaks at a Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony at the state Capitol on Nov. 9.

(Right photo) Women veterans enjoy the outdoors at the MVA Women Veterans Conference, held Oct. 19-22 in Oneway.

In 2023, we deepened our commitment to serving veterans in tangible and innovative ways. This included cohosting an inaugural statewide training conference for Michigan Veteran Service Officers, establishing a first-in-the-nation rule that opens up state job opportunities to veterans who served at the rank of E6 and above, and attacking veteran suicide and homelessness on multiple levels.

- **NEW LEADER:** Marine Corps veteran Brian L. Love was appointed director of the MVA by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Oct. 31, 2023. He replaced Adam Hollier, who left the post to run for Congress. Love, a Detroit native, has extensive experience in veteran advocacy, education reform and political strategy. His family has been active in the Marines since World War II, when African Americans were first allowed to serve in the Corps. In his first several weeks on the job, Love's busy schedule included representing MVA at various Veterans Day-related

events, filming a suicide-prevention commercial and meeting veteran stakeholders across the state.

- **FILING VA CLAIMS:** The MVA's accredited Veteran Service Officers submitted 451 applications for veterans' benefits in FY23 and realized nearly \$10 million in benefits for Michigan veterans and their families.
- **SUICIDE PREVENTION:** As part of our effort to combat veteran suicide, the MVA is facilitating \$1.2 million in state funding toward prevention efforts. This includes outreach, marketing and public events such as our July 27 Veteran Suicide Prevention Roundtable with Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II and veteran advocates from around the state.
- **GRANT SUPPORT:** The MVA administered \$10.6 million in public and private grant funding to various stakeholders serving veterans and their families.

Grant-funded veteran services included food assistance, transportation, legal services, dental services and emergency relief funding given directly to veterans and their families. In addition, the MVAA is facilitating a first-ever state grant for veteran homelessness — a \$2 million investment from the Whitmer administration and the Legislature.

- **SERVING ALL VETERANS:** At the MVAA, we serve veterans of all backgrounds, including tribal veterans, LGBTQ+ veterans and incarcerated veterans. We reinforced this mission in 2023 with a number of outreach efforts and events, including our second annual Women Veterans Conference. The Oct. 19-22 event brought together more than 140 women veterans at the UAW Black Rock Conference Center in Onaway.
- **EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT:** The MVAA's Veteran-Friendly Employers (VFE) program grew to over 600 employers in 2023. The program helps Michigan employers recruit, hire and retain veterans and their dependents.

A number of prestigious Gold-level VFEs were certified in 2023, including Dow, Ford, Ajax Paving Industries, Atlas Space Operations, VFW National Home and two state departments: Treasury and DTMB (Department of Technology, Management and Budget).

- **CALL CENTER:** The technicians in our Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center (MVRSC) continued to see an increase in the number of veterans and family members calling our hotline for assistance (1-800-MICH-VET). The MVRSC handled

22,145 cases in FY23, a 15% increase from the previous year and an average of nearly 2,000 cases per month.

- **HONORING VIETNAM VETS:** Michigan honored its Vietnam War-era veterans with a special certificate developed by state Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Whitmer. The certificate includes an option of a special designation recognizing service members who were exposed to Agent Orange. The MVAA began facilitating the program in mid-2023 and processed more than 1,500 certificates in the first several months.
- **MOBILE SERVICE:** The MVAA launched its first mobile service in mid-2023 with the addition of a fully equipped van. The mobile service unit serves veterans and their families who are unable to get to a Veteran Service Officer's location. Instead, the VSO comes to them, helping veterans file claims with the VA and connecting them to other benefits and resources.
- **EDUCATION ASSISTANCE:** The MVAA recognized 62 universities, colleges or trade schools as Veteran-Friendly Schools (VFS) for the 2023-2024 school year. The VFS program recognizes Michigan academic institutions committed to supporting the needs of veterans and military-connected students. The MVAA works with the schools to better support students veterans and provides an online dashboard for veterans to learn more.



▼ **(Top row, left to right)**
Rodney Loonsfoot, Irene Hosking,
Lloyd Clayton, Sapphire Pates and
Linda Woods.

(Bottom row, left to right)
Crystal Murry, Lorrena Black, Jim
McCloughan, Carlos Castillo and
George Milekovich.

MICHIGAN VETERANS TELL THEIR STORIES

Every Michigan veteran has a story, and the MVAA started documenting these stories in 2023 with our “I Served. I Am a Veteran” campaign.

Among the veterans who have told us their story so far: two tribal veterans, a transgender veteran, a Medal of Honor recipient and a Mexican American combat veteran who survived a suicide attempt and now serves other former service members.

The goal of the campaign is to motivate other veterans to identify, tell their stories and get connected to the

benefits they earned for their service. Dependents of veterans are also encouraged to tell their loved one’s story. By directly addressing the issues our veterans face—such as PTSD, racism and sexism, difficult transitions to civilian life—we want to build a stronger community of veterans and stem veteran suicide.

“I’m very proud to be a veteran,” says Crystal Murry, a Coast Guard veteran and member of the LGBTQ+ community who is featured in the campaign. “I know what I did and what I accomplished. Nobody can take that away from me.”

RECHARGING OUR VETERAN OUTREACH EFFORTS

In 2023, the MVAA expanded and recharged its veteran outreach efforts by increasing partnerships with veteran advocates and veteran-friendly businesses and organizations across the state.

These efforts include our **Michigan Veteran Connector** initiative. The goal of the initiative is to foster earlier identification of service members and veterans to get them connected to benefits and services before they experience a crisis. We know

that the more connected veterans are to services, the lower their risk for suicide. We're partnering with hospitals, colleges and other organizations and businesses to help reach more veterans. More than 200 Veteran Connectors are participating so far.



Another key program in our outreach efforts is our **Community Outreach and Regional Engagement, or CORE**, initiative. CORE involves a robust network of resources throughout the state that serves veterans, service members and their families. This network includes local agencies, businesses and nonprofits that have the resources and support systems in place to address the various needs of veterans in a localized manner. They also help us to understand where veteran resource “deserts” may exist so we can address these gaps in services. Among our CORE offerings and partners:

- Our Veteran Engagement Officers, located around the state, assist with the development and sustainment of a regional service delivery model that ensures an ease of access to federal and state benefits, as well as alternative community service providers for veterans and family members.
- Our **Buddy to Buddy** initiative offers one-on-one veteran mentorship to veterans and those serving in the Michigan National Guard or Reserves.
- We support **Veteran Community Action Teams (VCATs)** and local **Veteran Coalitions (VCs)**, which work to develop a comprehensive network of service providers and community members dedicated to ensuring veterans and their families are served efficiently. Through education, collaboration and sharing of best practices, this can be achieved. Each of Michigan's 10 Prosperity Regions has a VCAT or VC that focuses on four main pillars of service: employment, education, health care and quality of life.

The MVAA also partners with the statewide **Michigan Veterans Coalition (MVC)** to provide accredited Veteran Service Officers across the state. The MVC is made up of representatives from the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America and Veterans of Foreign Wars.



◀ **(Left photo)** Gary Easterling of the Michigan Veterans Coalition speaks at the first statewide VSO conference.

(Right photo) Veterans Law Judge Nathaniel Doen holds a mock VA appeals hearing based on an actual case. Thomas Kaiser of the American Legion plays the part of the veteran and Maureen Adams of Berrien County plays his VSO.

(Page 13 photo) Rodney Bowers of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) asks a question during the first statewide VSO conference.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS GATHER FOR FIRST-EVER CONFERENCE

Michigan's first statewide training conference for Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) was a grassroots effort that brought together three major veterans' organizations with a joint goal of improving service for veterans and their families.

The MVAA, the Michigan Veterans Coalition (MVC) and the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors (MACVC) partnered to host the two-day conference in October 2023. The collaboration shows how far the organizations have come in working together to support veterans, said Todd Butler, MVAA's strategic outreach director.

"It doesn't matter if you work for the state, for one of

the service organizations or for the counties, we're all in this fight together," Butler said. "We have one mission in mind, one consolidated effort, and that is to provide services for the veterans and the families of veterans that call Michigan home."

The 150 VSOs and veteran advocates who gathered for the conference heard timely updates on topics ranging from VA compensation exams to veteran-centric state and federal legislation to how Medicare and Medicaid affect VA benefits. There was also a Veterans Board of Appeals mock hearing with Nathaniel Doen, a Veterans Law Judge from Washington, D.C.

The VSOs who work for the various counties



OPENING UP JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS

In a unique initiative that opens up thousands of job opportunities for veterans, Michigan waived its requirement of a bachelor's degree for many state jobs if the veteran completed at least two years of active federal service in any branch at the rank of E-6 or above.

The State of Michigan appears to be the first state to waive the education requirements. The initiative was championed by the MVAA and other veteran organizations and approved by the Michigan Civil Service Commission (MCSC).

"We are ecstatic to see this initiative come to fruition," said Todd Bulter, MVAA's strategic outreach director. "If a veteran has at least two years of experience at the E-6 level, they have proven that they're a professional in their craft and should be given credit for their experience. We anticipate this being a game changer for enlisted service members looking to transition to the civilian world. This can open so many doors to veterans if they know they can get a good-paying job in Michigan without a degree."

The MVAA approached MCSC staff in early 2023 seeking to investigate new ways to recognize the unique knowledge, skills and abilities obtained by non-commissioned officers. After discussions, new qualifying criteria was established to allow two years of full-time experience at the E-6 level in any branch to substitute for the standard educational requirements for 13 state classifications.

This change opens thousands of potential positions in the state civil service to veterans. State classifications that qualify under the new initiative include Departmental Analyst, Economic/Community Development Analyst, Employment Services Analyst, Human Resources Analyst, Occupational Safety Advisors and others.

and veterans' organizations recover hundreds of millions of dollars in federal compensation every year for Michigan veterans. But there are still tens of thousands of veterans across the state who have yet to tap into their earned benefits. The organizations that employ VSOs are working to better reach veterans and their families across the state and get them connected to these resources.

In 2023, the MVAA created a new position to support its Veterans Service Officer program. Stefanie MacDonald, who has worked in the veteran-provision space for more than 20 years, became the agency's first VSO manager. In addition, Jason Zdunek, a longtime VSO based in Marquette, is now the MVAA's training and accountability analyst for VSOs.



◀ (Left photo) MVTF Director Lindell Holm speaks to a group of veteran leaders and advocates at the second annual Michigan Veterans Leadership Summit.

(Right photo) MVTF staff attend a celebration for MVAA's 10th anniversary.

(Page 15 photo) MVTF Analyst Erik Napieralski talks to a veteran at MVAA's second annual Women Veterans Conference.

MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND

The Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTF) is a key component of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency's commitment to support veterans when it matters most. Established by the state Legislature after World War II with \$50 million in post-war reserve funds, that corpus has grown to \$69 million.

Assistance to Veterans and Their Families in FY23

In FY23, 1,244 Michigan veterans and family members were assisted by MVTF emergency grants. Of the 1,495 applications received by the Trust Fund, 592 were approved, resulting in the disbursement of more than \$1.5 million in grants for needs such as rent, mortgage payments and utilities. The average approved applicant received \$2,560 in grants.

Through a \$55,000 grant to the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP), the MVTF also provided food for 1,244 veterans. Another 40 veterans and family members received entrepreneurial training through a partnership with the Michigan Veterans Entrepreneurial Lab based at Grand Valley State University. And a \$80,000 grant was provided to continue group counseling for veterans and families on topics including budgeting and financial responsibility, communication and parenting.

Programs and Initiatives

- **MVTF Emergency Grant Program** assists wartime-era veterans overcome a short-term financial emergency or hardship that a grant will resolve and for which the applicant can demonstrate the ability to meet future expenses.
- **MVTF 65+ Peacetime Program:** This program, begun in FY22, provides emergency assistance to



MVTF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Appointed by the governor, the seven-member board has legal authority over all expenditures of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and its policies.

Chairperson: James Dempsey

Disabled American Veterans

Term date 2/25/2026

Vice Chairperson: Paul McIvor

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Term date 2/25/2025

Carol Hebert

AMVETS

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Rodney Loonsfoot

Independent

Term date 2/25/2024

James E. Wallace

American Legion

Term date 2/25/2025

Gregory Spight

Independent

Term date 2/25/2026

Vacancy

eligible veterans aged 65 and older who served honorably for at least 180 days in a peacetime era.

- **Family Enrichment Program:** Operated by Zero Day, this program trains and equips veterans and their spouses with good marriage and parenting skills. MVTF contributes to this program, which directly supports one of the Trust Fund's goals of creating a healthy, vibrant veteran community in Michigan.
- **GreenPath Financial Wellness:** The MVTF partners with the nonprofit GreenPath to assist veterans in achieving financial wellness. Through a dedicated phone line for veterans, GreenPath offers free educational resources and financial counselors.
- **Online Application:** In 2023, the MVTF created an online application for counties to use in taking emergency grant information from veterans. The new application expedites the process and reduces the administrative burden in processing applications.

THE NEXT 12 MONTHS



▼ MVA and DMVA staff, veteran leaders and advocates, and members of the Michigan National Guard attend a celebration for MVA's 10th anniversary.

As we head into our second decade, the MVA reaffirms its commitment to serving Michigan veterans and their families with purpose and pride. This commitment includes:

- Combating veteran suicide on every front. This includes addressing the challenges that can lead to suicide, including unemployment, addiction and PTSD.
- Addressing veteran homelessness by working with veteran stakeholders across Michigan to provide tangible solutions.
- Supporting all veterans, including underserved populations such as women veterans, LGBTQ+ veterans and tribal veterans.
- Strengthening relationships with Veteran Service Organizations, county Veterans Affairs' offices, key transition points for service members leaving active duty and DMVA leadership to support those in the National Guard.
- Supporting and promoting the Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center (1-800-MICH-VET), our "front door" for veterans and dependents to connect to benefits and resources.
- Expanding the MVA's Veteran Service Officer program to get more veterans connected to their earned benefits, while supporting other VSOs around the state.
- Continuing to meet the needs of our veterans through the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, to include the provision of emergency financial aid for eligible wartime and peacetime-era veterans.
- Continuing our targeted outreach through CORE while striving to increase federal funding coming to Michigan in support of our state's veterans.
- Growing the pool of the Buddy to Buddy veteran mentors to include National Guard personnel, retirees and students to ensure coverage in all 83 Michigan counties.

THE LATEST VETERAN DATA

Michigan’s Veteran Population (from GDX 2022)

530,586 veterans | Ranked **12** of 53 in veteran population amongst states and territories

83.8%	10.37%	2.86%	2.02%
Percent of White Veterans (Not Hispanic or Latino)	Percent of Black or African American Veterans	Percent of Hispanic or Latino Veterans	Percent of Two or More Races Veterans
0.64%	0.6%	0.03%	
Percent of Asian Veterans	Percent of American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans	Percent of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Veterans	

VA Average Federal Expenditures Per Veteran in Michigan



Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



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