



MVAA: WE STAND FOR THOSE WHO SERVED

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The **Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency** (MVAA) is the central coordinating agency for Michigan veterans and their families, providing advocacy and connecting veterans to earned benefits. As a state agency, MVAA is not part of the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), but we work closely with them and other entities to serve the Michigan veteran community.



NO WRONG DOOR FOR MICHIGAN VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center and **Mi.gov/MVAA** support veterans, members of the National Guard and Reserve and their families as they transition through each chapter of their lives.

Callers to the Resource Service Center at **1-800-MICH-VET** (1-800-642-4838) can request their DD-214 discharge documents and get connected to VA benefits, emergency aid, housing assistance, education and employment resources and other federal and state benefits.

RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY NEEDS

The Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTF) provides emergency financial aid to eligible veterans experiencing unforeseen financial hardship. Learn more about eligibility at **Mi.gov/MVTF**.

TARGETED OUTREACH

MVAA's Buddy to Buddy program pairs veterans with a veteran mentor to provide comradeship and support in all facets of life. Visit **Mi.gov/MVAAB2B**.

Through MVAA's Veteran Connector program, organizations and businesses help MVAA identify veterans and get them linked to benefits. Learn more at **Mi.gov/VeteranConnector**.

Michigan Vietnam War-era veterans can receive a recognition certificate for their service. Learn more at **Mi.gov/VietnamCertificate**.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS (VSOs)

MVAA employs its own VSOs and accredits VSOs throughout the state to ensure veterans have free, expert assistance in getting their earned benefits. VSOs help with claims for disability compensation, pensions, education benefits, health care and other services and resources. Find a VSO near you at **Mi.gov/VSO**.

CONNECTION TO HEALTH CARE AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

MVAA connects veterans to VA health care and mental health resources as part of its mission to prevent veteran suicide. **Veterans in crisis should call 988 and press 1** to speak confidentially with a crisis counselor.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

MVAA's Veteran-Friendly Schools (VFS) program supports higher education institutions committed to meeting the needs of student veterans. The VFS dashboard provides detailed information about all certified universities, colleges and trade schools. Learn more at **Mi.gov/MVAA/Education**.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MVAA's Veteran-Friendly Employer (VFE) program supports Michigan employers in their efforts to recruit, train and retain veterans and their spouses. Learn more about the program at **Mi.gov/VeteranFriendlyEmployers**.

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