

MVAA Stands for Those Who Served

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) is the central coordinating agency, providing support, care, advocacy and service to Michigan's more than 486,000 veterans and their families. The MVAA was created by Executive Order 2013-2 and began operations March 20, 2013, the tenth anniversary of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As a state agency, the MVAA works to identify and break down barriers veterans face in employment, education, health care and quality of life to make Michigan a great place veterans choose to live, raise a family, work and retire. The agency also prioritizes strengthening current partnerships and establishing new collaborations with federal, state and local agencies, veteran service organizations and other stakeholders dedicated to serving the veteran community.

The MVAA has nearly 60 employees that work together to assist veterans and their loved ones by connecting them to federal and state resources and benefits they earned with their service. The agency does this by working with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), various state departments and hundreds of community-based veteran programs to create a "no-wrong-door" approach to benefits and services.

Direct services and programs provided by the MVAA include:

- [State of Michigan Veteran Benefits](#) webpage is a one-stop resource for veterans and their dependents to navigate benefits and services available within the state of Michigan.
- [Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center \(MVRSC\)](#) (1-800-MICH-VET) assists veterans and their families who are seeking information, resources and staff support.
- [Michigan Veterans Trust Fund](#) grants assist veterans and their families with unforeseen, temporary financial emergencies.
- [Discharge Document Retrieval Service](#) provides veterans with copies of their DD-214 discharge documents at no cost.
- [Veteran Service Officers \(VSO\)](#) serve as advocates for veterans and their family members to maximize their receipt of available services and benefits.
- [Link2Life](#) offers Michigan veterans immediate and ongoing support such as education on suicide prevention, benefit coordination, emergency assistance and outreach to identify those at risk of suicide.
- [Events Calendar](#) lists a variety of veteran-centric events happening across the state that promotes comradery, support and wellbeing. Additional events can be added on the calendar by completing an event submission form.
- [Veteran-Friendly Employer \(VFE\) Program](#) helps qualified organizations recruit and retain top veteran talent while providing others a road map to improve their recruitment efforts.
- [Veteran-Friendly School \(VFS\) Program](#) recognizes academic institutions committed to supporting the needs of veterans and military-connected students.

To learn more about the MVAA, please visit [Michigan.gov/MVAA](https://michigan.gov/MVAA) or follow the agency on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#) and [X](#). Veterans and their families can also download the MiVeteran app to access additional resources and information directly from their mobile devices. The MiVeteran app is available for free and can be downloaded on your mobile device in the [App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#).

If you're a veteran or the loved one of a veteran, call 1-800-MICH-VET (1-800-642-4838) to get connected to your earned benefits.

If you are in crisis, call the Veterans Crisis Line at 988 then press 1.