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Top 5 Resources for Common Veteran Issues

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| | FINANCIAL CRISIS | FINANCIAL INFO/SUPPORT | HOUSING CRISIS (homeless) | HOUSING NEED (repair) | FOOD INSECURITY | EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATION | MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY | MENTAL HEALTH ONGOING | Transition |
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| 1 | FWSF - Fallen Wounded Soldier Fund Emergency Funds, fast response, focused on problems resulting from OIF/OEF service. https://www.fwsf.org/ 1-800-FWSF-729 | County Veteran Services Michael Smith 734.973.4540 (Washtenaw) Tammy Sheldon (Lenawee) (517) 264-5335. List of Svc Ofc at Vet Life https://www.vetlifefedday.org/countyvaoffices | FWSF - Emergency Funds, fast response, focused on problems resulting from OIF/OEF service | Habitat For Humanity - home repairs for Veterans Martha Davis 734-263-2317 | MSU Extension SNAP Outreach for Veterans Program Coordinator at grittern@msu.edu ; 989-525-5777, finding a food pantry and applying for SNAP benefits or referrals to other resources, call Food and Other Resources (F.O.R.) Helpline: 1-888-544-8773. | VCAT9 Education Pillar Education benefits or coaching on college applications, etc, contact Veteran Support Offices: Wayne Doyle Eastern Michigan University wdoyle1@emich.edu ; Randall Locke, Jackson College, LockeRandallW@jcmi.edu . | Veterans Crisis line 800-273-8255. Press 1 Send a text message to 838255 | National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) www.nami.org ; 517-485-4049, email at info@namimi.org , or visit the Contact Us page to fill out a request form and have someone from NAMI Michigan reach out to you | VITAL: Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership Initiative and information on how to apply for VA Healthcare: Brittany Tyrrell, brittany.tyrrell@va.gov |
| 2 | VRF- Veteran Relief Fund & MVTF - Michigan Veteran Trust Fund. Apply through County Veteran Service Officers or website https://www.michiganveterans.com/mvaalEmergencyAssistanceForm | MI ARNG SFRS (formerly FAC) on local bases, can provide counseling and referrals to various resources | VA HCHV Health Care For Homeless Veterans VA Ann Arbor Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Shawn. Dowling@va.gov | VFW & Home Depo "repair corps" https://www.habitat.org/volunteer/near-you/veterans-build/home-depot-repair-corps-program | FOOD4Vets - Tammy Bhatti - tammy.bhatti@va.gov - (734) 800-9399 | HireMIvet.org Mentorship and Networking, Annual Hiring Event in NOV | VA Medical Center ER if available | VA Medical Center & Web Resources & Phone Apps | Ronnie Cyrus, Transition Assistance Advisor, State of MI. Ronnie.p.cyrus.cr@gmail.com |
| 3 | VFW \$1500 grants done online: https://www.vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants | https://www.takechargeamerica.org/debt-help/credit-counseling | SSVF- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (per county) Jackson Lenawee Hillsdale Branch St Joseph and Cass Counties see CAA. Test Crockett: 517-759-0118 tcrockett@caajh.org | AL - Hero's to Hometown-assist with rehabilitation in home, modifies homes to assist veterans to do physical therapy in their homes | VA HCHV Health Care For Homeless Veterans VA Ann Arbor Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Shawn.Dowling@va.gov | MAP - Michigan Ability Partners assist homeless, at risk, disabled veterans. Jennifer Lamb Mobile: 734.646.1021 Office: 734.975.6880 ext. 226 www.mapagency.org | 24-hour Vet Center hotline is available by dialing 877-WAR-VETS (877-927-8387). The call center is for veterans and their families to talk about their combat experience or other issues they are facing as they readjust to civilian life. | AL - Michigan Returning and Wounded Warrior program-helps with emergency assistance and PTSD weekend getaways. | Visit www.militaryonesource.mil or call: 800-342-9647 |
| 4 | AL - VA&R Endowment Fund-small emergency assistance Michigan Bikers Helping veterans 501c3 http://www.supportmiveterans.org/ \$1500 cap, pretty quick, online process | https://www.vfwnationalhome.org/education | AL - Homeless Veterans Task Force-assists homeless or on the verge of homelessness | VFW Unmet Needs Grants, up to \$5,000 for housing expenses including rent, mortgage payments, repairs, utilities, and insurance | VFW/AL local small grant emergency programs | InvestVets. This community-based organization works to reduce the military-civilian culture gap by offering free virtual network sessions between veterans and employers from various industries in Michigan. investvets.org | Eisenhower Center ER if available | Eisenhower Center After the Impact Program TBI/PTSD info@eisenhowercenter.com Admissions 800.554.5543 | Dental Cleaning at VA (within 120 days of sep?) |
| 5 | Semper Fi Fund (not just Marines) 760-725-3680 https://semperfi.fund.org/get-assistance/ Combat wounded vets: https://www.operationfirstresponse.org/military-family-assistance-program/ | HUD-VASH program (access through VA) https://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp | Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program https://nvac.org/ind-agranlee/ | MDHHS has state emergency relief for home repair assistance | https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank | VA Post 9/11 GI Bill and VocRehab (10% or more rating to qualify) | Give An Hour https://giveanhour.org/get-help/military-resource-center/ Email: info@giveanhour.org | VETERAN NAVIGATORS https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941_93573---00_,html | County Veteran Service Office for discussion of all benefit programs |
| | Bonus Content Goes In This Row | | | | | 'Veterans' Employment Services (VES). Veteran employment program – free from Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO). Contact Michigan Works! (1-800-285-9675 or michiganworks.org). Also Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) - incentives employers to train/hire disabled vets | | Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) 800-662-4357 https://www.samhsa.gov/ | SkillBridge. This DoD program matches active-duty service members with 180 days or less left in service to interested employers. The service member continues being paid by the military while learning and training with the employer. https://skillbridge.osd.mil/ |
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| | | MI ARNG SFRS (all branches incl Vets) Tina Predmore tina.m.predmore.civ@mail.mil 517-481-9889 Lansing | AL: American Legion https://michiganlegion.org/ | VFW: Veterans of Foreign Wars https://vfwmi.org/dlvfwv2/default.asp?nid=1 | Veterans Resource Network Collection of businesses offering services and discounts to veterans. https://veteransresourcenetworksm.org/ | Partnership for your Success (PaYS) is an Army-specific program matching transitioning active-duty soldiers and Army Reservists with corporations including Amazon, Facebook and Tesla. Learn more at armypays.com | https://www.childcareaware.org/families/military-child-care-assistance-programs/ | DENTAL www.va.gov/healthbenefits/VA/DJP https://www.smilemichigan.com/resources/free-reduced-fee-dental-programs-in-michigan/ | The Partnership for your Success (PaYS) is an Army-specific program matching transitioning active-duty soldiers and Army Reservists with corporations including Amazon, Facebook and Tesla. Learn more at armypays.com |
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