

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION RESOURCES

As a district commander, you may encounter situations during your commandership where a veteran will approach you in reference to financial assistance. You should always refer them to the appropriate agencies within the veteran's community such as Red Cross, Veterans Trust Fund, Soldier/Sailor Relief Commission, etc. If, however, these options have been exhausted, department headquarters provides the following options based on eligibility and available resources.

The American Legion Department of Michigan Veteran Services Regional Office Our staff is dedicated to providing the very best veterans' advocacy to Michigan Veterans and their families. They can assist with Claims Preparation, Presentation and appeal counsel in Veterans' benefits services. Assist you and your Dependents in getting the Benefits that you have earned by your service to your country.

American Legion Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

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Call the Detroit office for Field Service Officer Schedule

- **Find a Service Officer Link:** [Find a Service Officer](#)

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- **American Legion National "Temporary Financial Assistance" Program:**
Application must be for wartime veterans who have minor children in the home. Application can be obtained from department headquarters by contacting Kim Siedelberg at 517.371.4720, ext. 13 or Department VAR Director Gary Easterling 313.964.6640.
 - **Department Welfare Fund:** To assist with emergency needs such as food, rent, or utilities. Wartime veterans who were honorably discharged, or widow of said veteran, can apply for a maximum amount of \$225 per calendar year. Applications can be obtained by contacting Department VAR Director Gary Easterling 313.964.6640.
 - **National Emergency Fund:** A national American Legion program that handles financial assistance for individuals or posts if the assistance need is due to "declared" national disasters such as floods, tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes or related adverse weather events. Individual grants are up to \$1500 and post grants are up to \$5,000. Contact Department Adjutant Ron Runyan 517.371.4720.
 - **Heroes to Hometowns:** A program designed to assist severely injured veterans from the War on Terrorism. Veterans must be returning to his/her local community upon discharge from a military hospital due to combat wounds. Contact Eddie Brown 734.246.5462.

- **Military Family Relief Fund:** A Department of Military and Veterans Affairs program located in Lansing designated for activated soldiers of the Michigan National Guard and Reserve components. Contact Military Family Relief Fund toll-free 1.866.271.4404.

As stated earlier, all applicants should seek assistance with their community agencies prior to applying to the above.

VA Healthcare Systems in Michigan

| Healthcare System | Link to All Clinic Locations | Primary Coverage Area |
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| Ann Arbor | VA Ann Arbor Locations | Southeast MI (Ann Arbor, Flint, Jackson, Howell, Adrian) |
| Detroit | VA Detroit Locations | Metro Detroit (Detroit, Pontiac, Trenton, Yale) |
| Battle Creek | VA Battle Creek seLocations | Southwest MI (Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Lansing, Muskegon, Wyoming) |
| Saginaw | VA Saginaw Locations | Central & Northern Lower MI (Saginaw, Alpena, Grayling, Traverse City) |
| Iron Mountain | VA Iron Mountain Locations | Upper Peninsula |

Michigan VA Community Centers/Urgent Care Link: [VA Facility Locator Link](#)

VA National Cemeteries in Michigan

Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Rd.
 Augusta, MI 49012
 Phone: 269-731-4164
 FAX: 269-731-2428

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road

Holly, MI 48442

Phone: 866-348-8603

Visit the VA Cemetery Administration at their website <http://www.cem.va.gov>

Wounded and Returning Warriors Program

The Wounded and Returning Warrior Program was created to provide Emergency Temporary Financial Assistance to Veterans, Active Duty Service Members and their families in times of need. This fund will be available to Michigan veterans of all eras, and is specifically intended to help veterans who do not qualify for other existing Financial Relief programs. This fund has proven to be vital in providing life-changing relief for Michigan Veterans and their families! The Wounded and Returning Warrior Program is one of the few, if not the only, funds available to non-wartime veterans in our state.

The Wounded and Returning Warrior Program has prevented hundreds of evictions, utility shut-offs, and provided medical and transportation assistance to our Michigan Veterans. It has also provided our VA HUD VASH Coordinators at our VA Medical Centers a way to facilitate the security deposit and first month's rent when placing homeless veterans into permanent sustainable housing. This allows for immediate assistance while waiting for their VA HUD-VASH Voucher to kick in. The Wounded and Returning Warrior Program was there when a Korean War Veteran, drafted and sent to Korea just outside of the recognized VA Eligibility dates, needed a new furnace in the middle of one of our coldest winters. The Wounded and Returning Warrior Program has been there supporting Michigan National Guard families who have not yet been deployed and who do not have dependent children in the home.

Over the life of the Wounded and Returning Warrior Program, the Reconnect Committee and the American Legion Dept. of Michigan have helped well over a thousand veterans and their families in the form of \$500.00 to \$750.00 Life changing grants! This year alone, the Wounded and Returning Warrior Program has accounted for more than 70% of the Emergency Temporary Financial Assistance grants processed by the Reconnect Committee and as such is almost depleted. We need the help of our entire Legion Family more than ever to rebuild this vital one of a kind Veteran Assistance Fund here in Michigan. The American Legion has earned the reputation as the "Go To" veterans organization here in Michigan and receives requests and referrals directly from the National Guard, the VA's Veteran Assistance / HUD VASH Coordinators, the American Red Cross, the Low Income County Housing Assistance Offices and even national organizations such as Operation Homefront. The application procedure and administration of this fund is similar to the current Department Emergency Financial Assistance program. It will be managed under the supervision of the Reconnect Committee with Department oversight and approval.

An initial donation of \$10,000.00 was collected in cooperation with ACO Hardware the week of May 18th through May 25th 2009. With your help, we are hoping to turn this into a self-sustaining endowment fund, and as such we are hoping that each Legion, Auxiliary and SAL member will consider donating at least \$1.00 this year to help us accomplish this. With all of the economic uncertainty here in Michigan the need for this fund has become vitally important and with the impending draw down in Afghanistan, the need will only grow. All contributions should be sent to Department Headquarters attention: Finance. Please make checks payable to: The American Legion Department of Michigan Memo Line: The Wounded and Returning Warrior Program Please put the word out to your Post, District and Zone officers and members about this fund. We will also be putting ads in the upcoming Legionnaire editions as well as on the Department Webpage. Thank you for your support and for your interest in this fund.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS VERY CAREFULLY NOT FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS COULD DELAY PROCESSING

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER GRANTS: Grants from this fund provide emergency assistance to The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion **current** members in areas devastated by a declared natural disaster, to include floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes and related adverse weather events. You must have been displaced or evacuated from primary residence and had out-of-pocket expenses to provide for food, clothing and shelter. ***These funds are not designed for insurance compensation or to cover monetary losses from a business, structures on your property (barns, tool sheds), equipment or vehicles.*** Individual members may apply for assistance. Only one grant per household (up to \$1,500.00) will be approved.

POST GRANTS: Same criteria apply. Post Grants (up to \$5,000.00) must derive from a declared natural disaster. Substantiating information must provide that The American Legion Post will cease to perform the duties and activities in the community due to losses sustained. A written report from a Post, District or Department officer outlining losses and the impact on the community should be provided with the Grant Application. The NEF is not a replacement for insurance. It is the responsibility of each Post to have necessary insurance to sustain operations in the event of damage.

REQUIRED APPLICATION INFORMATION: Department and National Headquarters must have sufficient, documented information to justify the need. The application must be filled out completely and accurately. If needed, attach additional sheet(s) for supporting data (photos, receipts for temporary lodging and food, work estimates, etc.). NOTE: Grant requests must be submitted through the proper channels and reach National Headquarters within 90 days of the date of the disaster.

DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES: Applicant will forward original and all supporting documentation to Department Headquarters for processing. Keep a copy of everything for your records. All grant requests must be reviewed and signed by the Department Commander or Department Adjutant before being sent to National Headquarters. Make sure you have included ALL proper documentation and photos of hardship to help justify the grant request.

RECOMMENDATION/SIGNATURE OF NEF GRANT APPLICATION: After reviewed by Department, if additional information is needed, the Department will either call or return the application to the individual member or local Post for resubmission. If the application is

properly completed, a recommendation will be made and signed by either the Department Commander or Adjutant with the recommended amount, then forwarded to the National Emergency Fund Coordinator for action. When approved by the National Adjutant, a check will be issued and forwarded to Department Headquarters for issuance to the applicant.

If any of the above criteria has not been met, the application will be rejected and returned to Department Headquarters for amendment or further clarification. If the application is disapproved, it will be returned to Department Headquarters who will notify the applicant.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE COMPLETION OF THIS APPLICATION, CONTACT YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS FOR HELP.

Admission Procedures for Michigan Veterans Homes

How to apply:

To apply for admission to either of Michigan's veterans' homes, submit your completed application to the home of your choice, and at a minimum the following documentation (prior to admission):

- Military discharge document or a copy of the DD-214 form;
- Copies of Medicare and/or any health insurance coverage cards;
- A recent (within 90 days) history & physical for the applicant, including a copy of recent physical exam, hospitalization, current medication list, a psychosocial evaluation and progress notes.
- A copy of a chest x-ray report taken within the previous 30 days;
- If married (and filed taxes), a copy of up to the past 3 years of federal income tax forms;
- Verification of income and assets, including copies of current bank account statements(Checking & Savings), copies of Social Security benefit award letters, any pension benefit award letters or checks, current annuity, stock and/or bond statements, Life insurance, etc.
- Copies of Irrevocable Trust (if applicable)
- Copies of guardianship, power of attorney, conservatorship, or patient advocate forms that exist. Note: While not mandatory, we encourage you to look over and consider submitting the enclosed Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care form.

What you can expect: After the application is received, the Admissions team will review it for completeness, eligibility and level of care needed and notify the applicant (or other contact) by phone of his or her admission status. At that time, the applicant will be either approved or denied. If approved then you will be offered an admission date or placed on a waiting list.

You may request a copy of the application from the admissions office of the applicant's desired home.

Grand Rapids Home for Veterans Admissions

3000 Monroe Ave. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505-3397
844-711-7986 or 616-364-5389
Fax: 616-364-5373

D.J Jacobetti Home for Veterans Admissions

425 Fisher St.

Marquette, MI 49855

800-433-6760 or 906-226-3576, ext. 311

Fax: 906-226-2380

Financial questions may be directed to the Benefits Coordinator:

Grand Rapids Home - John Luckett 616-364-5382, or luckettj@michigan.gov

D.J. Jacobetti Home - Sean Depuydt 906-226-3576 ext 350 or depuydts@michigan.gov

High School Diploma for Michigan WWII, Korean and Vietnam Era Veterans

Introduction

To provide special recognition for the service of military veterans of WWII , the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam era, Public Act 181 of 2001, as amended, authorizes the board of a Michigan school district to award high school diplomas to WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans. The State of Michigan recognizes the important contribution and sacrifice these generations of men and women made in our nation's defense. On behalf of the State of Michigan, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs encourages school districts to present these diplomas to WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans or their families.

Procedure

The veteran must meet all the following requirements:

1. Before graduation from high school, the veteran enlisted in or was drafted into the armed forces of the United States between December 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 (WWII); between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955 (Korean conflict); or between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1965 (Vietnam era).
2. At the time of enlistment or draft, the veteran was enrolled in a high school of the district to which this application is made.
3. The veteran did not subsequently graduate from high school.
4. The veteran served under honorable conditions during WWII, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam era.

The application form may be completed by the veteran or on his behalf by a spouse, brother or sister, child or grandchild. The application requires a copy of the veteran's discharge from military service indicating honorable service between the dates of December 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 (WWII); between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955 (Korean conflict); or between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975. The applicant's signature certifies the remaining information. The school district may verify the dates of the veteran's school enrollment from their own records.

Replacement of a Discharge from Military Service

A veteran or next of kin may request a copy of the veteran's discharge from military service from the National Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.

The National Records Center recommends submitting an electronic request at

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html>. A written request may be submitted using Standard Form 180 "Request Pertaining to Military Records." You may print the form at

<http://www.archives.gov/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf>.

Requests require the signature of the veteran or next of kin, if the veteran is deceased. Please include the veteran's full name, date of birth, branch of military service, service number and approximate dates of military service.

A veteran who received Michigan's WWII bonus (Public Act 12 of 1947, MCL 35.921), Korean bonus (Public Act 8 of 1955, MCL 35.972) or Vietnam bonus (Public Act 370 of 1974, MCL 35.1021-.1038) may request by letter a copy of the discharge from military service from the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, P.O. Box 30104, Lansing, MI 48909. Please note, delayed applications for the WWII, Korean and/or Vietnam bonuses cannot be accepted. Requests require the signature of the veteran or next of kin, if the veteran is deceased. The next of kin must include a copy of the veteran's death certificate. Please include the veteran's full name, date of birth, branch of military service, service number and approximate dates of military service.

Authority & Additional Information

Public Act 181 of 2001, as amended, authorizes individual school boards to award these diplomas. You may review Public Act 181 of 2001 on the internet at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov> by clicking Public Acts in the left hand margin.

Application for High School Diploma for Michigan WWII, Korean and Vietnam Era Veterans Public Act 181 of 2001 as amended

This application is used to establish the eligibility of an honorably discharged WWII, Korean or Vietnam era veteran for receipt of a high school diploma from the State of Michigan. The veteran must have attended high school in Michigan and must have served in the military between December 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 (WWII); June 23, 1950 and January 31, 1955 (Korean conflict); or February 29, 1961 and May 7, 1975 (Vietnam era).

Return the completed application to the veteran's school district for processing.

VETERAN'S OR APPLICANT'S NAME AND PERSONAL INFORMATION: (Please print legibly.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. | 1. First Name | 2. Middle Initial | 3. Last Name | |
| | 4. Mailing Address | 5. City | | 6. State |
| 8. Relationship to Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild | | | 9. Daytime Phone (Please include area code.) () - Email Address: | |
| 7. Zip | | | | |

VETERAN'S MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION: (Please attach copy of discharge/separation.)

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| 10. Name as Shown on Discharge/Separation First Name Middle Initial Last Name |
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| 11. Branch of Service | 12. Service Number |
| 13. Date of Birth _/_ Day Month Year | 14. <input type="checkbox"/> Living <input type="checkbox"/> Date of Death _/_ Day Month Year |
| 15. Periods of WWII, Korean or Vietnam Active Duty Military Service: | Dated Entered _/_ Month Day Year |
| | Date Separated _/_ Month Day Year |

VETERAN'S DIPLOMA INFORMATION AND CERTIFICATION

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| 16. Name of High School Attended in Michigan | 17. City in Which High School Was Located | 18. Years Attended 19 - 19 |
| 19. Name for Diploma First Name Middle Initial Last Name | | |
| 20. I certify that I (or my) left high school before graduating for service in the military during World War II, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam era. I also certify that the information provided on this application and the supporting documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. (NOTE: Return the completed application to veteran's school district.) Signature Date | | |

Family Assistance Centers

Family Assistance Centers Coordinator: **BELINDA IRELAND**

3423 N. Martin Luther King JR. Blvd, Building 31, Lansing, MI 48906

Office: (517) 481-9889 Fax: (517) 481-9886 Cell: (517) 974-8844

belinda.r.ireland.ctr@mail.mil

| Point of Contact | Contact Information | Counties |
|--|---|--|
| REGION 1 Eve Giraud-Prosser eve.a.giraud-prosser.ctr@mail.mil | Ishpeming Armory 900 Palms Avenue Ishpeming, MI 49849 Office: (906) 485-2548 Fax: (906) 486-4946 Cell: (906) 203-7676 | Baraga, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon |
| REGION 2 Jerry McDonald gerald.l.mcdonald.ctr@mail.mil | Sault Ste Marie Armory 1170 E. Portage Road Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783 Office: (906) 632-7861 Fax: (906) 632-4753 Cell: (906) 203-7680 | Alger, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Luce, Mackinac, Presque Isle, Schoolcraft |
| REGION 3 Beth Amy bethann.m.amy.ctr@mail.mil | Camp Grayling Building #3 Grayling, MI 49739 Office: (989) 344-6144 Fax: (989) 344-6421 Cell: (989) 745-1439 | Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Crawford, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Roscommon |
| REGION 4 Katie Baxter katie.n.baxter.ctr@mail.mil | Big Rapids Armory 15900 190 th Avenue Big rapids, MI 49307 Office: (231) 796-6823x4 Fax: (231) 796-4102 Cell: 517-898-4144 | Clare, Isabella, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Wexford |
| REGION 5 Melissa Halm melissa.s.halm.ctr@mail.mil | Bay City Armory 2510 Wilder Road Bay City, MI 48706 Office: (517) 481-7323 Fax: (517) 481-7324 Cell: (989) 573-3425 | Arenac, Bay, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair, Tuscola |
| REGION 6 Amy Gould amy.s.gould.ctr@mail.mil | Grand Valley Armory 1200 44 th Street SW Wyoming, MI 49509 Office: (616) 249-2741 Fax: (616) 249-2671 Cell: (616) 485-8966 | Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Kent, Montcalm, Muskegon, Ottawa, Van Buren |
| REGION 7 Darnell Holmes darnell.l.holmes3.ctr@mail.mil | Grand Ledge Armory 10600 Eaton Highway Grand Ledge, MI 48837 Office: (517) 481-8850 Fax: (517) 481-8822 Cell: (517) 395-0840 | Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Ionia, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph |

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| <p>REGION 8 Dawn Lamb dawn.m.lamb2.ctr@mail.mil</p> | <p>Jackson Armory 4850 Cooper Road Jackson, MI 49201 Office: (517) 990-1186 Fax: (517) 990-1108 Cell: (517) 395-0839</p> | <p>Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Shiawassee, Washtenaw</p> |
| <p>REGION 9 Laura Chirio laura.e.chirio.ctr@mail.mil</p> | <p>Taylor Armory 12450 Beech Daly Road Taylor, MI 48180 Office: (734) 946-2553 Fax: (734) 946-2540 Cell: 734-558-0217</p> | <p>Macomb, Oakland, Wayne</p> |

Airman and Family Readiness Program (FRP) Managers

| Airman and FRP Managers | Contact information |
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| <p>Robin Rogers 110th Fighter Wing robin.rogers@ang.af.mil</p> | <p>17 Phantom Street Building 6930 Battle Creek, MI 49037 Office: (269) 969-3493 Fax: (269) 969-3556</p> |
| <p>Paulus Obey 127th Family Support Center paulus.obey@ang.af.mil</p> | <p>29868 George Ave Bldg 168 Selfridge ANGB, MI 48045 Office: (586) 239-5583 Fax: (586) 239-5786</p> |
| <p>MSGT Amy Luxton Alpena CRTC amy.luxton@ang.af.mil</p> | <p>5884 A Street Alpena, MI 49707 Office: (989) 354-6541 Fax: (989) 354-6298</p> |
| <p>Tiffany Maddux ANG Yellow Ribbon Coordinator tiffany.e.maddux.ctr@us.af.mil</p> | <p>Office: (517) 817-8292</p> |

ID Card/DEERS/TRICARE/Retired Services

| Point of Contact | Contact information |
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| <p>SSG Rex Waterbury NCOIC rex.a.waterbury.mil@mail.mil</p> | <p>Office: (517) 481-9872</p> |

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| SGT Gabriel Bates gabriel.j.bates.mil@mail.mil | Office: (517) 481-9879 |
| SGT David Saunders RPAM NCO david.j.saunders.mil@mail.mil | Office: (517) 481-9867 |

Family Readiness Support Assistants

Senior Family Readiness Support Assistant: **MELISSA FRICKE**

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| Point of Contact | Contact Information | Command/Units |
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| Brandy Johnson-Yordy | Fort Custer Office: Fax: Cell: (517) 599-6002 | DET 15 OSA, 51 CST, FCTC, MTC, MIARNG MEDCOM, 1146 JAG DET, 46 MP CMD, 126 PCH, 177 RTI |
| Amy Jannausch amy.l.jannausch.ctr@mail.mil | Jackson Armory 4850 Cooper Road Jackson, MI 49201 Office: (517) 990-1122 Fax: (517) 990-1108 Cell: (517) 599-7477 | 272 Regional Support Command, 1225 CSSB (1071 Maintenance Company, 1072, 1073, 464 QM), 246 Transportation BTN (1460, 1461, 1462, 1463, DET 1-1461, DET 1- 1463), 146 Med BN (MMB), 1171 Med Co (ASMB), 3-238 GSAB (all AVN and DET Companies) |
| Michael Petrie michael.j.petrie4.ctr@mail.mil | Grand Valley Armory 1200 44 th Street SW Wyoming, MI 49509 Office: (616) 249-2662 Fax: (616) 249-2675 Cell: (517) 599-5474 | 63 Troop BDE, Co B BSTS 37 BCT, Co C BSTS 86 BCT, Co F 425 INF 1-126 Squadron (Troops A,B,C,D 237 BSB), 1-119, FA (BTRY A, B, C, FSC)5632305 |
| Jenna Kirkton jenna.l.kirkton.ctr@mail.mil | Taylor Armory 12450 Beech Daly Road Taylor, MI 48180 Office: (734) 946-2510 Fax: (734) 946-2512 Cell: (517) 599-5690 | 177 MP BDE, 777 MP DET, 210 MP BTN (1775 MP Co, 1776 MP Co, 144 MP Co. 631 Troop CMD (DET 2, HHC BSTB 86 IBCT, 460 CHEM, 126 Army Band, 156 SIG Co, 1208 Linguist PLT), 507 ENG BN (1433, 1434, 1436, 1440, 1439, 1442 ENG Co, DET 1 1434, 745 EOD, 126 SIG) |
| Denise Gardner denise.m.gardner12.ctr@mail.mil | Bay City Armory 2510 Wilder Road Bay City, MI 48706 Office: (517) 481-7320 Fax: (517) 481-7324 Cell: (517) 599-6456 | 63 Troop BDE, 1-125 INF BN (CO A, B, B (-), C, D, F237 BSN) 1-182 FA (BTRY A, B, C, FSC) |
| Stephanie Barsaw | Ishpeming Armory 900 Palms Avenue Ishpeming, MI 49849 Office: (906) 485-2524 Fax: (906) 486-4946 Cell: (517) 599-7022 | 107 ENG BTN) 1430, 1431, 1432, 1437, 1430 DET 1, 1431 DET 1, 1432 DET 1, 1430) |

Family Programs

FAMILY PROGRAMS OFFICE

JFHQ-Family Programs Office
 3423 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Bldg 31 Lansing, MI 48906
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| CW3 Jessica Ulrey | jessica.s.ulrey.mil@mail.mil Office: (517) 481-9897 Cell: (517) 955-7892 | State Family Programs Director |
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| SGT Jaime Day | jaime.n.day.mil@mail.mil Office: (517) 481-9891 Cell: (517) 899-6313 | Family Programs Specialist |
| SGT Michael Nick | michael.g.nick.mil@mail.mil Office: (517) 481-9874 | Family Program Assistant |
| CPT Nicholas Anderson | nicholas.anderson36.mil@mail.mil Office: (517) 481-9898 Cell: (517) 977-5925 | Buddy To Buddy OIC |
| CW2 Ronald Hatchew | ronald.b.hatchew.mil@mail.mil Office: (517) 481-9877 Cell: (517) 993-7782 | Yellow Ribbon Coordinator |
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| Traci Osterman-Pierce | traci.m.osterman.ctr@mail.mil Office: (517) 481-9890 Cell: (517) 582-9280 | State Child and Youth Coordinator |
| Raymond Ladd | raymond.d.ladd.ctr@mail.mil Jackson Armory Office: (517) 990-1111 Lansing Office: (517) 418-9895 | Transition Assistance Advisor |
| Tom Foster | thomas.w.foster.ctr@mail.mil Office: (517) 418-9887 Cell: (989) 372-1126 | Survivor Outreach Services(SOS) Coordinator |

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| Wendy Day | wendy.j.day2.ctr@mail.mil Cell: (517) 672-0918 | Survivor Outreach Services(SOS) Coordinator |
| Michael Wilson | michael.d.wilson110.ctr@mail.mil Cell: (269) 689-5711 | Survivor Outreach Services(SOS) Coordinator |

Please Mail To:
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
State Operations
Reserve Forces Service Center
3423 North Martin Luther King Blvd.
Lansing, MI 48906
Attn: Military Family Relief Fund

MICHIGAN MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF FUND APPLICATION

MILITARY MEMBER'S INFORMATION –attach a copy of deployment orders

Name: Birthdate:

Home Address:

City: State: Zip: Home Phone: Cell/Work Phone:

Branch: Rank: SSN:

Home Station Unit of Assignment:

Is the member married? If not, do members have dependents/family in DEERS?

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION (IF OTHER THAN MILITARY MEMBER)

Name: SSN:

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip: Home Phone: Cell/Work Phone:

Relationship to military member:

MILITARY UNIT POINT OF CONTACT FOR VERIFICATION

Name:

Position/Title:

Phone Number:

EXPENSE AMOUNT DESCRIBE AND ATTACH COPIES OF BILLS, INVOICES, ESTIMATES RECEIPTS

Food/clothing: \$

Rent/mortgage: \$

Utilities: \$

Medical services/prescriptions: \$

Insurance: \$

Vehicle payments: \$

Vehicle repairs: \$

Day Care Expenses: \$

Home Repairs: \$

Other: \$

LIST ITEMS YOUR REQUESTING ASSISTANCE WITH: \$

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TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$

Please Complete the Following:

1. Military member's monthly civilian salary (attach copy of pay stub): \$

2. Military member's monthly military salary (attach copy of pay stub): \$

NEED BASED GRANT -- UP TO \$2,000

The Adjutant General may waive the requirements in emergency cases, when accompanied by a written request indicating the circumstances justifying such a waiver.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

I certify the above information to be true and correct. I authorize verification/release of the information I am providing on this application. I authorize the State of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Military & Veterans Affairs access to my pertinent records, including information maintained in DEERS, as necessary to evaluate my application. Disclosure of information on this form, including social security numbers, is voluntary. Failure to provide the requested information, however, will prohibit the processing of this grant application. In accordance with applicable laws, the State of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Military & Veterans Affairs will maintain confidentiality regarding the application and any grant given or denied, except as required to process this or subsequent applications, or as otherwise required by law.

Authority: 2004 PA 363 & 364
Compliance: Voluntary, but a grant will not be approved unless complete form is submitted.

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Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announces May 1 debut of new driver's licenses for veterans

New licenses will carry special "Veteran" designation for honorably discharged vets

For 40 years, Dick Rossell didn't really talk about his military service during Vietnam. "When I came home, I got thrown out of a frat party and spit on. A lot of us had mixed feelings. I never did talk about it much, but it was always important to me."

Years passed. Attitudes changed. And when the new driver's licenses for veterans are offered in May, U.S. Army veteran Rossell, 66, of Holly, will get one for the very same reason his battered old Jeep outside proudly carries a veteran's license plate.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson says her department's new driver's licenses for veterans, marked with the word VETERAN in bold red on the front, will help those who served their country get the benefits and discounts they have earned and deserve.

"We are indebted to these courageous men and women," said Johnson. "I hope every store clerk, every bank teller who sees these licenses will take a moment to thank that veteran for their service and sacrifice."

Michigan Veterans Affairs Director Jeff Barnes also supports the new veteran's designation. "This is one more way Michigan can honor our state's veterans and make their day-to-day lives a little easier," Barnes said. "I look forward to being able to display the veterans' designation on my license after May 1."

Veterans can sign up for the new driver's licenses and state ID cards at their local Secretary of State branch. If they are renewing their license, they'll only have to pay the normal renewal fee. If it isn't time for them to renew, they can order a duplicate driver's license or state ID for \$9.

Bob VanFleet, commander of American Legion Post 24 in Waterford and a

Vietnam-era veteran, says he's getting one of the new licenses. Plenty of his fellow Legion members, from World War II vets to Gulf War vets, are interested too.

VanFleet, who served in the U.S. Air Force and the National Guard, says the reason is simple: "I think all veterans should stand up and be proud."

When asked if he's going to get the new driver's license, U.S. Marine Corps veteran Steve Striggow of Holly, a member of American Legion Post 149, said "You bet I will! I'm a veteran and I'm damn proud of it."

1. What is the veteran designation?

The veteran designation gives veterans an easy way to prove their veteran status to receive discounts from businesses.

It also allows the Secretary of State's Office to partner with the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency and veteran service organizations to provide referral information so veterans better know what resources and services are available to them.

The word "Veteran" will be printed in red on the front of the card.

2. Who is eligible to have a veteran designation on their license or ID card?

Military veterans who served in any branch of the U.S. armed forces and have an honorable or under honorable conditions (general) discharge may have a veteran designation printed on their Michigan driver's license or state identification card.

Qualifying services include the U.S. Air Force, Air Force National Guard, Army, Army National Guard, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy, as well as their Reserve components.

Individuals who actively serve in the National Guard or Reserves at the time of application may qualify for the designation if they have a DD214 with an honorable or under honorable conditions discharge.

3. What documentation is required to obtain the veteran designation?

Veterans must provide acceptable documentation to receive the designation. Any submitted form must indicate the character of discharge. Acceptable forms include:

- DD214 (or correction DD215), Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, any copy except Copy 1
- Form NGB FM 22 or 23, Report of Separation and Record of Service, which must indicate honorable or general discharge
- Forms WD AGO, such as WD AGO 53-55, Enlisted Record and Report of Separation Honorable Discharge
- GSA 6954, Certificate of Military Service
- NAVPERS 553, Extract of Notice of Separation from U.S. Naval Service

Secretary of State offices will accept other documents issued prior to 1950 if they indicate an honorable or general discharge. Photocopies of official documents are acceptable. Veteran documentation will not be retained by the Secretary of State and will be destroyed if provided by mail.

Documentation needs to be presented only upon the initial request for a driver's license or ID card with the designation. Subsequent licenses and ID cards will have the designation unless you request that it be removed.

4. How can I obtain a copy of my DD214?

For copies of your military discharge papers, write to:

National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138

Or you can [request a copy from the National Archives online](#), or from Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency [online](#) or by phone at 1-800-MICHVET.

5. Is there a cost for obtaining the veteran designation?

If you are renewing your license or ID card, or applying for one for your first Michigan driver's license or ID, you will pay only the normal driver's license or ID card fee. Otherwise, the standard fee for a duplicate or corrected license or ID card will apply.

6. How do I add the veteran designation to my driver's license or ID card?

The designation may be added by visiting any Secretary of State office and providing the required documentation.

If the designation is added when you apply for your first Michigan driver's license or ID card, or at the time you're renewing, you will only pay the normal renewal fee. Otherwise, the standard fee for a corrected license or ID card will apply.

If you are renewing your license or ID card by mail, you must include the required documentation and the completed veteran designation application along with your renewal form so the designation is included on your new card. Please note the documentation submitted will not be returned to you. Copies are accepted.

If you want to add the veteran designation outside of your renewal period and do not want to visit a Secretary of State office, send in the completed Veteran Designation Application form, the required documentation and the applicable fee.

Current renewal and correction fees for standard licenses and state

IDs are listed at http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1627_14648-75447--,00.html, and for enhanced licenses and state IDs at http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1627_8669_9040-213056--,00.html.

**Mail your completed application, veteran documentation and applicable fee to:
Michigan Department of State Renewal By Mail Unit Lansing, MI 48918.**

The veteran designation cannot be requested when a driver's license or ID card is renewed online.

7. Am I required to obtain the designation?

No. The designation is optional.

8. Will my veteran status be shared with other organizations?

Besides providing veterans with an easy way to prove their veteran status to receive discounts at retailers, the designation also allows the Secretary of State's Office to partner with the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency and veteran service organizations across the state to provide referral information so veterans better know what resources and services are available to them.

9. Can my spouse and dependents have the veteran designation?

No.

10. Do I qualify for veteran designation if I am on active duty?

No, unless you are Active Reserve and possess a DD214.

11. How can I have the designation removed?

The designation can be removed at no charge at any time by visiting an office or requesting the removal by mailing to **Michigan Department of State, Renewal By Mail Unit, Lansing MI, 48918**, or faxing your request to (517) 322-6822.

12. What if I already have a veteran designation from another state?

You will be required to provide your service documentation, such as a DD214, to have the designation put on your Michigan driver's license or ID card.

13. Does the veteran designation qualify me to receive veteran benefits?

No, the veteran designation is not legal proof of veteran status and does not qualify you for receiving benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency, or other state and federal agencies.