



**AMERICAN  
LEGION**  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

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## **2023-2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

In addition to keeping track of new bills as introduced, our legislative priorities include, but are not limited to:

### Federal and State Priorities:

- CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS
- FUNDING FOR MORE VETERAN HOMES
- CONTINUED SUPPORT / FUNDING FOR A VETERAN'S CEMETERY IN THE UPPER PENINSULA
- ACQUIRE FUNDING FOR HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY AVAILABILITY FOR VETERANS WITH POST TRAMATIC STRESS DISORDER OR TRAMATIC BRAIN INJURY

### State Priorities:

- FUNDING FOR THE MICHIGAN VETERAN COALITION SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAM DOES NOT LAPSE TO THE GENERAL FUND AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR
- CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION GIVEN TO 100% DISABLED VETERANS FROM SERVICE-CONNECTED INJURIES.
- EXTEND THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE STATE BONUS TO VIETNAM VETERANS WHO DIDN'T PREVIOUSLY QUALIFY AFTER 1973
- STRIVE FOR VETERANS TO REPRESENT AT LEAST 75% SEATS ON THE BOARD OF THE CAMP CURNALIA COTTAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION AT HIGGINS LAKE
- PROVIDE FREE LIFETIME ACCESS TO MICHIGAN STATE PARKS FOR VETERANS, GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBERS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY
- ALLOW MILITARY SPOUSE STATIONED OVERSEAS ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC ABSENTEE VOTING

### Other Identified Concerns:

- PAID TRI-CARE COVERAGE FOR DEPENDANTS OF RETIRED MILITARY UNTIL THE AGE OF 26.