



**AMERICAN
LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

2024-2025 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
- REQUEST REINTRODUCTION TO POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES "PFAS ACT"

State Priorities:

- FUNDING FOR THE MICHIGAN VETERAN COALITION SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAM SO THAT IT DOES NOT LAPSE TO THE GENERAL FUND AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR
- THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WILL REQUIRE ANYONE FILLING CLAIMS ON BEHALF OF VETERANS BE A V.A. ACCREDITED VETERAN REPRESENTATIVE. FURTHERMORE, PASS LEGISLATION TO ENABLE PROSECUTION OF THOSE WHO ASSIST OR FILE V.A. CLAIMS WITHOUT V.A. ACCREDITATION
- CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION GIVEN TO 100% DISABLED VETERANS FROM SERVICE-CONNECTED INJURIES.
- SUPPORT FUNDING TO REIMBURSE LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT FROM THE LOSS OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE BASED ON THOSE WHO QUALIFY FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
- SUPPORT THE MODERNIZATION OF CHARITY GAMING SUCH AS THE ELECTRONIC PULL TABS
- OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO OUTLAW MECHANICAL DEVICES SUCH AS GAMES OF SKILLS MACHINES
- EXTEND THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE STATE BONUS TO VIETNAM VETERANS WHO DIDN'T PREVIOUSLY QUALIFY AFTER 1973
- 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
- ESTABLISH GREEN ALERTS FOR VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS AT RISK

Other Identified Concerns:

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

Priorities as approved by the Department of Michigan by Resolutions at annual Conventions and yearly meetings.
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