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Michigan State Veterans' Benefits

The state of Michigan provides several veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

- Housing Benefits
- Education and Financial Assistance Benefits
- Veteran Employment Benefits
- Other State Veteran Benefits

Michigan Veteran Housing Programs

Grand Rapids Home for Veterans

All members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have been honorably discharged and served not less than 90 days during a designated wartime period (i.e., First World War - April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, [to April 1920 if served in Russia]; Second World War - December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946; Korean Conflict, Cold War, Vietnam war - beginning September 2, 1945, through December 26, 1991; or Persian Gulf War August 2, 1990, to present) may apply for admission to said facilities.

D. J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans

The primary mission of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans is to restore health and maintain existing functions, enabling residents the opportunity to enjoy their remaining years to the fullest.

Keeping pace with the disabled population's changing needs, the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans is a modern nursing home that serves and encourages its veterans to function at their maximum level. The Home's staff places great emphasis on tailoring it's care plans to a member's individual needs and to encourage their independence, rather than dependence. To that end, the Veterans' Home has adopted a comprehensive needs assessment process. Every person admitted to the Home is thoroughly evaluated by a physician, social services, nursing, activities, dietary and physical therapy in terms of abilities and disabilities. This comprehensive assessment results in an "Interdisciplinary Care Plan" issued within the first seven days of admission. An Interdisciplinary Team Meeting is held every 90 days to measure progress. The focus is always on the member's abilities rather than disabilities. A State nursing home operated under the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans provides 182 nursing care beds, two infirmary beds and 59 residential beds.

State Veterans Homes Board of Managers

Created by Public Act 152 of 1895, the Board of Managers exercises certain regulatory and governance authority regarding admission and member affairs at Michigan?s two veterans homes. They also represent the interest of the veterans? community in both advisory and advocacy roles. The board members are appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, to serve 6-year terms.

Note: Michigan Veterans can find assitsance through their local county veterans services offices. Click here to find the office near you.

Visit the Michigan Department of Veterans Services website for contact information and benefits assistance.

Michigan Education and Financial Assistance Benefits

Tuition Grant Procedure Brief

Michigan provides an annual undergraduate tuition grant of up to \$2,800 for the eligible children of certain deceased military personnel or totally and permanently disabled veterans. The Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority administers the program.

Visit the Michigan Department of Veterans Services website for contact information and benefits assistance.

Emergency Grants

Temporary assistance granted by the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTF) for emergencies or hardships is available to eligible wartime veterans, and their families, residing in the state. Under the authority of Public Act 9 of 1946 (as amended), the MVTF cannot provide assistance for long-term problems or chronic financial difficulties. Those eligible for the MVTF temporary grant program must apply through the MVTF county committee serving their county of residence. All applications are investigated, deliberated, and decided in confidence. Any applicant may request a personal hearing before the county committee at the meeting when his/her application is considered. If the county committee denies an application every applicant has the right to appeal that decision to the MVTF Board of Trustees (with the opportunity to appear before the board to present information and answer questions.) The MVTF does not provide loans under the temporary assistance program.

Michigan National Guard Family Support Funds

For information regarding Michigan National Guard Family Support Funds, visit http://minationalguard.com/familyprograms/family-fund/.

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Michigan Veterans' Employment Services

Michigan offers veterans a large array of employment services including job fairs, career portals and job boards. All can be easily found at the Michigan Veterans Employment Services website.

Visit the Michigan Veterans' Employment website to learn more.

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Other Michigan State Veterans' Benefits

Michigan Veterans' Programs Booklet

This booklet has been compiled especially for veterans and their families to fulfill three important purposes:

- To provide information concerning veterans benefits and service available through federal, state, and local agencies;
- To provide veterans and their families with links to direct sources, both computer-based and professional, knowledgeable counselors, for answers to specific questions; and
- To assist veterans in communicating more effectively with their elected representatives.

Download the Michigan Veterans' Programs Booklet (in pdf format)

Visit the Michigan Veterans' Employment website to learn more.

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