

VETERANS SERVICES

The Veterans Administration provides benefits for eligible Veterans. If you are a Veteran and believe you qualify for benefits, call 1-800-827-1000 from any location in the United States or go online at www.va.gov to apply.

VA benefits may include: health benefits and services, compensation and pension benefits, home loan guaranty services, education benefits, life insurance program, vocational rehabilitation and employment benefits, and burial and memorial benefits.

SERVICE CENTERS

Ann Arbor

VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System

2215 Fuller Rd
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Phone: (734) 769-7100
Web site: www.va.gov

Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN)

PO Box 134002
Ann Arbor, MI 48113
Phone: (734) 930-5950
Web site: www.va.gov

Dearborn

Dearborn Vet Center

2881 Monroe Street Suite 100
Dearborn, MI 48124
Phone: (313) 277-1428
Fax: (313) 277-5471

Normal working hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. In an effort to better serve the veteran and family members, upon request Vet Centers will

VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics may provide general medicine and surgery, psychiatry, and other specialized care.

Vet Centers may provide general counseling, educational services, and employment and vocational rehabilitation services.

The Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN) is an integrated Veterans healthcare system for Veterans in Michigan, Indiana, Central Illinois, and Northwest Ohio.

provide services after normal work hours and/or on weekends.

Detroit

John D Dingell VA Medical Center

4646 John R
Detroit, MI 48201
Phone: (313) 576-1000
Web site: www.va.gov

Free flu vaccinations are available to enrolled veterans and employees.

Appointments are not necessary for flu shots. You can receive a flu shot at your Primary Care Firm either at your next scheduled appointment, or as a walk-in. Please bring your VA ID Card with you. The FIRMS are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Detroit Vet Center

4161 Cass Avenue
Detroit, MI 48201
Phone: (313)-831-6509
Fax: (313)-831-6919
Web site: www.va.gov

Normal working hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. In an

effort to better serve the veteran and family members, upon request Vet Centers will provide services after normal work hours and/or on weekends.

Pontiac

Pontiac VA Outpatient Clinic

950 University Dr
Pontiac, MI 48342
Phone: (248) 409-0585
Web site: www.va.gov

National

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Health Benefit Service Center
Phone: (877) 222-8387
Web site: www.va.gov/healtheligibility

For information on health benefits and services.

Regional Office

VA Regional Office

Patrick V McNamara
477 Michigan Ave
Detroit, MI 48226
Phone: (800) 827-1000
Web site: www.va.gov

State of Michigan

Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

3423 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Lansing, MI 48906
Phone: (517) 335-6523
Web site: www.michigan.gov/dmva

Our vision is to be a proud military and veteran's organization, characterized by excellence and integrity for the fulfillment of our duties to our nation, state and to one another. Our values include integrity, excellence, teamwork and accountability.

CEMETERIES

Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI 49012
Phone: (269) 731-4164
Fax: (269) 731-2428

GENERAL INFORMATION

To schedule a burial: Fax all discharge documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-866-900-6417 and follow-up with a phone call to 1-800-535-1117.

Military Funeral Honors

Full military funeral honors are offered to every veteran interred at Fort Custer. This includes a rifle salute, playing of taps, folding of the flag and presentation of the flag to the next-of-kin. Five different honor guard squads perform these military honors on a designated day of the week during the hours of 10:00 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. at half hour intervals. Military funeral honors by DOD personnel must be arranged by the family or funeral home. Refer to military funeral honors (under Other Benefits) on the home page for more information.

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442
Phone: (248) 328-0386
Toll Free: (866) 348-8603
Fax: (248) 328-0612
Web site:

www.greatlakesntlcemeteryadvisory.com

To schedule a burial: Fax all discharge documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-866-900-6417 and follow-up with a phone call to 1-800-535-1117.

Any eligible person may be interred at any national cemetery that has available grave space.

The new 544-acre national cemetery will serve veterans' needs for the next 50 years. Holly is approximately 50 miles northwest of downtown Detroit.

Burials began on October 17, 2005. Initial operations will be conducted from a temporary office, committal service shelter and equipment building.

The URS Corporation, in a joint venture with the LA Group was selected to produce the master planning and design documents.

VA prepared an Environmental Assessment for the Oakland County site in October 2001. In September 2002, the Department of Veterans Affairs purchased the site from the Fagan Lake Development Corporation. The previous owner, the Horton family, had held the property for over 160 years.

This new cemetery to serve veterans in the greater Detroit metropolitan area is the second national cemetery in Michigan. Michigan's other national cemetery is Ft. Custer.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM

Domiciliary Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (DRRTP)

VA Medical Center
4646 John R Street
Detroit, MI 48201
Phone: (313) 576-1000

Location: in Detroit, offsite from the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center

Days and Hours of operation: 24 hours/7-days/week

The DRRTP is an intensive residential treatment program for chronically homeless veterans to receive assistance in developing healthy independent living skills in order to break the pattern of homelessness. During their 4-6 month stay at the Domiciliary, veterans will receive necessary medical, psychiatric, and dental care through the medical center, they will be assessed for their ability to enter the workforce or to become involved in some type of volunteer activity in the community (with mentoring support), they will develop housekeeping, laundry, and food serving skills, will receive individual, group, and family therapy to help develop healthier coping and problem solving skills, will learn to live well in the community, will develop income and housing resources with the goal of independent living after successful completion of the DRRTP program, will learn money management techniques, and will have the opportunity to develop pride in themselves again. They will also receive 6 months of aftercare supportive services from the DRRTP staff in order to maintain the gains made while in the program.

Referrals

Domiciliary resident candidates must obtain a referral from a VA Medical Center. Details for the referral process are being developed and will be forthcoming.

MISC. VETERAN RESOURCES

Veteran's Haven, Inc.

4924 Wayne Rd.
Wayne, MI 48184
Phone: (734)728-0527
Fax: (734)728-1278
Email: VetsHaven@earthlink.net
Web site: www.vetshaveninfo.org

Veteran's Haven Inc has distributed tons of shirts, pants, sweaters, coats, jackets, suits, underwear, socks, shoes, boots, hygiene items, medical needs, canes, walkers, crutches, and wheelchairs - all free to Veterans. These donated items are not sold for profit.

Veterans Haven, Inc is a 501c3 non-profit tax exempt organization dedicated to helping honorably discharged vets by providing food, clothing, housing, transportation, medical supplies, counseling, referrals, and job connections to those in need.

Founded in June 1994 by a Vietnam vet, Veterans Haven Inc operates from their Outreach Center in Wayne, a suburb of

Detroit, which opened its doors in May 2000.

Veterans Haven Inc utilizes a small staff and volunteers to provide their many services.

Veterans Haven Inc maintains community involvement and support. While veterans are our main focus, we also have sponsored programs aimed at Seniors and Low Income non-veterans such as our Wednesday Food Program.

Recently Veterans Haven Inc has sponsored various fundraisers to help out Iraqi War veterans who are returning to the States in need of medical and financial help and encountering bureaucratic red tape.