

An organization of county veterans counselors proudly serving Michigan veterans



MACVC

IN SERVICE TO MICHIGAN VETERANS

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Membership

159 members serving 76 counties

Almost all are accredited or in the process of becoming accredited.

MACVC Mission

The mission of the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors is to promote consistent and professional veterans benefits counseling and advocacy for veterans and their families throughout Michigan.

MACVC Objectives

- **To Educate Michigan County Veterans Counselors on laws and programs relating to veterans.**
- **To Network, Collaborate and Cooperate within MACVC and with other interested agencies.**

County's Commitment

To assist veterans and their dependents in obtaining any and all federal, state, and local veterans benefits to which they are entitled.

Enabling Legislation

Public Act 77 (MCL 35.11)

- An Act to provide for local councils of veterans' affairs; and to authorize appropriations by counties, cities, villages and townships.

Public Act 139 (MCL 45.554)

- An Act to provide forms of county government; to provide for county managers and county executives and to prescribe their powers and duties;

Public Act 192 (MCL 35.621-35.624)

- An Act to create a county department of veterans' affairs in certain counties, and to prescribe its powers and duties; and to transfer the powers and duties of the soldiers' relief commission in such counties.

Public Act 214 (MCL 35.21- 35.27)

- An Act to provide relief outside of the soldiers' home for honorably discharged indigent soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses and members of women's auxiliaries and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such

Trained and Accredited County Counselors

- **Initiate, develop and prosecute claims for federal, state and local veterans benefits.**
- **Assist veterans to enroll in the USDVA medical care system.**
- **Administer the county veterans burial allowance program and assist with other death benefits for veterans survivors.**
- **Utilize and coordinate emergency assistance from the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and County Veterans Relief.**
- **Refer veterans and their families to other appropriate programs within the community.**

Commitment to Maintain CVS0 Training

Accreditation through NACVSO

MACVC Conferences provide required 16 hours of CEU at our Spring Training Conference

State of Michigan provides training reimbursement so that all counties can attend at no cost to county

Benefits/Outcomes

For the Veteran/families

- **Financial**
 - Service Connected Compensation
 - Non-service connected disability pension
 - Dependency and Indemnity Compensation
 - Death pension
 - USDVA and County Burial Benefits
 - State and County Emergency Financial Relief
- **Health**
 - USDVA Medical Centers
 - Community Based Outpatient Clinics
 - Vet Centers
- **Education**
 - Various USDVA Veterans and Dependents Education benefits
 - Vocational Rehabilitation
 - MI Childrens' of Veterans Tuition Grant
- **Quality of Life**
 - National Cemetery Burial
 - Military Records
 - Michigan Veterans Homes

Questions?
