

2017 CALHOUN COUNTY VETERANS RESOURCE GUIDE



HOUSING

Volunteers of America – Supportive Services for Veteran’s Families:

Short-term case management and housing support services to ensure homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing.

Patrick Lothamer, SSVF Service Coordinator, (269) 447-1462

plothamer@voami.org

Two West Michigan Ave., Suite 206
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Battle Creek Housing Commission:

If you are interested in senior housing or a family looking for rental housing (Section 8 Voucher Program).

John Paternoster, (269) 965-0591

john@battlecreekhousing.org

250 Champion Street
Battle Creek, MI 49037

Haven of Rest, Veterans in Progress (VIP) Program:

The program is part of the shelter in Battle Creek; allows for case management and housing for more than 30 days.

Chris Bitgood and Todd Artis, (269) 660-6630

Chris.bitgood@thehavenbc.org

Todd.artis@thehavenbc.org

11 Green Street
Battle Creek, MI 49014

VA-HCHV Walk-In Clinic:

Walk-in clinics and street outreach to provide veterans with referrals to VA services and links to community resources.

Sean Stallworth, (269) 966-5600 ext. 33563

Sean.stallworth@va.gov

5500 Armstrong Road, Bldg. 14
Battle Creek, MI 49037

Silver Star Apartments

Silver Star Apartment Community for Veterans is specifically designed to assist homeless veterans.

Debra Smith, Resident Manager COS, COSA, (269) 964-6000

silverstar2@medallionmgmt.com

44 N. Clark Road
Battle Creek, MI 49037

HOME REHAB PROGRAMS

Battle Creek Minor Home Repair Loan Program:

Program for residents of the City of Battle Creek only. Provides loan funds up to \$5,000 for eligible, low-income homeowners. Roofs funded for replacement cost up to \$12,000. Most repairs include plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and accessibility issues.

Matt Flanders, Housing Rehabilitation Coordinator, (269) 966-3323

MBFlanders@battlecreekmi.gov

Community Action Weatherization:

Provides energy efficiency updates to a home, such as sealing air leaks, updating a furnace, or increasing insulation, to lower utility bills and better afford housing.

Community Action Senior Millage Minor Home Repair:

Provides up to \$2,500 for needed home repairs to low-income seniors, aged 60 and over.

Community Action, (269) 965-7766 or (877) 422-2726

175 Main Street

Battle Creek, MI 49014

EMPLOYMENT

Volunteers of America – HVRP (Employment for Veterans):

Employment and training programs with wrap-around supportive services for veterans who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or are unstably housed.

John J Eynon, Veterans Employment Specialist, (269) 425-1862

jeynon@voami.org

Two West Michigan Ave., Suite 206

Battle Creek, MI 49014

State of Michigan – Disabled Veterans Outreach:

Delivering intensive employment services to a targeted veteran population, in accordance with the Jobs for Veterans State Grant program.

Lupe Ramirez, DVOP, (269) 660-1425

RamirezL@michigan.gov

200 Van Buren St. W

Battle Creek, MI 49017

Michigan Works Southwest:

Veterans have priority of services for all jobs, training and opportunities at the service centers. Assistance for veterans, their spouses and children.

Christopher Walden, Talent Relations, (269) 660-1412

walden@upjohn.org

200 Van Buren St. W

Battle Creek, MI 49017

COUNTY VA SERVICE OFFICERS

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs:

Assists veterans in receiving benefits from local, state, and federal levels. This includes claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs, burial benefits, and assistance for veterans who are in financial emergency.

Heidi Case, Administrative Assistant, (269) 969-6735

va@calhouncountymi.gov

190 E. Michigan Ave.

Battle Creek, MI 49014

POST SERVICE OFFICERS

American Legion Post 298 & Disabled American Veterans Chapter 7:

Austria Johnson, (269) 830-2320

Ajohn14322@gmail.com

FURNITURE

Vets Helping Vets:

Assists veterans with furniture needs in order to provide suitable housing.

Larry Bales, (269) 420-7638

Sarah Pauley, (269) 425-2210

www.vetshelpswmi.org

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Legal Services of South Central Michigan:

Pam George, (269) 965-3951 ext. 329

pamgeorg@lsscm.org

123 W. Territorial Road

Battle Creek, MI 49015

DAY SHELTER

Share Center:

Open from 7:00AM until 9:00PM in the winter and 8:00AM until 8:00PM in the summer for individuals 18 years and older. Free services include computer/internet access, laundry, hygiene products, local and long distance calling, mail, and winter clothing. Assistance also provided with applying and paying for legal identification documents (call for appointment). Alcoholics Anonymous classes provided. Meal programs serving most days of the month (please call for updated meal calendar).

(269) 966-9050

120 Grove Street

Battle Creek, MI 49037

FAMILY ASSISTANCE

HRCI Contractor – Family Assistance:

Cassie Hall, Family Assistance Specialist, (269) 731-6546

Cassandra.s.hall2.ctr@mail.mil

2501 26th St.

Augusta, MI 49012

CLOTHING

Charitable Union:

Provides clothing, bedding, and small household items at no charge and connect people to resources in the community.

(269) 964-7234

info@charitableunion.org

85 Calhoun St.

Battle Creek, MI 49017

EDUCATION

Kellogg Community College:

Holly McKee, (269)965-4150

supportservices@kellogg.edu

450 North Avenue

Battle Creek, MI 49017

Western Michigan University:

Office of Military and Veterans Affairs, (269) 387-4444

<https://wmich.edu/military/contact>

1255 Ellsworth Hall

Kalamazoo, MI 49008

VetSuccess on Campus Counselor (WMU, KVCC, KCC):

Brent Haddow, MA, (313) 686-8691

Brent.haddow@va.gov

MEAL SITES

Emmett St. Missionary: (269) 962-4335

Salvation Army: (269) 963-3640 ext. 22

Share Center: (269) 964-8133

St. Philip: (269) 968-6645

St. Thomas Episcopal: (269) 965-2244

Upton Ave. – Original Church: (269) 965-3401

UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE

Community Action: (269) 441-1399

DHHS: (855) 275-6424

EmPower: (231) 355-5880; application@tnempower.org

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs: (269) 969-6735

Southwest Michigan Veteran Relief Fund: (269) 224-2993

MISCELLANEOUS

Community Fatherhood:
Gilbert Ortiz, (269) 317-7331
gilberto@cfatherhood.org

CityLinc Mentoring:
Dale Boyer
daleboyer@citylinc.org

VA Peer Support Specialist:
Dwayne Kelly, (269) 832-2854
Dwayne.kelly@va.gov
5500 Armstrong Road
Battle Creek, MI 49037

Adult Protective Services:
Intake, (855) 444-3911

DHHS:
Food assistance, cash assistance, child care, medical assistance, and emergency relief.
(855) 275-6424
190 E. Michigan Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49014

Calhoun County Senior Services
(269) 781-0846
315 W. Green Street
Marshall, MI 49068

Carewell Services SW – Area Agency on Aging
(269) 966-2450
(800) 626-6719
200 W. Michigan Ave., Suite 102
Battle Creek, MI 49017

