

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Among our community in the Huron Township area are many veterans, veteran widowers, and veteran care givers. You are the only person who knows who they are. They could be family, neighbors, friends, coworkers, or people you meet.

WILL YOU help all these veteran related people out by connecting them to us or another state or national resource? No one else can do this because no one else knows who these people are. There is no veteran help phone book. You, as a patriotic American, can really help our veterans out by identifying those in need and connecting them with a help resource. (Did you know that 20 veterans per day take their life because of feeling helpless and have nowhere to turn)? That is over 7000 preventable deaths per year. Many of these veterans are over 65 years old and I know of at least one 30 year old here in Huron Township. The national efforts have all focused on publications which resulted in a small improvement. I feel that our results will be greatly improved if you are involved in helping that veteran related person in their time of need. If you come in contact with a veteran related person, just help them call one of the following phone numbers, to see what help is available for them.

Please add these phone numbers to your cell phone, phone books, glove box, and fridge. You never know when you might need them.

National # VETERAN CRISIS LINE 1-800-273-8255 and press 1
available 24 hours per day 7 days per week

An example of applicability: Feeling helpless with nowhere to turn, this is the highest crisis mode.

Michigan # MICHIGAN VETERAN HELP LINE 1-800-642-4838
Available 24 hours per day 7 days per week

This number is like one stop shopping for veteran help. The Michigan help line goal is to identify all the resources in our state that are helpful to veterans, allowing Michigan veterans to connect with federal benefits, state programs and services and resources with one call. They cover help from, making an application for VA benefits to finding a food bank in your area.

A few examples of applicability:

1. A major house fire and needing a place to stay, food, meals, medications, etc.
2. Find emergency financial assistance through a variety of state and other local programs.
3. A veteran who is about to lose their home due to the lack of financial resources.
4. A veteran who needs home structural modifications of the disability type, to help them stay in their home
5. A homeless veteran needing help to get a place to live.
6. Get a copy of your DD214.
7. Many, many more.

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Another important phone number to add is:

National # CAREGIVER SUPPORT LINE 1-855-260-3274

If you are taking care of a veteran, and are the caregiver, you may need some help and support yourself. With the VA's Caregiver Support Line assistance is just a quick phone call away. Whether you're in need of immediate assistance or have questions about what services you may be eligible for, the caring licensed professionals who answer the support line can:

1. Tell you about the assistance available from the VA.
2. Help you access services.
3. Connect you with the Caregiver Support Coordinator at the VA medical Center near you.
4. Just listen, if that's what you need right now.

If you're just getting started with the VA, calling the Caregiver Support Line is a great first step to take to learn more about the support that's available to you.

We are the New Boston American Legion Post #231, located at the old post office in town. We try to help veteran related people in Huron Township and the surrounding area and will help any veteran get connected to help in any area.

In your endeavor of identifying veteran related people that are in need, anyone that would like to join us are more than welcome. We are veterans that served during a time of conflict. Our sons or grandsons can join the Sons of the American Legion. Our wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters can join the American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

I would like to thank you for your interest in helping our veterans. Anything you can do to pass on this information is greatly appreciated. Together we can make a difference to improve, or save, a veteran's life.

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