

Food 4Vets



CONNECTING VETERANS TO FOOD ASSISTANCE

The **Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency**, armed with a \$300,000 donation from its **Michigan Veterans Trust Fund**, has created **Food4Vets** to assist Michigan veterans and their families who are experiencing food insecurity. Through the program, \$30,000 in “food only” cards or certificates will be available to each of Michigan’s 10 Prosperity Regions for distribution by the MVA and Senior Veteran Community Engagement Officers (SVCEOs). The SVCEOs will enlist Buddy Coordinators and Veteran Navigators in their regions to reach veterans in need.

There is a simple application process that includes name, address and contact information; proof of military service and separation with anything but a dishonorable discharge; and an affirmed statement of need. The food need may be due to COVID-19, job loss or other circumstance beyond their control. Assistance is limited to \$100 per veteran for the duration of the program.

Thus far, Meijer is participating in the program, and MVA is working with other food suppliers in hopes of bringing more aboard.

Veterans can be directed to the point of contact in their regions by calling **1-800-MICH-VET** (1-800-642-4838) or contacting the SVCEOs for their county or region. Please see the next page for additional contact information.

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MichiganVeterans.com

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FOOD ASSISTANCE CONTACTS

SENIOR VETERAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS (SVCEOs)

REGION 1 | For veterans living in Michigan's Upper Peninsula contact:

Jesse Sherman, SVCEO
231-753-8670
ShermanJ4@michigan.gov

REGION 6 | For veterans living in Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, Shiawassee, St. Clair and Tuscola Counties contact:

Gary Putinsky, SVCEO
810-241-5991
gputinsky@co.genesee.mi.us

REGION 2 | For veterans living in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford Counties contact:

Keven Johnson, SVCEO
989-289-2856
JohnsonK72@michigan.gov

REGION 7 | For veterans living in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties contact:

Barry Walter, SVCEO
517-488-2033
barryfw516@hotmail.com

REGION 3 | For veterans living in Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon Counties contact:

Elizabeth Cuddington, SVCEO
989-492-0086
Ecuddington
@milegionfoundation.onmicrosoft.com

REGION 8 | For veterans living in Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren Counties contact:

Dennis Urquhart, SVCEO
517-420-1217
Dennis.Urquhart@va.gov

REGION 4 | For veterans living in Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola and Ottawa Counties contact:

Patty Breas, SVCEO
616-268-8073
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@milegionfoundation.onmicrosoft.com

REGION 9 | For veterans living in Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties contact:

Tammy Bhatti, SVCEO
734-800-9399
Tammy.Bhatti@va.gov

REGION 5 | For veterans living in Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw Counties contact:

Dave Seaford, SVCEO
231-846-7552
Dave.seaford@davmichigan.com

REGION 10 | For veterans living in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties contact:

Paulus Obey, SVCEO
313-293-0746
ObeyP@michigan.gov

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