



Michigan Veterans Coalition

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Veteran Service Organizations applaud Gov Whitmer and legislature for increase funding for veterans

LANSING, Mich. – Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the State Budget this morning, which provides a \$1.3 million increase for veteran services in Michigan. The funding will go to the Military Veterans Coalition (MVC) to provide advocacy and case work support for veterans and their families across the State of Michigan.

“The Michigan Veterans Coalition applauds Governor Whitmer for her leadership in ensuring Michigan’s veterans receive the support they deserve,” said Kevin Conklin, State Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

This increase means more resources and benefits for Michigan’s roughly 630,000 veterans and comes as result of the incredible collaboration within the MVC made up of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Disabled American Veterans, Governor Whitmer and leaders within the State Legislature. These leaders saw this need to ensure Michigan’s veterans received the support they earned through service to this Nation.

The four organizations within the MVC jointly provide critical support to disabled veterans and their families. These organizations collectively represent over 266,000 veterans and auxiliary members throughout Michigan but serve the entire veteran population of the state with disability services and advocacy.

“The increase in funds is part of a funding package the American Legion, and our partners in the VVA, DAV and VFW have been working hard for over the past several months and are incredibly appreciative of the

efforts of State Senator Curtis Hertel Jr., Representatives Thomas Albert and Tommy Brann, and Senator Tom Barrett,” said American Legion State Commander Richard Dubay.

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