AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

2024-2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

In addition to keeping track of new bills as introduced, our legislative priorities include, but are not limited to:

Federal and State Priorities:

- **CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS**

- **FUNDING FOR MORE VETERAN HOMES**

- **CONTINUED SUPPORT / FUNDING FOR A VETERAN'S CEMETERY IN THE UPPER PENNISULA**

- **AQUIRE FUNDING FOR HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY AVAILABILITY FOR VETERANS WITH POST TRAMATIC STRESS DISORDER OR TRAMATIC BRAIN INJURY**

- **REQUEST REINTRODUCTION TO POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES "PFAS ACT"**

State Priorities:

- **FUNDING FOR THE MICHIGAN VETERAN COALITION SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAM SO THAT IT DOES NOT LAPSE TO THE GENERAL FUND AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR**

- **THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WILL REQUIRE ANYONE FILLING CLAIMS ON BEHALF OF VETERANS BE A V.A. ACCREDITED VETERAN REPRESENTATIVE. FURTHERMORE, PASS LEGISLATION TO ENABLE PROSECUTION OF THOSE WHO ASSIST OR FILE V.A. CLAIMS WITHOUT V.A. ACCREDITATION**

- **CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION GIVEN TO 100% DISABLED VETERANS FROM SERVICE-CONNECTED INJURIES.**

- **SUPPORT FUNDING TO REIMBURSE LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT FROM THE LOSS OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE BASED ON THOSE WHO QUALIFY FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION**

- **SUPPORT THE MODERNIZATION OF CHARITY GAMING SUCH AS THE ELECTRONIC PULL TABS**

- **OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO OUTLAW MECHANICAL DEVICES SUCH AS GAMES OF SKILLS MACHINES**

- **EXTEND THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE STATE BONUS TO VIETNAM VETERANS WHO DIDN'T PREVIOUSLY QUALIFY AFTER 1973**

- **PROVIDE FREE LIFETIME ACCESS TO MICHIGAN STATE PARKS FOR VETERANS, GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBERS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

- **ALLOW MILITARY SPOUSE STATIONED OVERSEES ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC ABSENTEE VOTING**

- **ESTABLISH GREN ALERTS FOR VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS AT RISK**

Other Identified Concerns:

- **PAID TRI-CARE COVERAGE FOR DEPENDANTS OF RETIRED MILITARY UNTIL THE AGE OF 26.**

Priorities as approved by the Department of Michigan by Resolutions at annual Conventions and yearly meetings. For more information contact Tim Poxson Michigan Department Legislative Chair (517)-256-2356