Michigan’s Veteran Population

State of Michigan
- \( \approx 10,020,000 \)
- 10\(^{th}\) largest population
- \( \approx 38,200 \) incarcerated individuals

Michigan’s Veteran Population
- \( \approx 552,412 \) veterans in Michigan
- 11\(^{th}\) largest veteran population
- \( \approx 2,600 \) incarcerated veterans
MVAA’s Efforts to Assist Justice-Involved Veterans

Preventative:

• Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center (MVRSC)
• MVAA Veterans Community Action Teams (VCATs)
• Regional Coordinator Program
• Michigan Crisis Intervention System (MI-CIS)

Assistance for Justice-Involved Veterans:

• Veterans Treatment Courts (VTCs)
• Incarcerated Veterans Program
Why Do It

• Recognition that military service sometimes traumatizes a service member and criminal behavior may arise out of that trauma
• May provide financial assistance to families of incarcerated veterans; up to 90% of the award
• May provide financial assistance to the incarcerated veteran while in prison; up to 10% of the award
• Renewed sense of belonging
• Assists with reintegration; accelerated reinstatement of compensation benefits and eligibility for healthcare
• Reduce recidivism
Incarcerated Veterans Program

MDOC
- Established a Veterans Housing Unit (Level 2)
- Tracks veteran inmate population & status
- Rotates incarcerated veterans to the Saginaw facility
- Works with MVAA to schedule appointments
- Works with VHA to schedule required medical exams
- Escorts inmates to medical appointments

MVAA
- Coordinates / facilitates program activities
- Verifies veteran status
- Works with MDOC to schedule appointments
- Represents the incarcerated veteran
- Provides claims processing assistance

VHA
- Notifies and works with MDOC to schedule required medical exams
- Allows armed MDOC escorts

Memorandum of Agreement
Results

• 237 veterans in the unit
• 300 veterans at the facility
• 313 veterans for which MVAA holds POA
• 523 medical exams performed
• 329 VA benefit claims filed
• 13 veterans in the program paroled since January 2019
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