



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

• Veterans Health Administration  
VA Detroit Healthcare System

# Southwestern Michigan Veterans Stand Down

September 23 & 24, 2026 (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

(Veterans Registration will close at 1:00 PM each day)

Volunteer Registration Opens -7:30 AM

Held at: UAW Region 1, 27800 George Merrelli Dr, Warren, MI 48092

Volunteer Set-up/ Break Down: September 21st, 22nd, and 25th (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Volunteers and vendors/support agencies can register on the Website: [www.4vets.org](http://www.4vets.org)

## Questions (Contact):

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Giving a  
“hand up” not a  
“hand out”  
To Our Veterans

“For honor, Duty and  
Country... We Leave No  
Veteran Behind.”

## TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED FROM

Intersection of Canfield and Brush by the J. D. Dingell VA Hospital

VAN ARRIVES AT 6:30AM AND DEPARTS AT 6:45AM

4626 W. Grand River Detroit, MI - Michigan Veterans Foundation

VAN ARRIVES AT 7:00AM AND DEPARTS AT 7:15AM

301 Piquette Square, Detroit, MI (Pick up for VCCRRC and Veterans of America)

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VANS WILL LEAVE THE UAW REGION 1 CENTER AT APPROX 4:00PM

Veterans Sign Up



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VAVS REPRESENTATIVE, CEL ROSE SOLAK

John D. Dingell VA Medical Center

AUGUST WEBSITE ACTIVITIES 2026

CONGRATULATION, AMVETS Post 52 Ladies Auxiliary for their very generous donation of \$2,065.94 sponsoring a Music Bingo. I am sincerely grateful for honoring their sacrifice, celebrating America 250 Anniversary. We held a Special Bingo Party, for the Veterans in the Community Living Center. They received Patriotic Bandanas and 250 Anniversary Pins. With your donation, we also held a Picnic at Lyle Van Houten Park in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. There were many dignitaries, including the Dearborn Heights Mayor Mo Baydoun. Rose Solak dress in Statue of Liberty gave a speech on Statue of Liberty. The Veterans enjoyed a Boasted chicken Luncheon and Bingo. The Veterans received Patriotic Sunglasses and 250 Anniversary Banner Flag. Future plans include, pending permission, a fishing trip, Tiger baseball game, MJR Movie, a Halloween Party and a Christmas Party with Santa and his elves.

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games was sponsor by VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Paralyzed Veterans of America on July 9 – 12 at Huntington Place Convention Center in Detroit. There were 500 Veterans participating in 17 events. Their strength, skill, energy, pride, supporting each other, waving flags, high five, determination and camaraderie echo throughout. Never Give Up. What a sight to see that brought chills down my spine. For pictures, check the Website: [www.wheelchairgames.com](http://www.wheelchairgames.com).

I volunteer at Skore lanes Bowling Team on Saturday and Sunday, cheering on the Veterans, ordering and delivering their snacks or lunch. I greeted them at the Motor City Hotel assisting with their luggage and information on events. What an exciting day and the joy cheering each other.

The VAMC sponsored a Baby Shower for 15 female Veterans with loads of baby items, including car seats, strollers and highchairs. AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary VAVS funds, donated pizzas.

Southeastern Michigan Veteran Stand Down will be held on September 23 & 24 2026 from 9:00 – 5:00, at UAW Region 1, at 27800 George Merrelli Drive in Warren, Michigan. 48092. Donations are needed for clothes, sweatshirts, sweatpants', coats, jackets, shoes and assortment of toiletries. Volunteers are needed and can register on the website: [www.4vets.org](http://www.4vets.org). Attached is a flyer, please read it.

Cel Rose Solak, VAVS Representative

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