**How to make an** **Appointment with a County Veterans Agency**

**What:** Appointment with a County Veterans Agency

**Service Officer Notes:** Generally, the first stop you should make when wishing to file a VA disability claim or to find out about health and burial benefits is the County Veterans Agency of the county you live in. They are the best and most knowledgeable sources of information and have the contacts to get answers to almost any question you have.

Policies vary from county to county as to whether they will service folks from outside their county. For example, Jackson County policy is to work only with those that live in Jackson county while other counties will work with any veteran regardless of the county that they live in.

**Web Sites:**

**Jackson County:** <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/583/Veterans-Affairs>

**Lenawee County:** <https://www.lenawee.mi.us/529/Veterans-Affairs>

**Hillsdale:** https://www.co.hillsdale.mi.us/index.php/vets**Washtenaw County:** https://www.washtenaw.org/959/Veterans-Affairs

**Who Qualifies:**

Any Veteran

**Information:** Call the below numbers to make yourself an appointment. Most counties will take walk-ins but there is no guarantee that anyone will be there without an appointment.

While you are there, the county rep will ask if any service organization is representing you. If you have not selected one, you may want to select the American Legion as your service org. However if the county reps are American Legion Certified you may want to stick with the.

 **POCs:** County Veteran Agency Directors and American Legion Veteran’s Affairs

**Jackson:** 1715 Lansing Ave

 Jackson, Mi

 **Ph. 517-788-4425**

 Philip McCaskey

 PMccaskey@co.jackson.mi.us

**American Legion Rep**

Thomas Kaiser

Please make an appointment through the Jackson County Veteran’s Agency.

tkaiser@michiganlegion.org

**Lenawee:** 1040 S. Winter

 Suite 3017

 Adrian, Mi

49221

 **Ph. 517-264-5335**

Tammy Sheldon

 veterans.affairs@lenawee.mi.us

No Legion Rep visits but you can request a Legion rep and they will put you in contact. County reps are American Legion certified so you may choose to use them instead of a Legion rep.

 **Hillsdale:** 61 McCollum Street

 Courthouse Annex

 Hillsdale, Mi

 49242

 **Ph. 517-437-3630**

 Renae Shircliff

 r.shircliff@co.hillsdale.mi.us

No Legion Rep visits but you can request a Legion rep and they will put you in contact.

**Washtenaw:** 2155 Hogback Road

 Ann Arbor, Mi

48108

 **Ph. 734-973-4540**

Michael Smith

 smithmg@washtenaw.org

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**Detroit:** American Legion Veteran’s Affairs and Rehabilitation Office

477 Michigan Ave

Room 1210

Detroit, Mi

48266

**Ph. 313-964-6640**