



Battle Creek VA Medical Center

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Mission: To honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional healthcare that improves their health and well-being.

On November 1, 1924, the 68 member staff of Veterans Hospital #100 accepted their first patient. Situated on a 675 acre site that was part of Camp Custer, the original plans for the hospital included 22 buildings providing care to 500 patients. Today this center provides comprehensive psychiatric care, primary and secondary medical care, and extended care for over 43,000 veterans in 22 counties of southwest Michigan with a dedicated staff of over 1,500 employees. The population breaks down to about 40,000 men and 3,500 women.

While once there were over 1,400 beds, now much more care is being delivered on an outpatient basis. The variety of medical care services has increased, including recent additions of virtual and technological contacts. There are 276 beds at the Battle Creek Medical Center and four community-based Outpatient Clinics in Benton Harbor, Lansing, Wyoming, and Muskegon.

The Battle Creek VAMC also serves as a hub for mental healthcare for the entire lower peninsula. A home-based healthcare program serves 290 veterans who are easing into independent living.

Co-vid restrictions have limited visitors and events for the veterans. We hope to send some joy their way with our May 22/23 outreach! (Please, no jigsaw puzzles)

For our veterans, that they will experience God's mercy through the support and care of this community, we pray to the Lord.

Connecting with Mercy

Collecting gifts for
Veterans at Battle Creek
VA Hospital

at weekend Masses

May 22 and 23

Some suggestions

Music CD's, all varieties

Relaxation CD's

DVD movies

Wordsearch/Crossword/

Sudoku books – larger

print

Small craft kits

Composition notebooks

New T-shirts, any size

