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Legal help for vets coming to B.C.

The Enquirer

Lawyers are riding into Battle Creek next week to help military veterans.

A Mobile Law Office from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law will make stops at American Legion Post 54 and the Haven of Rest on Tuesday to provide free legal assistance to low income veterans.



The lawyers will be at the American Legion Post at 1125 E. Columbia Ave. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at the Haven of Rest at 148 E. Michigan Ave. from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"We focus on providing legal assistance to veterans who are of lower income and are having trouble with disability benefits," said Anita Scott-Meisel, an attorney with the Mobile Law Office.

The consultation is free and no appointment is necessary.

An estimated 13,000 veterans live in Calhoun County, according to the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The university is being paid \$200,000 by the state to provide the clinics, which started last year in the Detroit area, but the program is expanding across the state, according to Scott-Meisel, to include Grand Rapids, Lansing, Flint and Traverse City. Other stops planned this year are Benton Harbor, Muskegon and Pontiac.

"We try to do a lot of outreach before coming in," she said, "letting them know we are going to be there."

See the full story Saturday in the Enquirer and at [battlecreekenquirer.com](#).

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