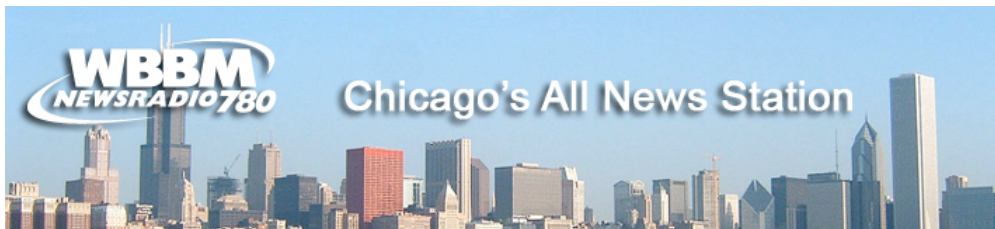


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Vanful Of Lawyers Here To Help Vets Get Their Benefits

CHICAGO (WBBM) - Over the next two days, military veterans can get some help getting their benefits - courtesy of a group of traveling lawyers and law students from Detroit.

WBBM's Steve Miller reports on "Project Salute."

They travel in a 31-foot RV. A Mobile Law Office, they call it. Faculty and students from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

For more information about UDM Law, please visit www.law.udmercy.edu or call 1-888-UDM-LAW4.

Their mission: to visit more than 60 cities and give free help to low-income veterans who may be having trouble getting their benefits.

Today and tomorrow, they're in Chicago.

Stacy Pyszora is one of the law students traveling on the Mobile Law Van. She remembers one veteran in Miami.

"He came to us... and said, 'I need help. I don't know what to do. I'm about to lose my home. My five children are going to be homeless, and I just have to get over my pride and I have to accept this assistance.' And that broke my heart because it's not a matter of pride. It's a matter of, this is what he's entitled to."

The Mobile Law Van is at Cooke's Manor at the Hines VA Hospital today. Tomorrow at Catholic Charities.

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