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October Program

For the October program please welcome Kate Melcher, Executive Director of Fisher House of Michigan. Kate will discuss the mission of the Fisher House Foundation nationwide which builds comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay free of charge while a loved one is in the hospital. She will focus on the new Fisher House of Michigan at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor that was completed in 2022.

October 2024 CAC MOAA Dinner Meeting

When: Thursday, 10 October 2024

Our dinner meeting will take place at Coral Gables, located at 2838 East Grand River Avenue, East Lansing, MI, Thursday, 10 October. Social hour begins at 5:30 and dinner begins at 6:30. The meal is buffet style which includes: Roast Loin of Pork with gravy, Baked Spinach Lasagna, Oven Brown Red Skin Potatoes, Corn, Greek Salad, and Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce. Cost is \$30. Please RSVP by Monday, 7 October to www.cacmoaa.org or contact: Tony Kruckeberg at (517) 575-9386, or email at armyblkhawk@yahoo.com



The Best Discounts on Cars and Motorcycles for Service members and Veterans

Unless you own a home, the most expensive thing in your life is sitting on four wheels. According to Car and Driver, new car prices dropped 1.1% from April to May 2024. But that still puts the figure at \$48,000. Reference the 2024 active-duty pay chart, and you'll see that's more than an E-6 with seven years of service makes in a year -- that's before taxes. Fortunately, there are ways to stretch your dollar further. You can buy used. You can take care of basic maintenance yourself. You can also let manufacturers and automotive businesses show their support with a military discount. These are some of the best military discounts in the automotive space. They're all available year-round; not just on Veterans Day or Memorial Day. Whether you're buying a new car, a fresh set of tires or protecting your investment with an insurance policy, we have an excellent repository of money-saving deals. Car Brands That Offer Military Discounts. Acura will take \$750 off the price of a 2024 or newer Integra, TLX, RDX, MDX or ZDX when you finance or lease. The only catch is that you have to use Acura's in-house financing rather than your bank's. This promotion is set to expire on March 31, 2025.

BMW offers variable rewards through the BMW Military Incentive. You can save anywhere from \$500 to \$5,000 on a new vehicle purchase or lease. Better yet, you can combine this discount with other BMW promotions to maximize your savings. To get started, create an ID.me account before visiting your local dealership. (Discounts continued on next page)

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Active-duty, reserve and retired service members can get a \$500 discount on new [Chrysler](#) vehicles. This deal is also available to separated service members within the first year of leaving the military. The downside is limited selection. Chrysler's current lineup includes the Pacifica (gas or hybrid) and a few 2023 300s left on the lots.

We've covered the ways [Ford supports the military community](#) before, and the Blue Oval is also willing to knock a few bucks off the purchase price for service members. To take advantage of this program, enter your zip code on Ford's [Military Recognition](#) website and confirm your eligibility through [ID.me](#).

Want to carry on the [Willys' legacy](#) in your own garage? [Jeep](#) offers \$500 off select vehicles for active-duty, reserve, retired and 100%-disabled veterans. If you were honorably discharged before retirement age, you can get the same deal within the first year after you get out.

[Honda](#) offers its military discount not only to service members but [spouses](#), as well. Get \$500 toward any 2023 or newer Honda when you finance through Honda Financial Services.

You can also save \$500 on a new [Hyundai](#) through 2024. This one's interesting because it's the only military discount that specifies the branches of service that are eligible. I'm sure they meant to include everyone, but they actually left out the [Space Force](#). As the great Rodney Dangerfield said, "I don't get no respect! No respect at all!" [Kia](#), Hyundai's sister company, also offers a military discount but doesn't list specifics on the website. Maybe the Space Force will have better luck there.

Want to put a little zoom-zoom in your life? [Mazda](#) takes \$500 off the price of new cars for service members. This offer is extra valuable because Mazda will let you apply it to 2025, 2024 or 2023 model-year vehicles. If you can find an unused '23 car that still hasn't sold, the dealership will undoubtedly give you a fantastic price to make room for leftover '24 and incoming '25 models. Strike while the iron is hot!

Sadly, the glory days of hot-blooded Mitsubishi rally cars are behind us, but the military discount remains.

[Mitsubishi](#) will take \$500 off vehicles such as the [Outlander](#), the [Outlander](#), the [Outlander](#), the [Mirage](#), the [Mirage](#) and the [Eclipse Cross](#).

The military discount at [Subaru](#) might not be better in terms of the dollar amount, but it gives the company some advantages over other brands. For one, Subaru managed to list the Space Force in the offer terms so at least it's paying attention and not copying and pasting offer terms from several years ago. If you've recently separated from the military, Subaru also gives you two years instead of one to take advantage of military pricing.

[Tesla](#) now offers \$1,000 off the Model S, Model 3, Model X and Model Y (sorry, no Cybertruck discount) for service members, retirees, veterans and spouses. As with any electric vehicle, make sure you have access to fast, reliable charging before pulling the trigger on one.

Last but certainly not least, [Toyota](#) is another manufacturer that offers a \$500 military discount. Like the people at Subaru, though, they found other ways to stand out. The Toyota military discount is also available to service members, retirees, veterans within two years of leaving active duty, and household family members of all the above. That includes Gold Star families, which is really nice to see.

Get Military Discounts on Motorcycles and Riding Gear, Too! Service members in the U.S. military can save \$500 off the price of a new current-model-year [BMW](#) motorcycle. Right now, BMW is offering \$250 off new previous-model-year bikes, too. With everything from adventure bikes and touring motorcycles to the scorching-hot S 1000 RR on the menu, I'm sure you can find something worth throwing a leg over.

[Harley-Davidson](#) has always maintained a tight relationship with the military community. The Milwaukee manufacturer provided the U.S. military with [combat motorcycles](#) more than a hundred years ago. It supports veteran events such as [Rolling Thunder](#). Service members can also take advantage of military-only financing options, overseas purchasing assistance and free shipping to [Army Post Office \(APO\)](#), [Fleet Post Office \(FPO\)](#) and [Diplomatic Post Office \(DPO\)](#) addresses.

If you're on active duty, in the reserves, a veteran or part of a military family, you don't have to wait until Veterans Day to feel the love. Let the companies above show their appreciation with a military discount and tell them how much it helps; that way, the next generation of service members and their families can enjoy the same perks.

Michigan Military and Veteran Hall of Honor to Induct 2024 Class

Lansing, MI - September 5, 2024 - The Michigan Military and Veteran Hal of Honor will host its 2024 induction ceremony on Friday, October 25, at the Michigan History Museum in Lansing. This year's ceremony will honor six distinguished military service members and six veterans who have demonstrated exceptional civic and community contributions.

2024 Military Inductees:

Edgar Culbertston, Oliver Dillard, Michael Hanks, Andy Kubik, Karl Richter and Harry Stewart

2024 Veteran Inductees:

Michael Peck, Robert Secrist, Stephanie Shannon, Robert Smith, Guy Stern and Bruce McDonald

The induction ceremony is a momentous occasion that formally recognizes the remarkable service of Michiganders in the U.S. Armed Forces and the outstanding civic contributions of veterans within their communities. Invited dignitaries include the Governor of Michigan, the Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard, Michigan's US. Senators, and the Chair of the Michigan Military and Veterans Hall of honor Board of Directors.

The event will showcase banners commemorating each inductee, providing excellent photo opportunities for the media, visitors, inductees, and their families. Inductees or their surviving families will be presented with the specially designed Michigan Military and Veterans Hal of Honor Medal, a State of Michigan tribute document signed by key state officials, and congratulatory letters from Michigan's US. Senators.

About the Michigan Military and Veteran Hal of Honor

The Michigan Military and Veteran Hal of Honor recognizes Michigan's most distinguished service members and veterans for their remarkable service to our nation and their communities. The Hal of Honor serves as a lasting tribute to their courage, dedication, and sacrifice.

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Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, 3 October 2024 @ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm @ Piazzano's restaurant, 1825 N. Grand River Ave,
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CAC Mission Statement

Our mission is to support legislative and charitable initiatives at the local, state, and national levels to enhance our families, communities and country.

Support our Scholarship Program with a Kroger Card!!

We continue to increase our enrollment in the Kroger Community Rewards Program! Thank you for all of your support in signing up and shopping with Kroger. For those interested in beginning the program, our chapter non-profit organization number is: JR311, use this number when contacting Kroger for admission to the program and Kroger will donate a portion of your purchase to the CAC MOAA chapter scholarship fund.

Veterans Crisis Line

The Veterans Crisis Line connects veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can dial **988 and press 1**, or **send a text message to 838255** to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

Your local Capitol Area Chapter and National MOAA are nonpartisan groups representing all members regarding legislative issues and current events affecting you and your community! For more information regarding issues that affect you and your family members please use this link: <http://takeaction.moaa.org> or call (800) 234-6622/(703) 549-2311

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