Veteran Resources within Milwaukee and Five Points Neighborhood Association

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Objective (Mission Statement)

• “The mission of the Five-Points Neighbor Association is to organically develop and build the neighborhood that is consistently engaged in social, economically, and group action to empower, educate, improve the quality of life, and advocate for the residents of the 5PNA.”
Grover Heights

Boundaries
North: Milwaukee River at the Hampton Ave
South: Capital Dr.
West: I-43
East: Port Washington Rd
Williamsburg

Boundaries
North: Capital Dr.
South: Harambee Neighborhood
West: I-43
East: “Old Wisconsin & Southern Railroad”
Our Area of Operation

- North: Hampton Ave
- South: Keefe Ave
- West: Expressway
- East: 1st St
Research Questions

1. Where in the 5PNA is the highest concentration of military veterans?
2. In proximity to 5PNA, where are the most reliable veteran resources?
3. What types of veteran resources may be beneficial to the 5PNA?
Data & Resources

• **American Factfinder Census Bureau**
  • Sex by Age By Veteran Status For Civilian Population 18 Years or Older (2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates)
  • Percentage of Veteran within Block Groups

• **ReferenceUSA**
  • Found business data using SIC
  • Focused on veteran organizations/services

  **Additional local veteran service/organization data gathered via guides and internet searches**
Methodology

Gathering data
- Census data via American Factfinder
- Business data via ReferenceUSA
- Local veteran guides and internet searches

Cleaning data
- Calculating percentage of veterans
- Omitting unnecessary information

Joining data to map
- Census and business data to Milwaukee block groups

Analyzing data
- Symbolized percentage and types of veteran services
- Created kernel density to examine distribution of veteran resources
- SPSS to examine descriptive statistics and correlation
Descriptive Statistics

Correlation
There was no relationship between percentage of veterans and veteran resource density, \( r = 0.005 \), \( n = 668 \), \( p = 0.449 \).
These maps display the distribution of veterans within block groups in Milwaukee and within 5PNA using standard deviation.
Data collected: 5PNA Veteran Gathering, sponsored by Milwaukee Vet Center.
Recommended Veteran Resources within Milwaukee

Based off these criteria:
• Proximity to 5PNA
• Non-profit organizations
• Community-Based
• Veteran Needs
American Legion Post 18
- 750 N Lincoln Dr, Milwaukee WI 53202
- To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military, and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

VFW 2874
- 2600 W Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee WI 53233
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DryHootch (Brady)
- 1030 E Brady St, Milwaukee WI 53202
- Individual and peer-to-peer counseling
- Support groups for veterans suffering from
  - PTSD
  - Alcoholism
  - Drug addictions

DryHootch (VA)
- 4801 W National Ave Milwaukee WI 53214
Outreach Community Health
- 711 W Capitol Dr Milwaukee WI 53206
- Direct services include
  - Mental health
  - Case management for persons with severe and persistent mental illness
  - Persons with substance abuse issues
  - Persons with HIV/AIDS
  - Protective payee assistance
  - Prenatal care coordination
  - Transitional housing for families
Milwaukee Homeless Veteran Initiative

- 6300 W National Ave Milwaukee WI 53214

Milwaukee Veteran Stand Down

- 4108 N Richards St Milwaukee WI 53211
- Dedicated to providing homeless Veterans and their families a daylong respite from the streets and a real opportunity to put their lives back together.
Legal Action Milwaukee
• 230 W Wells St Milwaukee WI 53203
• Help end veteran homelessness by
  • Getting and keeping the Vet and the family into permanent, stable housing.

Milwaukee Veteran Service Office
• 6419 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214
• Covering a broad spectrum of services from
  • Loans
  • Death benefits
  • Education
  • Retraining grants
  • Assistance in obtaining military records, and more
Goodwill

- 3900 Palmer St, Milwaukee, WI 53212
- Operation GoodJobs

Riverwest Food Pantry

- 924 E Clarke St Milwaukee WI 53212
- Part of the Hunger Task Force Network and serve the following Milwaukee zip codes – 53202, 53203, 53211, 53212, and 53217.

YWCA Southeast Wisconsin Job Center

- 1915 N. Doctor Martin Luther King Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53212
Findings

- Moderate percentage of veterans within 5PNA, more concentrated north of 5PNA
- Based on our recommendations, the most reliable veteran resources are concentrated to the south of 5PNA and near the VA Hospital
- From our findings, veterans within 5PNA are most in needed of legal aid and mental health services
Limitations

- Unit of analysis issue
  - Lack of block census data, forced to use block group as unit of analysis
  - Cannot make inference on block level
- Veteran data access
  - Government privacy laws
- Gathering individual veteran data
  - Residents reluctant to give information
Milwaukee Vet Center
• 7910 N 76th St Milwaukee WI 53223

Center for Veteran Issues
• 315 W Court St Milwaukee WI 53212
Center for Veteran Issues “CVI”

- Provides services to recently discharged veterans, disabled veterans, and veterans having a hard time finding a job. Services include military to civilian occupation skills translation for resumes; vocational assessment and career counseling to assist veterans in the transition from military to civilian careers; identification of military skills and training to obtain civilian occupations through licensing and re-credentialing; identification of specialized educational needs and financial planning assistance; and peer-to-peer supportive services.

- Homelessness is the primary condition that brings veterans to CVI. Helps veterans get at the underlying causes on the road to independence and self-sufficiency. Think of CVI as a safe harbor on your journey toward life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. CVI operates transitional and permanent housing facilities across Wisconsin.

- Assign you to a caseworker who will help you tap-in to disability benefits. We provide transport and assistance to and from the center for our veterans on a daily basis.

- CVI helps those afflicted with PTSD re-establish a feeling of control over their lives through innovative initiatives like our Organic Therapy Program. Gardening rewards control, particularly self-control, plus it breeds success.
Veteran Center “Vet Center”

- Individual and group counseling for Veterans, Service members, and their families
- Family counseling for military related issues
- Bereavement (grief) counseling
- Military sexual trauma counseling and referral
- Community outreach and education
- Substance abuse assessment and referral
- Employment referral
- Referral of other VA services
Veteran Assistant Hospital “VA”

- Implements the healthcare program of the VA through the administration and operation of numerous VA Medical Centers (VAMC), Outpatient Clinics (OPC), Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC), and VA Community Living Centers (VA Nursing Home) Programs.
- Mental health has been on a rise every year
- PTSD has been one a main issue since the start of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars
- Implemented more woman centered programs, due to the rise of women veterans