



# NGAM National Guard Association of Michigan

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To: NGAM Membership, NGAM Annual Meeting

From: Veterans Support Grant Committee

NGAM General Membership,

FY 22 was the second year in a row we saw record breaking numbers for the NGAM Veterans Support Grant. Our machines generated over 17 million plays this year and had \$27M in sales. That is an increase of 4 million plays and \$6 million in sales. In all, the VSG Machines awarded \$25 million dollars in prize money. For the first year in our existence, we generated over \$1M into the general fund for the state, and \$700K for our partnered VSO's and fraternal organizations.

In FY 22, we crossed the \$2M mark in support for veterans, having awarded **\$449,512.38 to 31 applicants**. This year we helped with new roofs, new windows, structural issues, plumbing issues, paid off multiple debts of forbearance, and helped families stay on their feet with bills during periods of financial uncertainty.

Our partnership with Habitat for Humanity continues to be a shining example of success for what organizations can do together. Thanks to the Veterans Support Grant, Habitat for Humanity Michigan was named the #1 state in the nation for Veterans Home Repairs. Working together to match funds, NGAM and Habitat for Humanity were able to keep veterans in their homes and off the streets. Habitat for Humanity Detroit had 4 veteran families this year that would have lost their homes if it had not been for the Support of NGAM.

So far in 2023, we have awarded **16 applicants** a total of **\$290,129.20**

We did see more change this year with the Lottery Commission. We now have a long-term contract in place, keeping the program in existence for the next 5 years. In the past, the partnership was renewed on a yearly basis. We did lose one of our locations this year, but the lottery commission relocated those machines into establishments that had been high producing locations. We saw multiple machines change from \$1 games to \$2 games this year and have the promise to update some of the games and video graphics over the next year.

NGAM Veterans Support Grant Committee Chair