

DAV in Flint for veterans with poisoned water

Hundreds of veterans severely affected by the Flint, Mich., water crisis have received direct help from DAV via the organization's disaster relief program.

After Flint changed its water source from treated Detroit Water and Sewerage Department water to the Flint River water, the drinking water for the people of Flint became contaminated with unsafe levels of lead, creating a serious public health danger. The corrosive Flint River water caused lead from aging pipes to leach into the water supply, causing dangerously elevated levels of the heavy metal.

According to multiple news reports, between 6,000 and 12,000 children have been exposed to drinking water in Flint with high levels of lead. The contamination has significantly impacted the entire region, including many veterans and their families.

In response to the crisis, national services officers from Detroit quickly joined forces with the DAV Department of Michigan and Chapter 3 in Burton, to help. Loads of bottles of water were brought in to help.

Those interested in helping provide relief and veterans in Flint seeking additional information should visit the DAV Department of Michigan online at www.mi-dav.org/.

More information on DAV's Disaster Relief program can be found at

<https://www.dav.org/veterans/outreach-programs/disaster-relief/>.