

CRAIN'S 2020 NOTABLE VETERANS

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Chris Brown

Veteran Navigator, Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network

Rank and branch of service: Specialist, U.S. Army
Latest degree earned: Master of Social Work, University of Michigan

Prior to pursuing a career in social work, Chris Brown served as a platoon leader and tank recovery vehicle driver for the 3rd Infantry in Germany and Texas.

Now he serves as one of 19 Veteran Navigators for the state of Michigan. Brown helps veterans get the mental health treatment, food, education, and income and employment assistance they need. He also educates veterans and the general community on symptoms related to post-traumatic stress disorder, trauma and other mental health issues.

“Chris Brown exemplifies the word ‘hero’ both in his prior service to our nation and now in his service to his community. He is able to identify veterans who are in need ... and submits comprehensive data every quarter for our Veteran Navigator project,” said Brian Webb, veteran liaison and department analyst for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Leaders wear many uniforms. The veterans featured in this section have distinguished themselves on the battlefield and in the boardroom, applying the skills they learned in service to our country to the organizations where they now work. And while they’ve earned honors in the military and laurels in their careers, these veterans may be most notable for what they’ve given back to their communities and how they’ve helped other veterans transition to civilian life and forge their own paths of success in business and beyond.

METHODOLOGY: The people featured in this Notable Veterans report were selected by a team of Crain’s Detroit Business editors based on their career accomplishments, track record of success in the field, contributions to their community and mentorship of others.

