

Household/Waste  
Collection

Farm City  
Dinner

Clothing Allowance



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*Shiawassee County*

**Veteran** *News*

*Welcome...*

Vet Affairs Monthly Newsletter by Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs & Services.

Each month look for information and current events to keep you updated. All monthly newsletters will be available online and in our office. Sign up at [vetaffairs@shiawassee.net](mailto:vetaffairs@shiawassee.net) to receive monthly newsletter via email.



### Calendar of Events:

- April 13 Council On Aging Speaking Event/11am
- April 20 Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Meeting/10am
- April 20 Veterans Affairs Relief Fund Meeting/3pm
- April 26-29 SCVA Service Officers out of office for Spring Training



### Household Hazardous Waste Collection SCHD



Saturday, April 9, 2016  
9:00am to 1:00pm  
at



Roosevelt Row in Downtown Laingsburg, MI

**Dispose of any household item that contains TOXIC, FLAMMABLE, CORROSIVE, or REACTIVE material.**

**Acceptable Items Include:**

- Oil-based paints and varnishes
- Wood Preservatives
- Cleaning Solvents
- Pesticides and weed killers
- Household batteries
- Oven Cleaners
- Mothballs
- Transmission fluid and antifreeze
- Pressurized cans
- Metallic mercury (thermometers & fluorescent bulbs)
- Lead (found in shot and sinkers)

**Handling and Transportation of Materials:**

- Put closed containers in boxes and place in trunk of car
- Do not mix materials
- Do not carry boxes or containers in your lap
- Staff will remove the material from your trunk when you arrive at the facility
- you will not even need to leave your car
- Licensed haulers will be contracted to transport the material to the recycled, reused, or disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner

**Items NOT Accepted:**

- Latex paint
- Used motor oil
- Explosives
- Tires
- Smoke Detectors

For more information, contact the [Shiawassee County Health Department Environmental Health Division](http://health.shiawassee.net/) (989)743-2390

### Contact Us:

201 N. Shiawassee St.  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Surbeck Building  
Corunna, MI 48817  
Phone: (989)743-2231  
Fax: (989)743-2393  
[vetaffairs@shiawassee.net](mailto:vetaffairs@shiawassee.net)

# Please Join Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services & Heart To Heart Hospice

**April 13, 2016**  
**11:00am to 12:00pm**



**FREE**



- In-Service presentation on VA Benefits for Help with Long-Term Care Costs
- On sight VA Accredited Benefit Counselor ready to answer all questions on VA benefits

Hosted By:

Shiawassee Council on Aging-Owosso Senior Center  
300 N. Washington St.  
Owosso, MI 48867

If you would like to stay for lunch after the program, please call Owosso Senior Center at (989)723-8875 to RSVP

## Have **FREE** Smoke Alarms Installed in Your Home



The American Red Cross has launched the American Red Cross Home Fire Preparedness Campaign and is partnering with local Fire Departments to help families be better prepared for, and take important steps to prevent home fires.

Contact The Red Cross to make an appointment: (989)743-6118

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am -4:00pm

Please include the following information: name, address, phone number, best time to reach you, and number of smoke alarms you currently have.

For more information visit:

[www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/home-fire](http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/home-fire)



## 2016 Clothing Allowance

Veterans who have unique clothing needs as a result of a service related disability or injury may receive a supplement to their disability compensation. The clothing allowance reimburses you if your clothing gets permanently damaged by a prosthetic or orthopedic appliance you wear, or by a prescribed medication you use on your skin. If eligible, you can receive a one time or yearly allowance for reimbursement.

You may receive a clothing allowance as a Veteran who uses either of the following:

- Prosthetic or orthopedic appliance, such as a wheelchair or crutches, because of a service-connected disability (Note: soft and flexible devices, such as an elastic stocking, are not included)
- Medication prescribed by a physician for a service connected skin condition that causes permanent stains or otherwise damages outer garments

Additional clothing allowances may be provided if more than one prosthetic or orthopedic appliance, or medication described above, is used and/or affects more than one type of clothing garment.

To receive annual payment, you must establish eligibility by August 1 of the year for which you claim payment. Current clothing allowance for 2016 is \$777.29.



To apply contact the Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services at (989)743-2231 for an appointment with a VSO.



## FREE Audio Magazine

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### April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

- Veterans can receive free treatment for mental and physical health conditions related to their experiences of MST at every VA medical facility. Veterans do not need to have documentation of their experiences and may be able to receive care even if they are not eligible for other VA services
- Veterans can apply for disability compensation for any current difficulties that are related to their service, including difficulties related to MST.



### RED ROOF INN

3621 Plymouth Rd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

The Red Roof Inn provides a free shuttle service for their guests to area hospitals Monday-Friday 6:30am to 6:30pm.

#### Free Shuttle Service to Area Hospitals

- Kellogg Eye Center
- **Veteran's Hospital**
- St. Joe's/McCauley Center/Mission Health
- University of Michigan Hospital

## GREAT LAKES NATIONAL CEMETERY - HONORING VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

On Saturday, April 2, 2016 the Great Lakes National Cemetery will hold a Commemorative Service to honor all Vietnam Era Veterans 1959-1975. The Service will begin at 11 am at the performance area.

The service is free and open to the public. All veterans are welcome to attend. There is seating. The service will consist of the posting of colors, invocation, pledge, National Anthem, welcome, introductions, tributes, speakers, several songs, placing of the wreaths, rifle salute, and taps. Special Commemorative lapel pins will be presented. The speakers for the service are veterans John H. Riling and Ina J. Golden.

Ina J. Golden, US Navy Veteran from 1972-1975, who served stateside and Italy as a Corpsman. While serving at Great Lakes Naval station Ina was assigned to work with two POW Navy Pilots helping them get reoriented. She is a registered nurse. In 2011, Ina was Guardian on a "Pride and Honor Flight" to Washington, D.C. She continues to work in the medical field at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc.

John H. Riling, US Army Veteran 1968-1971, served with the Military Police in Vietnam. John is currently the president of the Vietnam Veterans Of America Michigan State Council. He has held numerous positions with the State Council and is involved in a variety of activities with veterans Affairs. John is best known for being the product sales person for the State Council helping to raise much needed funds for Council activity.

Weather permitting, there will be a display from Michigan's Military and Space Museum located in Frankenmuth. This museum is dedicated to preserving the history and memories of Michigan's Heroes.

From 1964-1975 over 9,087,000 Americans served in the Armed Forces. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial begins with 1959 through 1975. Using that time frame you could add several million more Americans who served. All stood the post defending our country and keeping the peace. Americans served in over 100 countries around the world during the Vietnam War.

Many Americans served in Europe facing the communists from the east. While it wasn't an actual shooting war, it was dangerous nonetheless.

The first internments at Great Lakes National Cemetery were in 2005 and the Cemetery continues to be one of the fastest growing National Cemeteries with over 29,000 burials.

The Great Lakes National Cemetery is located at 4200 Belford Rd, Holly MI 48442. For information about benefits, the Cemetery, or upcoming event, call 248-328-0386. The volunteer event coordinator for this service is Joe Mishler who can be reached at 810-348-9960, or [jmm1967@comcast.net](mailto:jmm1967@comcast.net). 2/22/2016, Holly MI, JMM



## The American Legion Owosso Post #57

The American Legion meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm.

Poker room Thursday thru Sunday 5:00pm to close

Monday-Burger's	4pm-8pm
Tuesday-Coney's	4pm-8pm
Friday-Taco's	4pm-8pm

The American Legion  
201 E. Mason St.  
Owosso, MI 48867  
Phone: (989)723-1382

THE AMERICAN LEGION



## AMVETS-Durand Post #2273

The AMVETS in Durand meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm.

April 10th- Pancake Breakfast \$6.00  
9am-Noon  
(Sponsored by Riders of 2273)

Saturdays-Burgers, Hot Dogs, Fries 4pm  
-7pm  
(\$4.00-\$7.00)  
(Sponsored by AMVETS)

M-71 Hwy Clean-up  
From AMVETS Post to Corunna City Limits-  
Spring 2016-call post for details!!

AMVETS  
8495 E. M-71  
Durand, MI 48429  
Phone: (989)288-3655



## What To Share Your Upcoming Events???

If a service organization would like to share their upcoming information and/or events in the Vet Affairs Newsletter, please fill out an event information form with the details. The Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services office must receive the completed form by the 15th of each month. This allows adequate time to have your information published in the next month's newsletter. You can obtain an event information form by contacting our office and requesting a form. Once the form is completed you may mail, email, or fax the form to the office.

If you have any questions please call Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services (989)743-2231.

*Thank you!*



## Marine Corps League Harold R. Cooley #841

The Marine Corps League meets the second Wednesday of every month at The American Legion Post #57 located at 201 E. Mason St., Owosso, MI 48867. Meetings are held at 7:00pm.

April 13-Meeting at the American Legion Hall Owosso at 6:00pm (social hour) 7:00pm (meeting)

We meet for coffee EVERY Friday at Hardee's in Owosso at 8am. Please join us!

Election of new officers at April meeting/  
installation at May meeting



## Chesaning American Legion Post #212

The American Legion meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm.

April 3 - Monthly Breakfast  
7:30am-11:30am

Children \$4.00-Adults \$8.00  
(Children 5 and under free)

Sponsored by American Legion Post #212

May 1- Monthly Breakfast  
7:30am-11:30am

Children \$4.00-Adults \$8.00  
(Children 5 and under free)

Sponsored by American Legion Post #212

Chesaning American Legion  
15053 McKeighan Rd.  
PO Box 521  
Chesaning, MI 48616 Phone:  
(989)845-3300



## Veterans of Foreign War - Owosso Post #9455

The VFW in Owosso meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm.

April 1-Spaghetti Dinner-Benefit Justin Spencer's Eagle Project 4:30pm-7:30pm

April 2- Benefit Breakfast for Mike & Julie Horak 9:00am-Noon  
(lost everything in a fire on 3/1/16)

April 4-Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm

April 12-Mens Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm

April 19-VFW Post Meeting 7:30pm (annual elections)

April 24-Euchre Tournament 2:00pm  
(Benefits to Camp Trotter for Children)

VFW  
519 S. Chipman St.  
Owosso, MI 48867  
Phone:(989)723-8655





## Unused Prescription & Drug Dropoff Program

### Where and when to drop off?

1. **Corunna-Shiawassee County Sheriff Department-Lobby** (201 E. McArthur St, every day , all day)
2. **Durand-City Hall-Lobby** (215 W. Clinton St., Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm)
3. **Owosso-Public Safety Department-Lobby** (202 S. Water St., every day, all day)
4. **Perry-City Hall-Lobby** (203 W. Polly St., Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm)



### What can be disposed of?

1. All pills, loose or in bottles
2. No liquids-However, you may pour the liquid medication onto paper towels, let them air dry, seal them in a plastic bag and then they can be put into the RED BARREL
3. No inhalers and no syringes



## Shiawassee Martial Arts Center

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204 W. Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867  
[www.shiawassemartialarts.com](http://www.shiawassemartialarts.com)

## Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services Office Staff

### Jerilyn Strein – Director

Mrs. Strein has been employed with the Veterans Affairs and Services department since 2010. She became director in 2012. Jerilyn is an affiliate member of the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers along with the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors. As a national accredited service officer, by law, she has the authorization to assist in the preparation and presentation of a claim for VA benefits. (38 U.S.C. 14.629). Additionally, Mrs. Strein has clearance to access the federal VA Claims system.

### Accreditations:

- National Association of County Veterans Service Officers
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Military of Purple Heart
- American Legion
- Disabled American Veterans

### Carrie Burns – Benefit Counselor (Veterans Service Officer)

Ms. Burns, a marine who served in Iraq, became employed with the Veterans Affairs and Services Department in 2014. She is an affiliate member of the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers along with the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors. Carrie has obtained the necessary training to be nationally accredited and has access to the federal VA claims system.

### Accreditations:

- National Association of County Veterans Service Officers
- Disabled American Veterans
- Marine Corps League
- Military Order of Purple Heart
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Vietnam Veterans of America

### Casey Wilder – Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Wilder has been employed with the Veterans Affairs and Service Department since 2013. She is an agent for the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and specializes in Emergency Assistance Grants.



Hug a veteran today. Then go crazy and hug another, and another, and another...



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[www.ConsumersEnergy.com/careers](http://www.ConsumersEnergy.com/careers)