

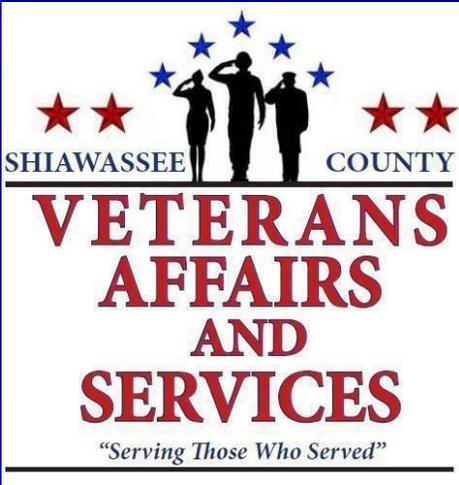
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Serving Those Who Served

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 to receive monthly newsletter via email.



What are the Agent Orange Presumptive Conditions and what does it mean to me?

VA Assumes that certain diseases can be related to a Veteran's qualifying military service. We call these "presumptive diseases."

VA has recognized certain cancers and other health problems presumptive diseases associated with exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides ([/exposures/agentorange/locations/index.asp](#)) during military service. Veterans and their survivors may be eligible for benefits for the following diseases:

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| AL Amyloidosis | Parkinson's Disease |
| Chronic B-cell Leukemias | Peripheral Neuropathy, Early-Onset |
| Chloracne | Porphyria Cutanea Tarda Prostate |
| Diabetes Mellitus Type 2 | Cancer |
| Hodgkin's Disease Ischemic | Respiratory Cancers |
| Heart Disease Multiple | Soft Tissue Sarcomas (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma) |
| Myeloma | |
| Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma | |

If you feel you may have a condition caused by Agent Orange or have questions please contact your local Veterans Affairs office. Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services, Veterans Service Officers are here to assist you, call (989)743-2231

Calendar of Events:

- October 1-10 Consideration of VA's Proposed Rule- Water Supply at Camp Lejeune-public comment go to www.regulations.gov
- October 10 Columbus Day/office is closed
- October 19 Michigan Veteran Trust Fund Meeting/1pm
- October 26 Veteran Relief Fund Meeting/3pm
- October 31 Halloween

Contact Us:

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3rd floor, Surbeck Building
Corunna, MI 48817
Phone: (989)743-2231
Fax: (989)743-2393
vetaffairs@shiawassee.net

Transportation

Information about how to request a ride.

Once a new passenger information packet is complete Veterans may call the transportation coordinator at (989)743-2346 to schedule a ride as long as they are a Shiawassee County Veteran. Rides are scheduled on a first come first serve basis. If the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) van is in use the day off the appointment, an alternative ride may be scheduled to take the Veteran to his/her appointment.

Summary of Benefits Letter

The summary of benefits letter shows the benefits you currently receive from the Department of Veterans Affairs. This letter is provided by the VA and you will need to request a copy from the VA Regional Office for your records. Veterans applying for the following may want to request this letter:

- Housing entitlements
- Free or reduced state park annual memberships
- State or local property relief
- Vehicle tax relief
- Civil service preference

Click on the following link to view an example of the Summary Benefit Letter

[nd.gov/veterans/files/resource/Annual%20VA%20letter%20IU.pdf](https://www.va.gov/veterans/files/resource/Annual%20VA%20letter%20IU.pdf)

The summary of benefits letter will also include military information and detailed VA benefit information. If you need a letter showing the amount you receive you can request an amount Letter (income verification) or if you only need a letter showing the percentage you can request an percentage letter (percentage verification).

TO REQUEST A SUMMARY OF BENEFITS LETTER OR AMOUNTS LETTER OR PERCENTAGE LETTER YOU CAN:

CALL: VETERANS AFFAIRS REGIONAL OFFICE 800-827-1000 OR
ONLINE: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>

Rotating Shelter...

Stay Warm this Winter

Please help get the word out about the rotating shelter!



Walls of Warmth (WOW) is a rotating homeless shelter in Shiawassee County and provides immediate, temporary housing to homeless individuals and families of all social and cultural identities. Beginning November 13, 2016 through April 15, 2017 anyone who is homeless can check in at WOW Welcome Center and have a warm place for the night.

- 4:30-5:45pm** Check in at WOW Welcome Center
208 W. Main St., Owosso-Hope Vineyard Church
Transportation provided to rotating shelter
- 6:00-10:00pm** Provided: dinner, bed with linens, toiletries
Social Hour-games, movies, etc.
Lights Out: 10:00pm
- 7:00am** Breakfast Provided
- 7:45am** Depart Rotating Shelter Location
Transportation provided
- 8:00am** Arrive at Salvation Army Warming Center
302 E. Exchange St., Owosso





U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Fact Sheet

Office of Public Affairs
Media Relations

Washington, DC
20420 (202) 461-7600
www.va.gov

September 9, 2016

VA's Proposed Rule to Consider Certain Diseases Associated with Exposure to Contaminants in the Water Supply at Camp Lejeune as Presumptive for Service Connection

As part of VA's ongoing commitment to provide care to Veterans and their families, the Department of Veterans Affairs today proposed to amend its regulations to establish presumption of service connection for eight conditions associated with exposure to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune.

Based on evidence from several internationally recognized scientific authorities, including the National Academies of Sciences, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has decided there is sufficient scientific and medical evidence available to establish a presumption of connection between exposure to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune and the occurrence of eight health conditions, as recommended by the VA Technical Workgroup (TWG).

The proposed eight presumptive diseases are:

- adult leukemia
- aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes
- bladder cancer
- kidney cancer
- liver cancer
- multiple myeloma
- non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Parkinson's disease

VA will not limit entitlement to active duty military personnel. Rather, VA proposes to presume exposure for all active duty, reserve and National Guard personnel who served at Camp Lejeune for no less than 30 cumulative days from August 1, 1953, through December 31, 1987.

In addition, VA proposes to establish a presumption that individuals who served at Camp Lejeune during this period and later developed one of the presumptive diseases were disabled during the relevant period of service, thus establishing active military service for benefit purposes.

VA evaluates each Camp Lejeune claim based on its individual merits. Presumptive service connection for a disease alleged to have been caused by contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune requires medical evidence of a current disease on the presumptive list and evidence by official military records of no less than 30 days of service at Camp Lejeune during the period of contamination. Veterans meeting these criteria should file a VA Form 21-526EZ

with information showing that they have a current diagnosis and their service information. Veterans Service Organizations can help Veterans file for benefits, or they can file a claim electronically through eBenefits. Indicate on your form that your claim is presumptive due to service at Camp Lejeune.

VA acknowledges that current science establishes a link between exposure to certain chemicals found in the water supply at Camp Lejeune and later development of one of the proposed presumptive conditions. However, VA experts agree that there is no scientific underpinning to support a specific minimum exposure level for any of the conditions. Therefore, VA welcomes comments on the 30-day minimum service requirement and will consider other practical alternatives when drafting the final rule. VA also notes that the proposed 30-day requirement serves to establish eligibility for service connection on a presumptive basis; nothing in this proposed regulation prohibits consideration of service connection on a non-presumptive basis.

For more information go to www.regulations.gov. The 30 day public comment period will be open until Oct. 10, 2016.

The American Legion Elsie Post #502

220 S. Ovid St., Elsie 48831

Speciall 2 Day Bingo 1pm-6pm
October 7th & 8th \$\$25 per card

Old Time County Music Jamboree
2nd Wednesday off every month
6pm-9pm
\$\$2.00 at the door

To Support the Elsie Area Food Bank
Elsie's Free Fall Festival

This is an acoustic musical and other
instruments, played by individuals from the
CentrallMichigan area. Doors open at
55:30pm. We have a dance area for those
that are not wanting to sit and listen.

THE AMERICAN LEGION 

The American Legion Laingsburg Post 248

1240 E. Grand River Rd., Laingsburg 48848

Car Show

At the American Legion
Post 24848
October 15th
1pm-5pm

CCost:: Donation

CCome out and join us!

THE AMERICAN LEGION 

Veterans of Foreign War

Owosso Post #9455

519 S. Chipman St., Owosso 48867

Breakfast
Sundays 8am-12 noon

Euchre Tournament
October 23rd 2pm
\$10.00
Sponsored by VFW Auxiliary

Every Thursday Euchre-5:30pm

Meat Raffle 1 ticket-\$5 or 3 tickets-\$10

Gun Raffle tickets \$5



Pheasant Hunt

This one will not be a walking pheasant but instead, there will be bunkers and a tower, not sure if we got to that or not. Veterans will need to bring \$20 for bullets. Besides that the event is free.

See Attached Flyer for more information.



ARE YOU A VETERAN!!!



We are looking for 30 veterans to participate in Pheasant Hunt 2016.

Date: October 30, 2016

Time: 8:30-12:00

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!!

Contact Adam Obanjoko

Email:

obanjoko@micounties.org

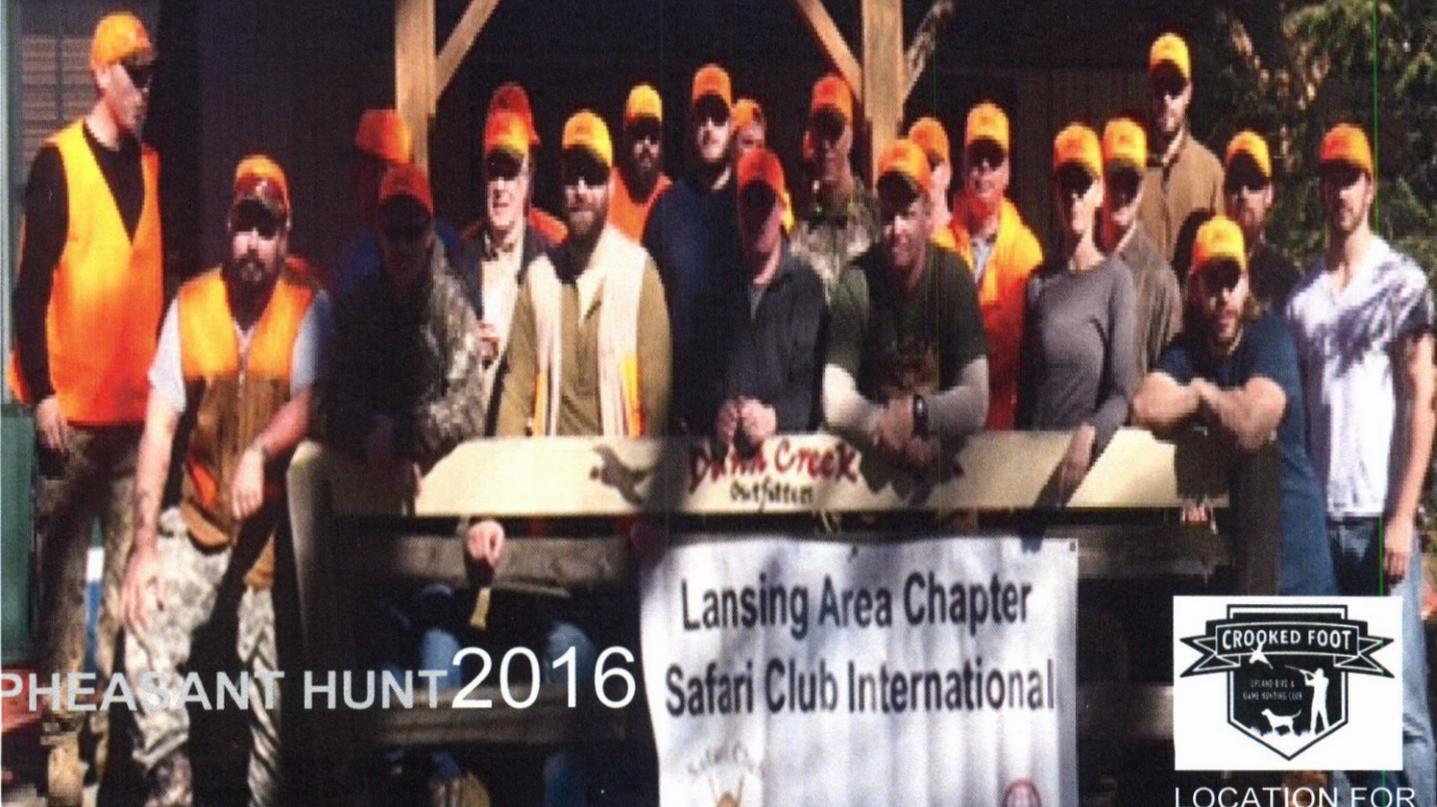
Phone:

313-883-9377

Lansing Area Chapter

Safari Club International

would like to thank Veterans with a complimentary hunt for their service!!



PHEASANT HUNT 2016



LOCATION FOR PHEASANT HUNT 2016:
CROOKED FOOT
7303 S. DELANEY RD.
OWOSSO, MI 48867
989-723-9823

