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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 to receive monthly newsletter via email.



Calendar of Events:

- November 8 Election Day
- November 11 **Veteran's Day/Office Closed**
- November 11 **Veteran's Day Parade/Perry-7pm**
- November 16 Michigan Veteran Trust Fund Meeting/1pm
- November 22 Veteran Relief Fund Meeting/3pm
- November 24 **Thanksgiving Day/Office Closed**
- November 25 **Office Closed**
- November 28 Shiawassee Region Veterans Council Meeting/6pm



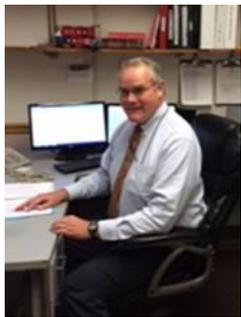
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Your Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services TEAM

Thank you to all you Veterans for your service and we look forward to serving you in the future!



William Archer is retired Army Major of Michigan National Guard and former Marine Sergeant. Archer has been working with and serving Veterans since graduating Owosso High School.

Archer served as a subject matter expert on military technician compatibility issues and provide guidance to supervisors and managers of military technician assignments. Practical knowledge of all areas within the Human Resource Office to include; Employee Relations, Worker's Compensation, Retirements, Classifications, Labor Relations, Equal Employment Opportunity and Staffing.

Responsible for supervision of staff, budgeting issues, short and long term planning and overall decision making for Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs Office.

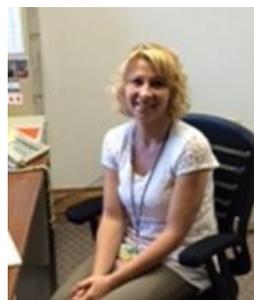
Director: William Archer
(989)743-2636

Martha Wilber is the daughter of Vietnam Veteran, married into a Michigan National Guard family (both her husband and father-in-law were members of the Guard). She continued her service to our country and the Veterans, spouse and dependents of veterans while working for the MSU Extension for over 13 years in Clinton County in the zero to 8 early child development programs. Working Housing Service Mid-Michigan covering both Clinton & Eaton counties.

As a Shiawassee County Veterans Services Officer act as liaison for the veterans and their families in obtaining benefits from the DVA (Department of Veterans Affairs). She assists veterans in filing service-connected disability claims with the DVA and assists veterans and their families in obtaining benefits relative to Aid and Attendant, education and burial benefits.



New Veterans Services Officer: Martha Wilber
(989) 743-2637



Casey Wilder is the granddaughter of a WWII Veteran. 2013 graduate with honors, Magna Cum Laude of Baker College Owosso and awarded Associates of Business Degree. She has lived in Shiawassee County area for most of her life; married 13 years with 3 wonderful children.

Her goal is to provide administrative support to ensure the efficient operation of the office. The administrative duties include preparing forms, maintaining filing systems, month and year end reports, prepare vouchers for payment, prepare and modify documents, organize and schedule meetings, minutes, data entry, order office supplies and other related functions. She assists walk in visitors, answer incoming calls, schedule appointments, and order veterans records.

Casey assists veterans and their dependents (widowed spouses and minor children) with their emergency needs such as housing, food, utilities, and other needs. Assists in the preparation and completion of applications requesting financial assistance and presents the applications to the Veterans Affairs Committee and/or the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Committee. She works with the applicants to let them know about other resources that are available in and out of the county. She also works with homeless veterans and discusses the available options such as homeless shelters, SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) grant, and the HUD-VASH (Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supported Housing) vouchers, that they may be eligible for. She works with the veteran and other agencies to assist the veteran in obtaining permanent housing.

Administrative Assistant:
Casey Wilder
(989) 743-2638

Noah Woodbury is the grandson of a Veteran; he and his wife of 15 years live in Shiawassee County and have 4 children. Woodbury is a coach for the Owosso Youth Football.

Noah Woodbury schedules and coordinates transportation to and from VA medical appointments for Shiawassee County Veterans that request our services. He maintains the volunteer driver schedule to make sure the month is covered for all rides, and fills in personally if no volunteer driver is available. He prepares monthly reports for the Saginaw VA office on the use and expenses of the DAV van. Noah also assists with various office tasks.



Transportation Coordinator:
Noah Woodbury
(989) 743-2346

Shiawassee County Veterans Day Parade

Friday, November 11th
City of Perry at 7pm

Parade step-off at 7pm and proceed west on Keeney St. to the Main St. (M-52) intersection and south to Bath Rd., about a three quarter mile.



We will see you there!!!

Consumers Energy CARE Program

Do you need help
paying your monthly
energy bill?



Enroll in Consumers Energy CARE 4.0, a reduced bill payment plan.

From November 1, 2016-March 31, 2017, you pay 50% of your energy charges and Consumers Energy pays 50%.

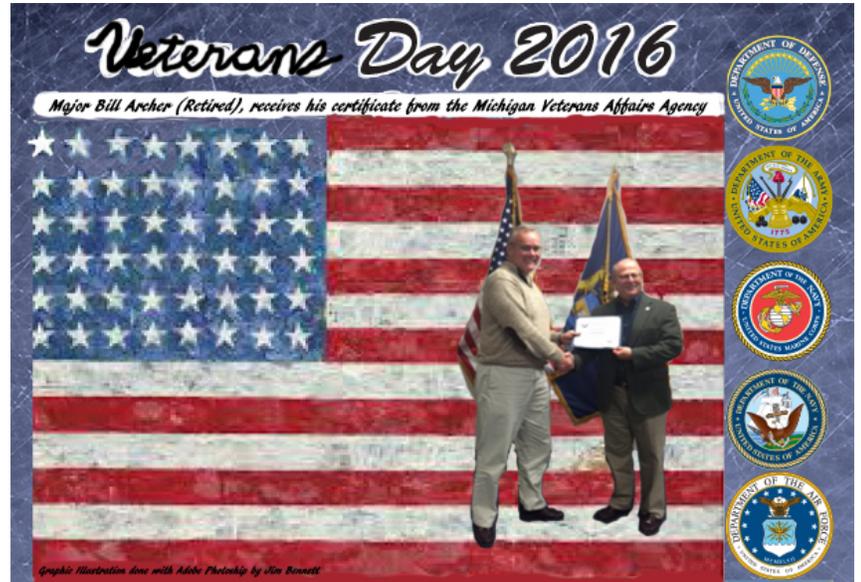
From April 1, 2017-September 30, 2017, you pay 70% of your energy charges, and Consumers Energy pays 30%.

Find out if you are eligible for the CARE program, go to www.consumersenergy.com/care and apply Online. You may print the application and mail or fax the application to Consumers Energy.

If you have questions about completing the applicaiton contact 1-844-220-6098.



MVAA Accreditation Training Graduation Photos Congrats Martha and Bill



**Martha congrats on
completing national
accreditation training**

Help for the Holiday

Do you need help with Christmas
for your family?



If you are in need of some help with Christmas please stop in and see a TEAM member or call (989)743-2231 to speak with a Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services TEAM member for more information about how you may receive help with Christmas for your children and/or grandchildren this holiday season.

This document explains what the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) can do for you if you ever need emergency care. When it is not possible for you to go to a VA Medical Center (VAMC), you should go to the nearest hospital that has an emergency room (ER). If you are in an ambulance, the paramedics will usually take you to the closest emergency room.

What is an emergency?

A medical emergency is an injury or illness so severe that without immediate treatment, it threatens your life or health. Your situation is an emergency if you believe your life or health is in danger. If you believe your life or health is in danger, call 911 or go to the nearest ER right away. You *do not* need to call the VA before calling for an ambulance or going to an emergency room.

When should I contact the VA regarding an ER visit?

You, your family, friends or hospital staff should contact the nearest VAMC as soon as possible, preferably within 72 hours of your emergency, so you are better aware of what services VA may or may not cover. Provide VA with information about your emergency and what services are being provided to you. Ask VA for guidance on what emergency charges are covered, so you can plan accordingly.

If the doctor then wants to admit me to the hospital, must I obtain advance approval from the VA?

If the admission is an emergency, advance approval is not required although prompt notification to the VA is necessary (within 72 hours). If the admission is *not* an emergency, then you must obtain advance approval from the VA.

Will I have to pay for transportation to a VA facility?

VA will assist with transportation arrangements and may be able to pay for such expenses. Contact the nearest VA Medical Center for guidelines.

If a VA bed is available and I can be safely transferred, do I have to move to the VA hospital?

Yes, if you want VA to continue to pay for your care. If you refuse to be transferred, VA will not pay for any further care.

If I am admitted to the hospital as a result of an emergency, how much will VA pay?

Depending on your VA eligibility, VA may pay all, some or none of the charges. Some highlights are listed in the next column, and you may ask your local VA Medical Center's Non-VA Medical Care Office for further eligibility guidance.

For service-connected conditions, some of the criteria that must be met are:

- Care or services were provided in a medical emergency, *AND*
- VA or another federal facility were not feasibly available, *AND*
- VA was notified within 72 hours of the admission.

For nonservice-connected conditions, some of the criteria that must be met are:

- Veteran is enrolled in the VA health care system, *AND*
- Veteran has received health care services from VA within the previous 24 months, *AND*
- Veteran has no other health insurance coverage.

How do I know if I have a service-connected condition?

A service-connected condition refers to an illness or injury that was incurred during or aggravated by military service, and has a rating assigned by the Veterans Benefits Administration.

How long do I have to file a claim for reimbursement for emergency medical care?

File your claim with the nearest VAMC quickly because time limits usually apply. For nonservice-connected care, the time limit is 90 days. Again, consult your local VA Medical Center for more information.

Will VA pay for emergency care received outside the United States?

VA will only pay for emergency care outside the U.S. if your emergency is related to a service-connected condition. For more information about care provided outside the U.S., contact the Foreign Medical Program at 1-877-345-8179, or visit the website at <http://www.va.gov/purchasedcare/>.

How do I get more information?

Visit the Chief Business Office Purchased Care website at <http://www.va.gov/purchasedcare/> for more information on non-VA emergency care.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT?



If you are a veteran or widow/dependent of a veteran in need of medical equipment such as a wheel chair, cane, walker or other medical equipment please contact Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services at (989)743-2231 or Joseph Schneider, State Vice Commander, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) at (989)429-4299.

All medical equipment is donated and is available to veterans and their dependents in need.

We also accept donated medical equipment.

*Shiawassee County
Veterans Affairs and Services Staff
wish you all a
Happy Thanksgiving*



Harold R. Cooley Detachment 841 Marine Corps League

U.S. Marine Corps 241st Ball

November 10th

7pm-Dinner

8pm-Program

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Location:
American Legion Post 57
201 E. Mason St.
Owosso, MI 48867

Sponsored by Harold R. Cooley Det. 841 MCL



Shiawassee Region Veterans Council

MEETING FOR ALL
VETERANS

November 28th at 6pm

Chestnut Conference Center
1675 W. Main St., Owosso, MI 48867

