

Wheels For Warriors | The Moving Wall | Veteran Employment Workshop



Serving Those Who Served

Shiawassee County

Veteran *News*



Welcome...

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@shiwasssee.net to receive monthly newsletter via email.



Calendar of Events:

- July 4 Independence Day/Office Closed
- July 9 Wheels for Warriors Car Show/10am-4pm
- July-14-18 The Moving Wall/Vietnam Memorial
- July 15 Veteran Employment Workshop/1pm-2:30pm
- July 20 Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Meeting/10am
- July 27 Veterans Affairs Relief Fund Meeting/3pm



Shiawassee Conservation Club

WHEELS FOR WARRIORS

CLASSIC CAR SHOW



July 9, 2016
10am to 4pm



Big Raffles

All Day 50/50 Raffle Drawing

Great Food

Live Music

Many Military Vehicles on Display

All Proceeds go to the Veterans

Fun for the whole family

ALL MILITARY VETERANS EAT FOR FREE

Shiawassee Conservation Club
North M-52, Owosso, MI
\$10.00 Registration Fee
Registration starts at 10am

See Page 5 For More Information

Contact Us:

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

Senior Project Fresh

If you are a low income senior, 60 years or older and living in Shiawassee County, this program may be of interest to you!



To see if you are eligible to receive coupon vouchers valued at \$20 each for use at participating local farmer's markets and other markets throughout Michigan contact Council on Aging (989)723-8875 or email cmayhew@shiawasseecoa.org

4th of July



Have a safe and happy holiday!

Beware of VA Pension Scams

Be on the Look Out!

Beware of pension advance products that offer to pay military retirees a lump sum payout in return for their monthly retirement payments. The products may amount to payment of only pennies on the dollar and the advances are reported to carry interest rates from 27 percent to 106 percent, which can threaten a safe retirement.

There are many pension advance companies on the Internet, often with patriotic sounding names and logos. If you're offered a pension advance, stay away from arrangements that allow a creditor to access the account where you get your benefits. Instead, get trusted financial expert advice if you need emergency funds.

Additionally, some individuals and companies use VA's Aid & Attendance pension benefits as a hook to sell service. The Aid & Attendance benefit is for eligible disabled veterans who require the aid and attendance of another person, or who are housebound. Individuals or companies looking to sell their services may offer to help veterans obtain Aid & Attendance benefits, but they often require customers to sign up for financial services first, then they move assets into irrevocable trusts for qualification.

When being solicited, watch out for:

- A lawyer or veteran adviser who offers to get the Aid & Attendance benefit for a fee. Federal law prohibits VA accredited advisers from charging to assist with VA claims. However, at times a "consultation fee" is charged up front.
- A claim from a paid adviser stating that he or she can get the benefit for you more quickly than anyone else. All VA claims must go through the standard evaluation process, which no one can bypass to get it done faster.
- An offer to help financially secured veterans qualify for Aid & Attendance by taking control of their finances and moving assets into inaccessible trusts. This may disqualify a veteran from other benefits.

Retirement homes using the lure of Aid & Attendance to get veterans to move in on the implied promise that they will get the benefit. If the claim is denied, the veteran may not be able to afford to remain in the facility.

(Source: The American Legion Dispatch, April 2014)

VA Application Process

Pension claim decision times vary depending on the complexity of the case and evidence. The fastest way to obtain a pension benefit decision is to file a Fully Developed Claim (FDC). Here are some typical steps in the process:

- Select the type of pension claim and gather the evidence it requires.
- Collect military medical and other records.
- Gather any private medical records.
- Certify that there is no more evidence.
- Submit your application.



How Do I Apply?

To apply for pension or other benefits call our office at (989)743-2231 to schedule an appointment.



Veteran Employment Assistance Workshop

Friday, July 15th
1pm (sharp)-2:30pm

We welcome all Veterans and encourage family members of Veterans to join us!

At Michigan Works!
1975 W. M-21
Owosso, MI 48867
(Room 258)
(989) 729-1942 Ext. 0



SUMMER

THE MOVING WALL Vietnam Veterans Memorial



July 14th -18th

Sanford American Legion Post 443
2080 N. Meridian Rd.
Sanford, MI 48657

Free Admission



For more information:

(989)687-9930

www.themovingwall.org/current_schedule.html



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



July Fourth

by Ken Dawe
(Burwell, NE, USA)



On this 4th of July
may we fly our flag proud and high
and may we always be true
to that good old red, white, and blue
and may the bells of liberty ring
as the STAR SPANGLED BANNER we sing
and as fireworks light up the night sky
may we remember why
so many brave men had to fight and die
and thankful we must be
because freedom is not free
and as long as the Statue of Liberty stands
proud and tall
may there be liberty and justice for all

Did you know...

The Michigan veteran designation on your driver license now gives veterans an easy and optional way to prove their veteran status to receive discounts from businesses. Eligible veterans may get **Veteran** on their driver's license by visiting the Secretary of State office or when renewing through the mail.

Military veterans who served in the U.S. armed forces and have an honorable or under honorable conditions discharge may have veteran designation printed on their Michigan driver license or state identification card.

A copy of your DD214 form must be included with the a completed application.

Michigan Veteran Designation



For more information contact your local Secretary of State office or www.michigan.gov/sos

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Registration starts at 10:00am,
first 100 cars to register will
receive a dash plaque and gift bag.

Judging begins at
12:00am until 3:00pm

Trophies will be given out at
4:00pm for 6 different categories



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