

5K Freedom Run/Walk

Anthem  
Veterans  
Memorial

MI Veterans  
Internship Program



*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](mailto:vetaffairs@shiawassee.net) to receive monthly newsletter via email.



### Check Out Your Benefits!

#### The Post 9/11 GI Bill



Did you know that MilitaryConnection.com has an entire section devoted to educational resources? If you're looking for a college, university, trade or technical college or university, you'll want to check out the Virtual School Directory.

If you want to calculate your housing benefits while you're in school, we have the BAH Housing Calculator. Go to [militaryconnection.com](http://militaryconnection.com) for more information.

### Calendar of Events:

- April 1 April Fool's Day
- April 14 Good Friday/Office Closed
- April 16 **Easter Sunday**
- April 19 Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Meeting /1pm
- April 19 Veterans Relief Fund Meeting/3pm

### Contact Us:

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Corunna, MI 48817  
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**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE'S\*\*\***

**W.A.R.**

**WARRIORS  
APPRECIATION  
RALLY**

**Friday, September 15th**

**Saturday, September 16th**

**Sunday, September 17th**



**Rally location:**

**Elsie, Michigan Village Park**

**9am-5pm**

**Group Demonstrations: All Day Long**

**Military, police, fire & EMS vendors and demonstrations, Civil War re-enactors, military displays from around the state, hunting & food vendors, collector war items, U.S. Air Force fly over, and much more!!!!!!**



Sponsored by: American Legion Post 502 Elsie, MI



**JOIN US IN THE  
UPCOMING.....**

**CURWOOD PARADE**

**Saturday, June 3, 2017**

The Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services would like to invite all Veterans and their family to walk with us in the Curwood Parade this year!!!

Parade step-off is near Hardee's in Owosso and continues down Main St. and ends at Shell Gas Station (corner of Main St. and Chipman St.).

Please call our office and let us know that you will be walking with us in the parade (989)743-2231.

Look for more details in our upcoming monthly newsletters.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**Now Available Online  
Track Your VA Claims Status**



Vets.gov allows you to track the progress of your disability compensation claim online. You first track that your claim was received; then you watch as it progresses through initial review, evidence gathering, review and decision, preparation for decision notification, and finally completion.

Currently, disability compensation is the only claim status available on Vets.gov, but other claim types will be added during the year.

# Did you know....

**The Anthem Veterans Memorial, located in Anthem Community Park in Anthem, AZ is a monument dedicated to honor the service and sacrifice of our country's armed forces. This pillar of pride provides a place of honor and reflection for veterans, their family and friends, and those who desire to show their respects to those service men and women who have and continue to courageously serve our county.**



## **Five Pillar Significance**

- **The five pillars represent the unity of the five branches of the United States military serving steadfast together.**
- **They are staggered in size with their appropriate military seal placements on each pillar based upon the Department of Defense prescribed precedence.**
- **At precisely 11:11 a.m. each Veterans Day (Nov. 11), the sun's rays pass through the ellipses of the five Armed Services pillars to form a perfect solar spotlight over a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States.**

**Additionally, the brick pavers within the Circle of Honor are inscribed with the names of U.S. servicemen and women, symbolizing the 'support' for the Armed Forces. The pavers are red, the pillars are white, and the sky is blue to represent America's flag. The circle represents an unbreakable border.**

**For more information visit <http://www.onlineatthem.com/anthem-veterans-memorial>**



## American Legion Post 502

220 S. Ovid St.  
Elsie, MI 48831

Phone: (989)834-2438

April 8, 2017

**33rd Old Time Country Jamboree  
6pm-9pm**

**\$2.00 suggested donation**

Sponsored by: American Legion Post 502

Anyone that plays a stringed instrument can join the player singers. Open mike MC Mr. Tim Evans; there is a sign up sheet and this determines when you sing.

Location: Elsie American Legion Post

April 23, 2017

**50th Anniversary of the Ovid-Elsie  
High School**

**Special Program at the High School at 2pm-5pm  
followed by a after party at our post**

DJ to be there and bring food to pass and also byob. Enjoy 50 years of Ovid-Elsie School.

Location: O-E High School & Elsie  
American Legion Post

Sponsored by: Ovid-Elsie Schools & American Legion Post 502

## AID & ATTENDANCE AND HOUSEBOUND

Veterans and survivors who are eligible for a VA pension and require the aid and attendance of another person, or are housebound, may be eligible for additional monetary payment. These benefits are paid in addition to monthly pension, and they are not paid without eligibility to Pension. Since Aid and Attendance and Housebound allowances increase the pension amount, people who are not eligible for a basic pension due to excessive income may be eligible for pension at these increased rates. A Veteran or surviving spouse may not receive Aid and Attendance benefits and Housebound benefits at the same time.

### Aid & Attendance (A&A)

The Aid & Attendance (A&A) increased monthly pension amount may be added to your monthly pension amount if you meet one of the following conditions:

- You require the aid of another person in order to perform personal functions required in everyday living, such as bathing, feeding, dressing, attending to the wants of nature, adjusting prosthetic devices, or protecting yourself from the hazards of your daily environment
  - You are bedridden, in that your disability or disabilities requires that you remain in bed apart from any prescribed course of convalescence or treatment
  - You are a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity
  - Your eyesight is limited to a corrected 5/200 visual acuity or less in both eyes; or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less
- Housebound

This increased monthly pension amount may be added to your monthly pension amount when you are substantially confined to your immediate premises because of permanent disability.



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

# MICHIGAN VETERANS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**VETERANS** who cannot return to their previous civilian jobs can find placement opportunities with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) through a grant provided by the Federal Highway Administration. This program is being implemented to meet the employment needs of returning veterans of the armed forces as they transition into the civilian workforce.



## OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK – LEARN – EARN

PLACEMENT DEPENDS UPON THE VETERAN'S KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES. POSSIBLE FIELDS INCLUDE AERONAUTICS, ENGINEERING, FINANCING, MAINTENANCE, PLANNING, AND OFFICE ASSISTANTS.

### BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

This program affords Michigan veterans opportunities to enhance current job skills while developing new ones.

Additional benefits include:

- Veterans can compete for MDOT jobs or develop skills for outside jobs.
- Veterans will be compensated at an hourly rate determined by the skill sets involved and the particular position.
- Veterans will be provided proper training and leadership.
- Veterans will be provided reasonable accommodations.

### WHO CAN APPLY

Michigan residents who are honorably discharged veterans are eligible. The program is intended primarily to serve veterans of U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. MDOT is partnering with veteran service-related organizations throughout Michigan to implement this program.

### TO APPLY

Contact the MDOT Office of Human Resources.

Michigan Department of Transportation  
Office of Human Resources

425 West Ottawa St.

P.O. Box 30050

Lansing, MI 48909

Phone: 517-373-1532 / Fax: 517-241-1433

Email: MDOT-Vet@michigan.gov

Website: [www.michigan.gov/mdotvet](http://www.michigan.gov/mdotvet)

MDOT ENSURES NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT IN ALL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE VI AND TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.



# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Freedom Park 5K Freedom Run/Walk

In memory of SPC Robert Friese  
And all who have given the ultimate sacrifice  
**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

**Race Starts at 10:00am**

Veterans Freedom Park  
Harrison Michigan 48625



This date coincides with the anniversary date of SPC. Friese' ultimate sacrifice to this great Nation.

**This will be an official timed 3.1 mile run held in honor of all who have fallen.**

**All Proceeds will go to Veterans Freedom Park**

## **2017 5K Freedom Run/Walk Registration**

**\$25.00 per Registrant until April 14, 2017/ T-shirt included**

To be eligible for a timed race you must be registered 24 hours prior to the race.

**After April 14<sup>th</sup> the fee is \$30.00 per Registrant with no guaranteed T-shirt.**

Registration will be available on Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm to 7:00pm and on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-9:30am, both registrations will be held indoors, at the Harrison Community School Building, adjacent to the race site. Please do not mail entries after April 14<sup>th</sup>. Preferred method would be online at [www.veteransfreedompark.com](http://www.veteransfreedompark.com) or hand delivered to the address below. Checks to be written to Veterans Freedom Park.

Please send entry form and enclose payment:  
Veterans Freedom Park, 225 W Main Street, Harrison, MI 48625

## **AWARDS**

Awards will be given to top Male/Female overall finishers.

Top Master Group (over 50) and for each age group.

Awards Presentation will be held at the registration area at 11:30am.

No awards will be given for the 3 mile walk.

Walkers will not be officially timed, however self-timing equipment will be available on Race Day

For listing of Age Groups for Award Categories and time results after the race will be posted at

[www.veteransfreedompark.com](http://www.veteransfreedompark.com)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ AGE ON RACE DAY (4/29/ 2017) \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

(ADULT T-SHIRT SIZES) 1/T-Shirt is included in the registration fee  
Please circle size S M L XL \*2XL \*3XL (\*\$3.00 up charge for sizes 2XL and 3XL)

(ADULT T-SHIRT SIZES) EXTRA EVENT T-SHIRTS \$15.00 each  
Please circle size(s) S M L XL \*2XL \*3XL (\*\$3.00 up charge for sizes 2XL and 3XL)  
How many extra shirts are you ordering \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 or \$18.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT Hooded Sweatshirts also available for Additional Charge of: \$25.00  
Please circle size S M L XL \*2XL \*3XL (\*\$5.00 up charge for sizes 2XL and 3XL)

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL PARTICIPANTS must sign the waiver on the back of this form**

**Saturday, May 6th, 2017**

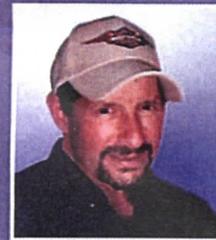
# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ray Rios Spring Memorial Ride

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT**

**ALEDA E. LUTZ  
V.A. MEDICAL CENTER  
(COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER)  
PALLIATIVE CARE**



**NAVY**



**Location**

Midland American Legion  
5111 Hedgewood Dr.  
Midland, MI

[www.post165.com](http://www.post165.com)

**Schedule of Events**

**11am to 12 pm**

Bikers Check-in

**12pm**

Bikers Depart

1st Stop - Harrison A.L. Post 404

2nd Stop - Clare Farwell A.L.  
Post 558

3rd Stop - Sanford Thomas Daniel  
Hand A.L. Post 443

Last Stop - Midland Berry Hill  
A.L. Post 165

**5 - 7pm**

Fabulous Pork Loin Dinner

**Cost:**

(includes dinner)  
Same for non-riders

**\$20 / person**

**\$30 / couple**

**Contacts:**

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Dan & Stacy Stevely  
513-1374

Fred & Cindy Pickering  
600-6471

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Spring Memorial Ride

