



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.

August



Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services staff will be at our booth throughout fair week

Come out and see us!!

Calendar of Events:

- August 3 Project Connect (see attached flyer)
- August 6-12 Shiawassee County Fair -Come out and see us!
- August 16 Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Meeting/1pm
- August 16 Veterans Relief Fund Meeting/3pm

Contact Us:

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

DRIVERS NEEDED

The Shiawassee County DAV van needs volunteer drivers to transport Veterans to and from VA medical appointments.

Call Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services at (989) 743-2346 or ask staff for an application



WE WANT YOU!

Donate your time and help a Veteran in need!

Commissary Cards for Disabled Veterans

Once a Veteran is rated 100% disabled and receives letter from VA stating they are eligible for Commissary Privileges. In order to get a Commissary Card the Veteran will need a copy of the VA Benefits award letter stating 100% disabled, copy of DD214, birth certificate, social security card photo ID & if Veteran has spouse or dependents will need marriage certificate, birth certificates for dependents as well as photo ID & social security cards. Veteran will need to contact the DEERS (Military ID Card) center and schedule appointment to get ID card. Below is the RAPIDS Site Locator to assist the Veteran in locating a DEERS Center (Lansing 517-481-9872 & Saginaw 989-754-3091 are the DEERS Centers nearest our office).

<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/appj/site;jsessionid=Y7rv13ITuGhf7Ts2A-a9mqVGcSMVytTSnbvZSKeWK6-dGgT2ux4Z!855240462?execution=e1s1>

Selfridge Air National Guard Base in the Detroit Area has the biggest commissary in Michigan and has a DEERS Center on base. The contact number is: (586) 239-4387 Option 0 then Option 6.

If Veteran does not have the award letter granting them commissary privileges they can contact the VA at 1-800-827-1000 and request the award letter.



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of Veterans Affairs

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 27, 2017

VA Secretary Formalizes Expansion of Emergency Mental Health Care to Former Service Members With Other-Than-Honorable Discharges
Secretary Announced Plans to Expand Coverage in March

WASHINGTON — Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today released finalized plans that lay the framework for providing emergency mental health coverage to former service members with other-than-honorable (OTH) administrative discharges.

This is the first time a VA Secretary has implemented an initiative specifically focused on this group of former service members who are in mental health distress.

“Suicide prevention is my top clinical priority,” said Secretary Shulkin, also a physician. “We want these former service members to know there is someplace they can turn if they are facing a mental health emergency — whether it means urgent care at a VA emergency department, a Vet Center or through the Veterans Crisis Line.”

Effective July 5, all Veterans Health Administration (VHA) medical centers will be prepared to offer emergency stabilization care for former service members who present at the facility with an emergent mental health need. Under this initiative, former service members with an OTH administrative discharge may receive care for their mental health emergency for an initial period of up to 90 days, which can include inpatient, residential or outpatient care.

During this time, VHA and the Veterans Benefits Administration will work together to determine if the mental health condition is a result of a service-related injury, making the service member eligible for ongoing coverage for that condition.

Since Secretary Shulkin announced his intent in March to expand VA mental health coverage to service members with OTH administrative discharges, VA has worked with key internal and external stakeholders, including members of Congress, Veterans Service Organizations and community partners on the issue.

Veterans in crisis should call the Veterans Crisis Line at 800-273-8255 (press 1), or text 838255.

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

VA's Adapted Housing Grants for Disabled Veterans

DID YOU KNOW?

VA offers monetary assistance to Veterans with specific service-connected physical disabilities, so they can construct or modify a home to best meet their needs.



WHAT RENOVATIONS QUALIFY?

- Bathrooms, kitchens, and bedrooms
- Covered porches, ramps, and walkways
- Garages, carports, and passageways
- Doors, windows, and flooring materials
- Security items
- Concrete or asphalt walkways
- Sliding doors, handrails, and grab bars

For a full list, contact: sahinfo.vbaco@va.gov

To learn more, visit

www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans or call 1-800-827-1000

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Veterans or Service members, with a permanent and total service-connected disability, who have experienced one or more of the following conditions:

- Loss of or loss of use of both arms and/or both legs
- Blindness in both eyes or only light perception
- Certain severe burns
- Certain severe respiratory injuries

For additional eligibility information, contact: sahinfo.vbaco@va.gov

HOW TO APPLY:

Fill out and submit VA Form 26-4555 at www.eBenefits.va.gov or call 1-800-827-1000 to have a claim form mailed to you.

Steve Phillips
25 Annual

Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday August 5- 2017 At 9:00 AM

Glenbrier Golf Course

Sign Up At The American Legion

201 E. Mason Street, Owosso, (989)723-4046

**18 Hole Scramble
Shotgun Start**

4 Man or Woman Teams

\$280.00 Per Team

**Includes Skins & 18 Holes of Golf,
With A Golf Cart, And Dinner**

Prizes, 1st \$280.00

7th \$200.00

15th \$200.00

For Men And Women

Longest Drive

Closest To The Pin

Longest Putt



**Prizes For The Winners Will
Be Given Out At The Buffet**

Dinner At The American Legion Hall

After Playing Golf, Golfers And One Guest Welcome



3rd Annual W.A.R.



Open to the Public - Everyone Welcome - rain or shine

Warriors Appreciation Rally

Rally Location
Elsie, Michigan Village Park

Starting Time
9:00 AM

Concluding at
5:00 PM

Group Demonstrations
All Day Long

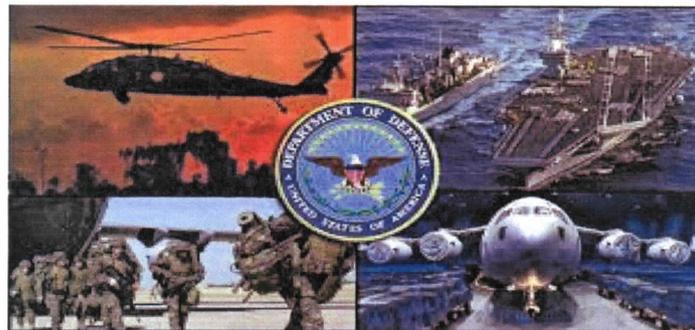
This will be a chance for everyone to thank people that are or have put their life on the line for you



September 15, 2017

Saturday, September 16, 2017

September 17, 2017



Police Demonstrations
Civil War Reenactors Demonstrations
Vietnam Traveling Wall
Static Military Displays from around the State
Buddy to Buddy Help for disabled Veterans
VA & R Assistance for Vets Assistance
Emergency Medical Services Demonstrations
Active Military Demonstrations
U. S. Air Force Fly Over



Food Vendors
Military, Police, Fire & EMS Vendors
Hunting Vendors
Collector Items From **WAR**
Music
Hands on parts for crowd in Demos
Vietnam War Lapel Pins
Michigan State Police
Lots More

Want to Thank Heroes for what they do?
We are raising funds to assist veterans that are disabled or homeless

See the latest process that the people that do the demonstrations have learned.

Come out, participate and make a difference in someones life or your own.



Looking for a chance to talk to someone that is out there putting their life on the line for you.
Maybe you could become someone doing this.

For More Information Go To

<http://elsiewar2017.webs.com>



Sponsored By; American Legion Post 502 Elsie, Michigan, USA

WARRIOR'S WEEKEND

**September 9th & 10th
Shiawassee Fair Grounds
2900 E. Hibbard Rd. Corunna, Mi 58817**

**Flag Raising - 9:00 am
Welcome Home Vietnam Ceremony - 11:30 am
Lunch in a Canteen - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**All Veterans Appreciation Ceremony -
7:30 pm
Followed by Candle Light Remeberence
of our Fallen Heroes**

**Activities Include:
Euchre Tournament
Corn Hole Contest
Shopping with Local Vendor
Tables
VA and Service Reps
Light Luncheon - 6:00 pm
And More!**

**For Information call Debbie Gorte at
(989) 729-2136 or email gorted89@gmail.com**



Want to make a huge difference in someone's life?
Be a Respite Volunteer!
Upcoming Respite Volunteer Training:

Wed., August 23, 2017
10:00am - 2:30pm
St. Paul Catholic Church
in the Father Whelan Room
111 N. Howell St.
Owosso, MI 48867

To register or for additional information please contact the
Respite Volunteer office: 989-725-1127,

office@respiteteers.org

Please see our website www.respitevolunteers.org

Find Respite Volunteers on Facebook

Light meal will be provided at the training for potential volunteers participating

8th annual Mike Morey Car Show

Presented by SAL Laingsburg American Legion

August 12th 2017 Rain or Shine

Registration 10 am - noon
Car Show noon - 4 PM

1st place car

Cars 1st - 5th place
Trucks 1st - 3rd place
Motorcycles 1st - 3rd place
Trophies
Food, 50's/50's, Raffle's
T-Shirts and Music

1st Place Motorcycle

1st Place Truck

Place American Legion Post 248 , 1240 E. Grand River Laingsburg MI.
August 12th 2017 - Always the second Saturday of August
Questions or Car Show Venders , Contact Jon Smith - 517-719-0885