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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.



About 8 million American adults are believed to suffer from PTSD in any given year. While the condition can develop in anyone who has experienced a traumatic or life-threatening event, combat veterans are especially at risk. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that more than 30 % of Vietnam veterans have experienced PTSD at some point. About about 12 % of those who served in the first Gulf War, and 11 to 20 % of Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans. During this time of holiday celebration please be courtesy to your friends and neighbor's giving them advanced notice of any fireworks that you may be setting off. Having advanced knowledge of a fireworks display can help some people with PTSD to better prepare and cope with any symptoms they may experience.

Veterans and their families can help ease the anxiety of the celebrations by talking with friends and family. Giving the veteran time to anticipate a possible reaction and prepare for it. For example, if it is discussed, they can plan on where they will stand when they go out, make a point to stay close to exits and come up with a back-up plan if the veteran has a bad reaction.

Not all strategies will work for every PTSD veteran, but being more aware of how the celebrations of the holiday may affect those with PTSD is a vital step toward ensuring the whole community can enjoy the holiday without stress or anxiety.

Calendar of Events:

- July 4 Independence Day/Office Closed
- July 19 Michigan Veterans Trust Fun Meeting/1pm
- July 19 Veterans Relief Fund Meeting/3pm



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Corunna, MI 48817
Phone: (989)743-2231
Fax: (989)743-2393
vetaffairs@shiawassee.net



American Legion Post 502

220 S. Ovid St.
Elsie, MI 48831

Phone: (989)834-2438

July 12th, 2017

36th Old Time Country Jamboree

6pm-9pm

\$ donation

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
Sponsored by: American Legion Post 502

July 13, 14 & 15th, 2017

Elsie Dairy Festival and Parade

2pm-6pm

Free to enter and .25 per card to play

During the festival we will be hosting daily Bingo at our post home from 2pm to 6pm. On Saturday the 15th at 11am we will be in the Elsie Dairy Festival Parade. If any other group would like to be in the parade just go to the following:

elsiedairyfestival@aol.com

Location: Elsie American Legion Post
Sponsored by: American Legion Post 502

Help Us Keep Our DAV Van Running....



Sign up today!



Be a Community Hero & Drive Veterans To Their Medical Appointments

Drivers Wanted!!!

To sign up or get more information
please contact:

Shiawassee County Veterans
Affairs and Services
201 N. Shiawassee St.
Corunna, MI 48817

(989)743-2231



News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 7, 2017

Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center Implements Designated Smoking Areas to Promote Smoke Free Environment

To promote a healthier environment, the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw, Michigan will implement smoking in designated areas only effective June 30, 2017. This includes electronic vapor devices as well.

Also, at that time, any Veteran admitted into the Community Living Center (CLC), Palliative (end of life) Care Unit, or Acute/Telemetry Unit will not be permitted to smoke during their episode of care.

VA staff are dedicated to providing quality, safe, care, and are preparing to assist Veterans with nicotine replacement or alternative therapies to alleviate their desire to use tobacco products while in an inpatient setting.

The VA has developed a smoking area for outpatient Veterans and visitors on the East Drive, between the Medical Center and Community Living Center parking lot.



“We know this is going to be a big change and challenge for many Veterans at the VA and hope they will understand our commitment to their health,” stated Dr. Ginny Creasman, Medical Center Director. “Many VA facilities and health care organizations have already adopted a smoke-less or smoke-free campus and we are ready to do the same. A majority of our staff, Veterans, volunteers, and visitors are non-smokers and are being exposed to second-hand smoke while trying to enter the facility. By making a designated smoking area for Veterans and visitors, we are respecting their right to choose, while also respecting the environment for non-smoking individuals.”

The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center, with an additional 8-bed acute medicine and telemetry wing. It provides care to over 35,400 Veterans in a 35-county geographic area, from mid-Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge. Veterans also receive care at one of our nine VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout Michigan. More information about this VA can be found at www.saginaw.va.gov.

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

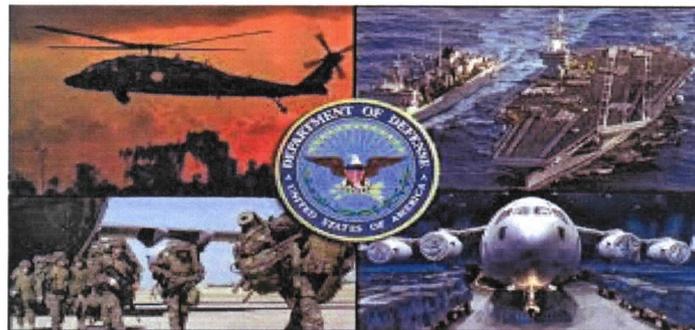
This will be a chance for everyone to thank people that are or have put their life on the line for you



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**

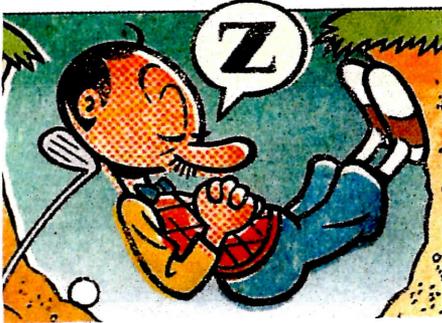
Owosso Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9455

Fourth Annual Golf Outing

Saturday July 15, 2017

Pine Hills Golf Course

6603 Woodbury Rd., Laingsburg, MI. 48848



8:00 a.m. – Registration 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Cost \$50.00 Per Person / \$200.00 Per Team includes

18 Holes with Cart Lunch at Turn Swiss Steak Dinner at Post

4 Person Scramble Team Placement Prizes Door Prizes

50/50 Drawing Raffles

Golf Entry Form

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Captains Name _____ Phone # _____

Player #2 _____

Player #3 _____

Player #4 _____

Hole / Tee Sponsor (Minimum \$50.00 _____) Cash Donation _____

I can donate products or gift certificates, please contact me.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ Checks Payable to: VFW Post 9455

Mail to: PSC Lloyd Putman II or John Gorte

2100 N. Hintz Rd. Lot 19 P.O. Box 82

Owosso, MI. 48867 Owosso, MI. 48867

Questions? Call Lloyd Putman II – 989-413-7896 or John Gorte – 989-627-4253

Deadline is July 8, 17

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Limited To The first 36 Teams

ANNOUNCING

Donation
\$20 per Rider
\$5 per
Passenger

Durand Post 2273
AMVETS Riders

Silent
Auction,
Food & Fun!!



Registration
10am - 12pm

July 15th

Last Bike in
by 6pm

All Proceeds will Benefit
The Child Advocacy Center
of Shiawassee County



Prizes - 1st \$100 - 2nd \$50 - 3rd \$25



Poker Run Rules

1. Drivers/Riders will sign up and be given a registration form with a map at Post 2273. One extra hand can be purchased for \$5. At each stop along the route registrants will draw a card then have their form stamped.
2. Upon returning to Post 2273, registration cards will be turned in with all 5 stamps.
3. The Poker Run route starts at 12pm and must be completed within 6 hours including stops. Participants must be back at Post 2273 by 6pm.
4. Standard Poker hand rules apply relevant to winning hands.
5. Prizes will be awarded to the three best hands. Decision of judges is final in all cases including ties.

All Vehicles Welcome!

Come and Join the Fun!!!



**MICHIGAN FEMALE
SERVICEMEMBERS' SALUTE
GREAT LAKES NATIONAL
CEMETERY**

**SATURDAY, JULY 29TH, 2017
10:00AM**

Located at the stage area.

Contact: Joe Mishler, Holly Area Veterans
Resource Center

(810)348-9960, jmm1967@comcast.net

@Region 6 Veterans Community Action Team (VCAT)

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442
(248)328-0386

