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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.



Curwood Parade

Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs
and Services Staff
will be walking in the
Curwood Parade.....see you there!

Parade begins
at 2pm



Join us in the
parade!



Parade starts at 2pm and lineup is behind Hardee's in Owosso and the parade ends at Shell Gas Station in West Town. Our DAV van will be #68 in the lineup. If you would like to walk with us please meet us at our lineup location by 1:45pm.

Calendar of Events:

- June 3 Curwood Parade/2pm
- June 14 Flag Day 
- June 18 Father's Day
- June 21 Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Meeting/1pm
- June 21 Veterans Relief Fund Meeting/3pm Armed

Contact Us:

201 N. Shiawassee St.
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Corunna, MI 48817
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May 23, 2017

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs Committee Openings

The Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners is seeking interested and qualified individuals to serve on the Veterans' Affairs Committee. Recruiting members from all wars and conflicts must be a Shiawassee County resident, Veteran and had an honorable discharge. Submit cover letter, resume, discharge papers and recommendation from a chartered veterans' organization to: Board of Commissioners, 201 N. Shiawassee Street, Corunna, MI. 48817 by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 06, 2017.

The Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners shall follow Act 192 of 1953, **County Department of Veterans' Affairs Excerpt 35.621 County department of veterans' affairs; creation; administration; committee; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; vacancies.**

Sec. 1.

The county board of commissioners may create a county department of veterans' affairs. The department shall be under the administration of a committee of 3 to 5 veterans, appointed by the county board of commissioners, who shall be residents of the county and who have served honorably on active duty in the United States armed forces or who served actively in the United States armed forces in a war or received an armed forces campaign or service medal, to be appointed upon the recommendation of the posts of each chartered veterans' organization within the county. Each member appointed shall have demonstrated knowledge, skills, and experience in public service, business, or finance. If an opening on a committee of veterans occurs, the county board of commissioners shall provide notice of that opening to 1 or more newspapers within the county and to veteran service organizations within the county. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law of this state to the contrary, a member of the board of commissioners of a county shall be eligible for appointment. Members appointed by the board of commissioners shall be appointed for a term of 4 years each. However, the terms for members first appointed shall be staggered so that not more than 2 vacancies are scheduled to occur in a single year. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments for the unexpired terms.

SHIAWASSEE FREE MEDICAL CLINIC FOR THE UNINSURED - anyone without Medical Insurance, Medicare or Medicaid

WALK-IN CLINIC OPEN 7AM-11AM (Check-in by 10:30AM)
Suite K, 2nd Floor-Mitchell Building, 802 W. King Street, Owosso, MI
Clinic Entrance & Parking on North side of Memorial Healthcare

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017
SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

SATURDAY, JULY 01, 2017
SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017

SATURDAY, AUGUST 05, 2017
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 02, 2017
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

Donations to the Free Medical Clinic are Tax-Exempt

Shiawassee Free Medical Clinic is a Non-profit Public Charity pursuant to Section 501 (c) (3) & Michigan Statute, MCL 333.16277.

E-MAIL: shiawasseefreemedicalclinic@aol.com

TELEPHONE: (989)720-7866

WEBSITE: www.shiawasseefreemedicalclinic.org



What is the difference between VA disability compensation and VA pension?

VA compensation and a VA pension are not the same thing. The simplest explanation is that VA compensation is a benefit paid on the basis of the kind and severity of a disability that happened as a result of your active duty in military service. VA pension is a benefit paid on the basis of a disability that was not a result of active service in the military, or because of age. Pension is also based on income. There are other criteria that may apply to deciding eligibility for VA pension. That's why it is a good idea to contact the Shiawassee Veterans Affairs Service Organization to discuss your situation.



American Legion Post 502

220 S. Ovid St.
Elsie, MI 48831

Phone: (989)834-2438

[June 13, 2017](#)

Warrior's Appreciation Rally Planning Meeting

Open Meeting from 7pm to ?

Free

Planning and Support of Groups coming and demonstrating at the W.A.R. If you have a group and want to be part of the program you need to attend this event.

Location: Elsie American Legion Post

Sponsored by: American Legion Post 502

[June 14, 2017](#)

35th 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

VETERANS LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD



The American Legion believes that VA is a **System Worth Saving.**

The specialized care that veterans receive is unparalleled

In order to help the VA deliver the best possible care, The American Legion conducts town hall meetings and site visits to identify problems, challenges, and solutions.

Come share your VA experience at our next event:

**SYSTEM
WORTH
SAVING**

TOWN HALL MEETING

7:00 PM, June 5, 2017

American Legion Post 439
5190 Weiss St.
Saginaw, MI 48603



THE AMERICAN LEGION

www.legion.org

Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs & Services
Volunteer Driver Recognition



Eugene Brown

In 2016 Eugene drove 5,428 miles, volunteered 243 hours and transported 55 veterans. Eugene has been a driver with the DAV van since 2013.

Eugene served 4 years in the Air Force; serving 18 months in Turkey and 9 months at Indiana University learning the Russian language.

Eugene enjoys gardening, carpentry, woodworking, and is an avid reader during the winter months.

Why do you choose to volunteer? "Because I need to keep busy and I enjoy helping others."

Transportation Passenger

If you are a Veteran and would like to register to receive a ride to your VA Medical Appointments please contact our office at (989)743-2346 or stop in and see us!

Volunteer Driver

If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a volunteer driver of our Disabled American Veterans (DAV) van please call our office (989)743-2346 for more information or stop in!



VETERANS CHOICE PROGRAM (VCP) PHONE LINE IMPOSTER FACT SHEET

APRIL 27, 2017

VCP Phone Line Imposter

It has come to VA's attention that a phone line has been set up by an unknown party to potentially "mimic" the VCP phone line. This imposter phone line may be intended to reach Veterans who inadvertently dial the VCP number incorrectly.

We want you to know that we are taking this seriously and to keep you aware of the steps we are taking.. VHA Office of Community Care (VHA CC) has reported the "mimic" line to the VA Office of Inspector General for a possible civil or criminal investigation.

"Mimic" Phone Line

The phone line established to "mimic" the VCP phone line is 1-800-606-8198. You know you have reached the wrong VCP phone line when:

- The phone line offers callers a \$100 rebate if the caller provides a credit card.
- The phone line does not state the caller has reached U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the VCP phone line.

Be aware that this phone number incorrectly confirms callers had reach the VCP if the caller asks that question.

VCP Phone Line

The correct VCP phone line is 1-866-606-8198. This line is for Veterans to check their eligibility for the VCP and ask questions about the program.

If you are unsure if you have reached the correct phone line, hang up and dial 1-866-606-8198 again. The phone line will state the called has reach the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.



News Release
Office of Public Affairs
Media Relations
Washington, DC 20420
(202) 461-7600
www.va.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 14, 2016

VA Announces Community Care Call Center to Help Veterans with Choice Program Billing Issues

WASHINGTON – Veterans can now work directly with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to resolve debt collection issues resulting from inappropriate or delayed Choice Program billing. In step with MyVA's efforts to modernize VA's customer-focused, Veteran-centered services capabilities, a Community Care Call Center has been set up for Veterans experiencing adverse credit reporting or debt collection resulting from inappropriately billed Choice Program claims. Veterans experiencing these problems can call 1-877-881-7618 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time) for assistance.

"As a result of the Veterans Choice Program, community providers have seen thousands of Veterans. We continue to work to make the program more Veteran-friendly," said Dr. David Shulkin, Under Secretary for Health. "There should be no bureaucratic burden that stands in the way of Veterans getting care."

The new call center will work to resolve instances of improper Veteran billing and assist community care medical providers with delayed payments. VA staff are also trained and ready to work with the medical providers to expunge adverse credit reporting on Veterans resulting from delayed payments to providers. VA is urging Veterans to continue working with their VA primary care team to obtain necessary health care services regardless of adverse credit reporting or debt collection activity.

VA acknowledges that delayed payments and inappropriately billed claims are unacceptable and have caused stress for Veterans and providers alike. The new call center is the first step in addressing these issues. VA presented [The Plan to Consolidate Community Care](#) in October of 2015 that outlines additional solutions to streamline processes and improve timely provider payment.

For more details about the Veterans Choice Program and VA's progress, visit: www.va.gov/opa/choiceact. Veterans seeking to use the Veterans Choice Program can call 1-866-606-8198 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time) to find out more about the program, confirm their eligibility and schedule an appointment.

OEF/OIF/OND Veterans may have health concerns related to potential environmental exposures while they were on active duty, which can include:

- Animal contacts, including bites
- Airborne pollutants from burn pits and other sources
- Infectious diseases
- Depleted uranium
- Toxic embedded fragments
- Chromium at the Qarmat Ali water treatment facility in the spring or summer of 2003
- Cold and heat related illnesses and injuries
- Noise, vibration, and other physical exposures

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers a variety of benefits and services to eligible OEF/OIF/OND Veterans. Learn more at: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/oefoif/index.asp>

Iraq War Exposures

Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn (March 19, 2003–Dec. 15, 2011)

Iraq War Veterans may have been exposed to a range of environmental and chemical hazards that carried potential health risks. Join the [Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry](#) and the [Gulf War Registry](#) to document your exposures and health concerns.



Sand, Dust and Particulates

Tiny airborne matter that can cause respiratory and other health problems



Burn Pits

Open-air pit waste disposal at military sites



Infectious Diseases

Nine infectious diseases associated with Southwest Asia and Afghanistan military service



Depleted Uranium

Uranium used in military tank armor and some bullets



Toxic Embedded Fragments

Shrapnel and other metals that remain in the body after injury



Noise

Harmful sounds from guns, equipment, and machinery that is often experienced during service



Traumatic Brain Injury

Concussions and brain injury often caused by explosions



Rabies

Disease transmitted by bite or saliva from an infected warm-blooded animal



Mefloquine - Lariam®

Round, white pill taken to prevent and treat malaria



Heat Injuries

Health problems that could be caused by extremely hot temperatures



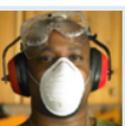
Sulfur Fire (Al Mishraq, Iraq)

Sulfur plant burned almost a month in June 2003; large amounts of sulfur dioxide released into the air



Chemical Warfare Agents (OIF)

Exposure to mustard or nerve agents from demolishing or handling explosive ordinance in Iraq



Occupational Hazards

Exposures from working with chemicals, paints, and machinery during service



Chromium (Qarmat Ali)

Hexavalent chromium in contaminated sodium dichromate dust; water treatment plant in 2003



Veterans and Families of Veterans,

VA is coming to a NASCAR track near you! On June 16-18, VA will be at Michigan International Speedway (MIS) in Brooklyn, MI for the FireKeepers Casino 400 as part of our ongoing collaboration with NASCAR to promote greater access to VA benefits and services. VA will be on site all weekend with a Mobile Vet Center unit and a team of health and benefits experts who can answer your questions, share information, and help you access your VA benefits.

As part of this collaboration, MIS is offering discount tickets for Veterans and their families. Go to www.mispeedway.com and use the search box towards the bottom right of the page to search for "VA offer." Look for the "Offer for Military Veterans and their Families" page to learn more.

We hope to see you there for a great weekend of racing at the fastest track in NASCAR! Look for the Mobile Vet Center in the Fan Plaza.



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

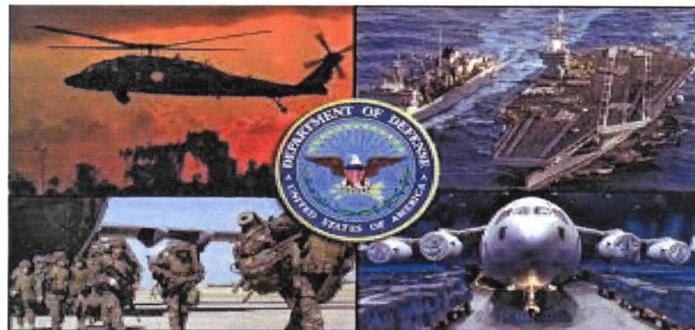
This will be a chance for everyone to thank people that are or have put their life on the line for you



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



VETERANS NIGHT

AT COMERICA PARK



Thursday, June 15, 2017

7:10 vs. Tampa Bay Rays

All Veterans, their families and friends may purchase **Lower Baseline Box Seats*** for a discounted price.

Groups of 15 or more receive a food coupon for a free small drink and hot dog.

Tickets & Food Coupons are limited. Don't miss out, get your orders in early!

For more information or to buy tickets, contact: **Carolyn Shanks** at **313.471.2245** or email **carolyn.shanks@tigers.com**

*Subject to availability, restrictions apply. This offer is not available at the Comerica Park Box Office or any ticket outlet. Orders must be received by Friday, June 9, 2017.

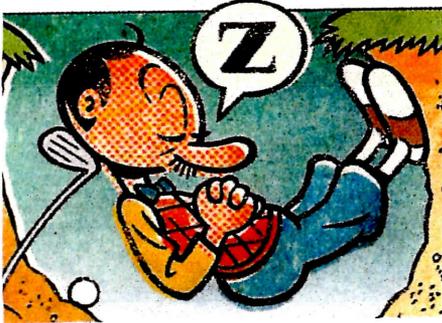
Owosso Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9455

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