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**Local  
Events**

## From Post 328 in Southfield

A listing of current events in and around the metro Detroit Area for and about Veterans, as of 9/15/16.

**Special Notice:** *If you are a veteran in emotional crisis and need help RIGHT NOW, call this toll-free number 1-800-273-8255, available 24/7, and tell them you are a veteran. All calls are confidential.*

**Special Notice:** *If you are a veteran in need of housing or are homeless contact the VA Homeless Veterans Hotline at 1-877-424-3838.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**"Help support Buddy-2-Buddy (IMPORTANT)"** The Buddy-to-Buddy Volunteer Veteran Program needs your help to keep this critical program in place in order to continue to support thousands of Michigan veterans and service members. Visit [www.friends.umich.edu/buddy-to-buddy](http://www.friends.umich.edu/buddy-to-buddy) and help support Buddy-to-Buddy in its goal to generate the funding that enables the program and its volunteers to help Michigan's service members and veterans. **AND ALSO NEW:** Home Front Strong is hosting an 8 week program to help military of veterans and their families prepare for, and cope with, the challenges of deployment & military life. Dinner is provided and you can receive up to \$140 for participating. For more info see [flyer](#).

**"Peace of Mind for us older vets!"** As we all get older we need to start thinking about our medical records, a living will, a regular will, funeral expenses, etc. The State Bar of Michigan has put together a terrific booklet covering these topics with forms you can fill out at home to cover a simple will, living will, etc. [Take a look to see if you should do any of this!](#)

### EVENTS!

**"Thursday, September 15, 2016 "** Vets Returning Home is hosting a Country Concert to benefit their shelter at Royalty House, Warren, from 6:30PM till late! Tickets are \$15 with main attraction Joey Vee. For more info and tickets visit there [website](#) or see [flyer](#).

**"Thursday, September 15, 2016"** Woodside Bible Church in Troy is hosting a Veterans Benefit Concert. This is a fund-raiser to help us build the 75+ unit apartments in Pontiac for homeless or imminently homeless Veterans. We do have a small number of free tickets for Vets that we will be handing out personally. Everyone else can purchase them. Go to [www.iTickets.com](http://www.iTickets.com) look for Matthew West for September 15th and click on the event, then on "Place Order" You'll be asked for special code so type in comehome and you will see this page (ticket prices start are \$20 General Admission – Balcony only), \$25 Main Floor Reserved, \$75 Gold Circle, \$125 VIP (includes post-concert Dessert Reception), until August 9th at midnight. After that, anyone can buy them. All tickets can be upgraded for the Dessert Reception by adding \$35 to any individual ticket (except VIP). Donations are welcomed to offset costs for the free Veterans tickets.

**"Friday, September 16, 2016"** The SMGA is hosting their 4th annual Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament to benefit the Fallen & Wounded Soldier Fund. Qill take place at the Firestone Golf Club, 1984 Taylor, Auburn Hills, with an 11:30AM check in & 1:30PM shotgun start. Visit their [website to register](#) or see [flyer](#) for more info.

**"Friday, September 16, 2016"** The National POW/MIA Recognition Day event hosted by the POW Committee of Michigan is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the "Michigan Remembers" POW/MIA Memorial, Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, 43300 West 12 Mile Rd. (at Novi Rd.), in Novi MI. Speaker will be State Senate Leader Mike Kowall. RSVPs or questions to Debbie Piepsney at [powmiapineau@outlook.com](mailto:powmiapineau@outlook.com) or Marty Eddy at 248-214-6398. For more info see [flyer](#).

**"Friday, September 16, 2016"** The National POW/MIA Recognition Day event & vigil hosted by the VVA 154 is scheduled for 6p.m. at Resurrection Cemetery Veteran's Memorial, 18201 Cinton River Rd, Clinton Twp. For more info see [flyer](#).

**"Friday, September 16, 2016"** Berkley Legion Post is hosting a Steak Fry from 5 till 8PM, 2079 W 12 Mile, Berkley, for \$12.75. For more info call them at 248-542-7668 or see [flyer](#).

**"Saturday, September 17, 2016 (NEW)"** Mark your calendars for the Ann Arbor Track Club's Kensington Challenge 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, September 17 at the Kensington Metropark in Milford. The Ann Arbor Track Club has designated the Buddy-to-Buddy Volunteer Veteran Program as the charitable recipient of this event's profits. For more information, visit <http://aatrackclub.org/kensington-challenge/>.

**"Saturday, September 17, 2016 (NEW)"** The Beginning of Royal Canadian Legion Week, Amherstburg Legion Branch 157 will be holding a parade. Marshalling at General Amherst High School at 1000 hrs. March-off is at 1030 hrs to RCL Branch 157. There will be a short ceremony recognizing Veterans who have received The French Legion Medal of Honour. World War II Veteran Douglas Ramsay of Amherstburg will be receiving his Medal. Guests of Honour will include Mayor Aldo Dicarolo and Royal Canadian Legion Zone A Commander Refreshments will be served .

**"Saturday, Sunday, September 17, 18 2016"** DAV Chapter 125 is hosting a free car show at Island Lake State Park, Kent Lake Beach, both days. Free entry, free parking, free to show your car. There are some events on Friday. For a complete rundown of events see [flyer](#). To register your car for the show [click here](#).

**"Sunday, September 18, 2016 "** A Patriot Day Festival will take place at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Rd, Rochester Hills, fro 1 till 5PM. Patriot Week's 7th Annual Patriot Festival will be at a new location this year! Featuring patriotic

activities and centered around a great local historic cite, the Patriot Festival will include speeches and presentations from dignitaries, schools, students, and others. There will also be music and food available for purchase! Admission is free and open to the public! For more information, visit <http://www.patriotweek.org/upcoming-events>.

**"Sunday, September 18, 2016"** UAW Region 1 is hosting a Car/Motorcycle Show at their headquarters, in Warren, with registration at 8AM till 11AM, and then open to the public from 11AM till 4PM. For more info call 586-427-9200 or see [flyer](#).

**"Sunday, September 18, 2016"** Pontiac VFW Post 1370 is hosting a Veteran Gold Outing at Heather Highlands County Club, 11450 E Holly Rd, Holly, with a 7:30AM registration, 9AM shotgun start. Cost is \$55 per golfer, but here are other options. For more info call 248-858-9501 or see [flyer](#).

**"Tuesday, September 20, 2016"** The Canton Community Foundation is hosting a Veterans Summit at the Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Rd, Westland, from 9AM till Noon. Numerous topics of interest for vets will be covered. For more info see [flyer](#) or call 734-495-1200.

**"Wednesday, September 21, 2016"** Veterans in Business is having its monthly free meeting for all vets owning a business, at Level One Bank, 37100 Woodward, Bloomfield Twp, starting at 11:30AM with lunch. guest speaker is James Marusich, VA Economic Liaison. For more info and parking instructions see [flyer](#).

**"Thursday, September 22, 2016"** The American Indian Veterans of MI are hosting a Steak Dinner Fundraiser at their bldg, 26641 Lawrence, Center Line, from 5 till 10PM. Admission of \$15 includes steak and all the fixings, and soft drinks. For more info call Chris at 248-210-6153 or see [flyer](#).

**"Friday, September 23, 2016"** Berkley Legion Post is hosting a Steak Fry from 5 till 8PM, 2079 W 12 Mile, Berkley, for \$12.75. For more info call them at 248-542-7668 or see [flyer](#).

**"Friday thru Tuesday, September 23 thru 27, 2016"** Veterans are invited to participate in the 11th Annual Disabled Veterans and Law Enforcement Officers Free Pheasant Hunt at Tails-A-Waggin Acres Hunting Preserve in Marion, MI. The hunt will include the dates of September 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 (Friday through Tuesday). Veterans and officers are asked to select one these dates and do their best to attend on their selected date. Because of travel distance, hunts will be scheduled at 9AM, 11AM and 1PM each day. Previous hunts have been exciting and last year, the crew from "Michigan Out of Doors" was there to capture the hunts on video and share with Michigan viewers. Click here to view last year's video. [Michigan Out of Doors - Veterans Pheasant Hunt](#) (Look for episode 1543 (Go to the 19 minute mark) Tails-A-Waggin can accommodate up to 40 veterans per day so there are plenty of slots available for this hunt. The hunt includes free pheasant hunting, a free lunch buffet, guides with dogs and cleaning services if you want to bring pheasants home. All hunters will be escorted by guides and their dogs, so expect to walk for about 2 hours during the day (special mobility vehicles are available for vets needing assistance) . Bring your favorite shotgun or borrow one of our 12 or 20 gauge shotguns. Number 6 lead shot or smaller shotgun shells are recommended. Hunters orange caps and apparel are suggested. You can register for this event by clicking this link: [Tails-A-Waggin' Veterans and Law Enforcement Office Free Pheasant Hunt](#) More information about Tails-A-Waggin is available through their website. [Tails-A-Waggin Acres Michigan's Premier Pheasant Preserve](#)

**"Saturday & Sunday, September 24 & 25, 2016"** The Women Marines Association is hosting a meeting of our fellow women veterans. Information on VA Benefits, VA Home Loans and much

more. Where: Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Lodge, 1 Covered Bridge Ln, Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734 (map) (989) 652-7200 Description: Come and join us for on Sunday at Noon at the Bavarian Inn Lodge for the traditional Frankenmuth chicken dinner. We have reserved a block of rooms for the 24th for those who would like to spend the night. A double room is \$159, Premium double or king is \$169 and suite is \$219. You can have up to 4 in a room. Call the hotel directly for room reservations. You do not have to attend on Saturday. Sunday is the actual meeting On Sunday we will start at noon with lunch served at 1pm. Lunch will feature a full chicken dinner and beverage Cash bar is available Cost is \$27.00 per person RSVP by 9 Sept You prepay your lunch by sending check to WMA Motor City PO Box 590 Romeo, Mi 48065 You can pay at the door but we need to have your information prior. Contact Mary Ann Merritt, [MI2@womenmarines.org](mailto:MI2@womenmarines.org) or call 586-752-9421

**"Saturday, September 24, 2016"** Michigan Women Veterans Empowerment presents Women Veterans Unmask Event t 33 E Adams, Detroit, from Noon till 3PM. Refreshments, beauty tips, massage, health & wellness, & Fellowship. There is free parking for vets attending off of Woodward. For more information contact Stephanie at 810-373-5744 or see [flyer](#).

**"Saturday, September 24, 2016"** Over 100 volunteer lawyers will be present to assist veterans wishing to have non-violent criminal items expunged from their records. Get your slate clean! . Project Clean Slate FAQs What is Project Clean Slate? o Project Clean Slate is a City of Detroit Initiative to help residents get their criminal records expunged to assist in better job opportunities. o At the Project Clean Slate Fair there will be resources available to help you: § Prepare application for record expungement § Get connected with an attorney that can help you through the process § Find information about ex-offender jobs available § Find information about Job Readiness programs and Workforce Development Who Qualifies for a Record Expungement? o You are NOT ELIGIBLE for Set-Aside (Expungement) if any of the following are true: § It has been less than five (5) years since your release from prison, discharge from probation or parole; § If your conviction is for the following offenses: · If you commit or attempt to commit a felony for which the punishment is maximum possible life sentence, such as, but not limited to: murder, armed robbery, etc.; · If you have been convicted of any offense classified as “Criminal Sexual Conduct” (CSC), First (1st) through Third (3rd) Degrees or assault with intent for such conduct (including attempt); · If you have been convicted of a CSC Fourth (4th) Degree and have been convicted of more than two minor offenses; · If you have been convicted of child abuse in the second degree; · If you have been convicted of child pornography; · If you have been convicted of an internet or computer offense; · Any traffic violation is unable to be Set-Aside, including drunk driving offenses; · If you have a felony conviction of domestic violence in addition to a misdemeanor domestic violence offense; · If you are convicted of a human trafficking crime and cannot prove that you were a victim of human trafficking; · If you are convicted of an act of terrorism § If you have more than one felony, or more than two misdemeanor offenses; o Please note that a conviction that was deferred or dismissed due to successful completion of a program will count as a misdemeanor. What do I have to bring to make the most of the fair? § ID § Any information or legal documentation you have regarding your offenses, discharged and program participation Can I pre-register? § By completing the pre-registration form ahead of time, you will be able to reduce the time you spend waiting for someone to help you § You will also be able to help guarantee that there will be enough resources available § Pre-Registration Form What resources will be at the fair? § To learn about Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC) and how they can help you! § MSP/DPD- They will be on site to help answer questions about your record, and whether or not you can qualify for a record expungement today! § Lawyers- There will be many lawyers on site to help answer questions about the expungement process, who qualifies, and if you qualify, they will be helping to get the process started! § Vendors o Southwest Economic Solutions o The Resources Network o Mariners Inn Other vendors will be

on site providing other support for Project Clean Slate Participants. This will be held at Second Ebenezer Church, 14601 Dequindre, Detroit, from 10AM till 2PM. For more info see their [website](#).

**"Sunday, September 25, 2016"** VFW District 5 is hosting their annual Gold Star Mothers Banquet at Old Settlers VFW Post 4659, 8311 Wilson Dr, Shelby Twp, from 1 till 4PM. Dinner donation of \$15 per person requested. For more info call Eddie at 586-615-5054 or see [flyer](#).

**"Monday, September 26, 2016"** The Golf Committee is hosting its 22nd annual Golf Outing to raise funds for the Fallen & Wounded Soldier Fund. This will take place at Walnut Creek Country Club, 25501 Johns Rd, S Lyon. For more info contact Lynn at 734-929-4765 or see [flyer](#).

**"Thursday, September 29, 2016"** The VFW is hosting their Fall Conference Golf Outing at Chestnut Valley Golf Course, 1875 Club House Dr, Harbor Springs, with a 9AM sign in and a 10AM shotgun start. Cost is \$55 per golfer and includes a cart, 18 holes of golf, lunch. For more info call Scott at 586-651-8228 or see [flyer](#).

**"Thursday, September 29, 2016"** Rochester Mills Beer Company is hosting a fundraiser for Warriors Hockey, a hockey team consisting of wounded warriors, all day, at 400 Water St, Rochester. 20% of all funds raised go toward supporting the hockey team, but you must have the attached [flyer](#).

**"Thursday, September 29, 2016 (NEW)"** The Inkster Citizens Action Network is hosting a Veterans Resource Fair at 2500 Hamlin Dr, Inkster, from 1 till 4PM. for more info call 313-408-4692 or see [flyer](#).

**"Friday, September 30, 2016"** Berkley Legion Post is hosting a Steak Fry from 5 till 8PM, 2079 W 12 Mile, Berkley, for \$12.75. For more info call them at 248-542-7668 or see [flyer](#).

**"Friday, September 30, 2016"** Soldiers' Angels will be hosting a Mobile Food Pantry to supply vets families with free food from Noon till 2PM at the Knights of Columbus, 4381 Larkins, Detroit. You must register in advance at [their link](#) or at 210-629-0020. See [flyer](#) for more info.

**"Saturday, October 1, 2016"** The Friends of the Navy will host the 2016 Navy Birthday celebration !! Important points: - get your special 2016 challenge coin for your collection, - get a personal formal portrait to memorialize your uniform still fits, - hear local and national Navy News from the National President of the US Navy League, - personally socialize with crew members of the soon to be commissioned USS DETROIT... Last year we over 250 fellow Friends of the Navy members share a great evening of "food and frolic" plus a series of events to appeal to all of the age groups including children (supervised movie/pizza night), Sea Cadet and NROTC/MCROTC members, Reservists, Active and Veterans alike Tell them to click on the link below to register or RSVP. Looking forward to another great get together..see you there!! To register go to their [special website](#). Details: from 1:00 PM (dinner at 6PM) to 11:00 PM EDT. Where: Wyndham Garden Sterling Heights Hotel 34911 VanDyke Sterling Heights, MI 48312

**"Sunday, October 2, 2016"** Real Estate Donations USA is sponsoring a gold outing to benefit Women Veterans & the Redford High School Baseball Dugouts at Idly Wyld Gold Course, 35786 5 Mile, Livonia, starting at Noon. Cost is \$100 per person, or a \$50 dinner only option. To register call Robert at 248-568-2448 or see [flyer](#).

**"Wednesday & Thursday, October 5 & 6, 2016 (NEW)"** The SE Michigan Veterans Stand Down, Inc along with the Detroit VA Hospital, is hosting their annual veterans stand-down at the

Detroit Rescue Mission Banquet Hall, 3606 E Forest, Detroit, from 9AM till 5PM each day. Volunteers/vendors/support groups can register at their [website](#). For more info call Gunny Norm at 248-808-0929 or see [flyer](#).

**"Friday, October 7, 2016"** Berkley Legion Post is hosting a Steak Fry from 5 till 8PM, 2079 W 12 Mile, Berkley, for \$12.75. For more info call them at 248-542-7668 or see [flyer](#).

**"Sunday, October 9, 2016"** VVA Chapter 154 is hosting a Come One, Come All dinner & music fundraiser at Mirage Banquet Center, 16980 18 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp, from 5 till 10PM. For complete info call Sandi at 586-792-1581 or see [flyer](#).

**"Sunday, October 9, 2016 (NEW)"** The U of M Ann Arbor Student Veteran Association is hosting their annual Army vs Navy Wheelchair Basketball game at the Crisler Center, Ann Arbor, with door opening at 2PM, tip-off at 3PM. This is free for all vets. U of M Cheer Team, Dance Team, 338th Army Band, are just some of the highlights. For more info visit their [website](#) for the game or see [flyer](#).

**"Thursday, October 13, 2016"** The Desert Angles are hosting a Packing Party for the troops at the Oakland County Sportsman Club 4770 Waterford Road Clarkston, Mi., from 4 till 6PM. For the troops they are looking for: wipes - personal care - foot powder - socks - cans of pasta, tuna, chicken, fruit, refried beans, etc. - single serving meals - jerky - nuts - dried fruit - "pocket foods (anything that will fit into a packet to take out on missions) powdered drink mix - coffee - tea - energy bars - protein bars - sunflower seeds - ready to eat meals - Raymon noodles - crackers - granola bars - breakfast bars - Things to make them smile - a letter from YOU - nerf balls. **And for K-9's they are looking for:** waterless shampoo large Kong's (which are toys) paw & nose salve K-9 ear cleaner K-9 eye drops large rope chews collapsible food and water bowls . **And if you want to send money to help cover the \$15 shipping costs of a package** you can send a check to: Desert Angels, Inc. PO Box 210455 Auburn Hills, Mi. 48321.

**"Thursday, October 13, 2016"** The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial is hosting a Victory Gala at the Royal Oak Farmers Market from 5:30 till 10 in Royal Oak. Guest speaker is John "Tig" Tiegen, the Hero of Benghazi attack. For complete information call 888-387-4157, the [website](#), or see [flyer](#).

**"Friday, October 14, 2016"** Berkley Legion Post is hosting a Steak Fry from 5 till 8PM, 2079 W 12 Mile, Berkley, for \$12.75. For more info call them at 248-542-7668 or see [flyer](#).

**"Saturday, October 15, 2016"** The Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council is having a Fall Headstone Cleaning event at the cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd, Holly, from 9:30 till 2PM. Bring a 5 gallon bucket, soft scrub brush, etc. To register call Sherry at 810-919-7653 or see [flyer](#).

**"Friday, October 21, 2016"** Berkley Legion Post is hosting a Steak Fry from 5 till 8PM, 2079 W 12 Mile, Berkley, for \$12.75. For more info call them at 248-542-7668 or see [flyer](#).

**"Friday, October 21, 2016 (NEW)"** The Wounded Warriors Family Support Org is hosting a dinner/fundraiser at the Mirage, 16980 18 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp, from 6 till 11PM. Host is Fox 2's Charlie Langton. Tickets are \$50. For more info and tickets call Lenny at 586-453-3022 or see [flyer](#).

**"Friday, October 28, 2016"** Berkley Legion Post is hosting a Steak Fry from 5 till 8PM, 2079 W 12 Mile, Berkley, for \$12.75. For more info call them at 248-542-7668 or see [flyer](#).

**"Thursday, November 3, 2016"** Recruit All Military Job Fair will take place at Ford Field, Detroit, from 11AM till 3PM, 2000Brush St. This is a free event for all veterans. For more info see [flyer](#).

**"Sunday, November 6, 2016 (Save The Date)"** This is the day set for the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Detroit. There are a number of new items this year and a number of changes from last year. To get full information call Willy at 248-569-0824 or visit their [website](#).

**"Friday, November 11, 2016"** Stahl's, An American Auto Experience, is opening up the Museum to veterans and the general public for free, located at 56516 North Bay Rd, Chesterfield Twp, from 10AM till 5PM. See over 100 vintage vehicles. For complete info see [flyer](#).

**"Friday, November 11, 2016"** MPVA Salute to Veterans, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, at The Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. Novi, MI 48375. The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) would like to announce that Navy (Ret.) Captain James Redford, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) Director, will be joining us as our Keynote Speaker at our November 11, 2016 Salute to Veterans Gala. James Robert Redford was appointed interim director of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency by Gov. Rick Snyder on Feb. 19, 2016 and director on April 27, 2016. Tickets are only \$75 and sponsorships vary! You can download the event brochure for further details by [clicking here](#)! See [flyer](#) for more info.

**"Saturday, November 12, 2016 (NEW)"** The Tuskegee Airmen, Inc, Macon-Thomas Chapter, is hosting their annual black tie anniversary dinner & formal gala at hte Roostertail, 100 Marquette Dr, Detroit, starting at 6PM. Tickets are \$75. For more info and tickets contact Bill at 248-242-6293 or see [flyer](#).

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**"Saturday, November 19, 2016"** The 2016 MI Women Veterans Empowerment Conference will take place at the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, 111 E Kirby, Detroit from 8AM till 4PM. Theme is The Voice of Women Veterans. To register online visit their website at [www.empowermiwomenvets.com](http://www.empowermiwomenvets.com). For more info see [flyer](#).

**"Saturday, November 19, 2016 (Save the Date)"** The Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association will be playing the Michigan Warriors, 5:30PM, at the USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. Right now they are accepting ads for the game program. If interested see [flyer](#).

**"Thursday, December 8, 2016 "** The Desert Angles are hosting a Packing Party for the troops at the Oakland County Sportsman Club 4770 Waterford Road Clarkston, Mi., from 4 till 6PM. For the troops they are looking for: wipes - personal care - foot powder - socks - cans of pasta, tuna, chicken, fruit, refried beans, etc. - single serving meals - jerky - nuts - dried fruit - "pocket foods (anything that will fit into a packet to take out on missions) powdered drink mix - coffee - tea -

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**“Buddy-to-Buddy Volunteer Veteran Program**The [Buddy-to-Buddy](#) Program is a peer-to-peer outreach program that provides peer support and connection to resources for Michigan Post-9/11 service members and veterans. The program places Volunteer Veterans at MIARNG armories to offer resource linkage to current service members as well as places them in the community to help any veteran in need. Volunteers are trained to help veterans find resources for a variety of concerns, such as: financial, VA benefits, education, emotional challenges, substance abuse, legal, medical, or employment. This service is completely free and confidential. The program is part of the M-SPAN suite of programs serving military service members, veterans, and their families, funded by the Welcome Back Veterans initiative. For more information on volunteering or getting assistance from the program, visit [www.buddytobuddy.org](http://www.buddytobuddy.org), call 1-888-82-BUDDY (28339), or email [buddytobuddyvvp@umich.edu](mailto:buddytobuddyvvp@umich.edu). Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BuddytoBuddyProgram](http://www.facebook.com/BuddytoBuddyProgram).

**"Project Healing Waters"** The John Dingell VA Hospital is teaming up with Project Healing Waters to teach veterans the art of Fly Fishing in room B1290 from 10AM to Noon. This event will be held Wednesdays on the dates noted above. For more information you can contact Kelly Cousion at the VA at 313-576-1217, visit their website at [Project Healing Waters](#), or see attached flyer.

**"Assistance for jobless Veterans"** Are you a veteran and need a job? The State of Michigan has a veterans employment specialist located right here in Southfield at the John Grace Center, 21030 Indian St. The office is there to provide veterans with employment assistance; mainly providing them with the tools they need to search for jobs (positions) out in the community, as they partner with “Employment Services” at Michigan Works! Contact Mr. Fred Pittman at 248-796-4569 or email him at [pittmanf@michigan.gov](mailto:pittmanf@michigan.gov).

**"Old Warrior Camp"** Do you know a returning vet that needs some time to unwind and relax? In the Upper Peninsula of Michigan there is a camp where fishing, hunting, riding, etc., are all available for free. For more information go to <http://www.oldwarriorcamp.com> or email <mailto:thebulldogblevins@yahoo.com>

**"Free Veteran Legal Clinic (Update)"** Are you having issues with the VA? Need some legal help with all the VA paperwork? The University of Detroit-Mercy offers free legal services for veterans as part of their Project Salute, which is now in its 5th year of helping veterans. For more information contact U of D-M at 888-836-5294 or visit their website at <http://www.law.udmercy.edu/index.php/projectsalute> . Also see [attached flyer](#) for more information.

**"Veterans History Project"** The Southfield Veterans' Commission is currently working with the Library of Congress and the Southfield Public Library gathering interviews for the American History Series. We are asking all veterans to share their stories with everyone across the country. Currently interviews are being done every Wednesday afternoon at the Southfield Library. The veteran also receives a copy of the interview for their own family record on DVD. You do not need to be a Southfield resident to participate in this program. Veterans wishing to be interviewed need to contact us to schedule a date and time at the above phone number or email



address so that the necessary paperwork can get started. You will need to sign a release form for the Library of Congress, the Southfield Public Library, complete a bio form, etc. As of June 2010 196 vets have been interviewed. More information on the Veterans History Project can be found at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets)

**"Veterans Aid & Assistance Program (Updated)"** Are you taking care of a veteran? Have a veteran in a nursing home? Have the spouse of a veteran in a nursing home or taking care of at home? A little known program of the VA might be able to help. VA Program S-38 might be able to supply to you up to \$20,000 a year toward the care of a veteran or spouse, or widow of a veteran. Naturally there are qualifications to meet, more then can be covered here. Details on this program and assistance on how to apply can be found at [www.veteranaid.org/index.php](http://www.veteranaid.org/index.php).

**"New GI Bill"** The Veterans Education Act of 2008 was passed last summer. This affects all veterans who have served since 9/11/01 and goes into affect on August 1, 2009. The American Legion is sponsoring a web site to provide information to current veterans on what this new program will provide. To find out more about the New GI Bill go to [www.mygibill.org](http://www.mygibill.org).

**"Veteran Housing Project"** Are you a disabled or a low income veteran and having problems cutting the weeds in your backyard, fixing a leaking sink, need a wheelchair ramp installed, etc. The Oakland County chapter of the Rebuilding Together program may be able to help. Their volunteers will come to your house, cut your weeds, fix that leak, build you a wheelchair ramp. For more information goto <http://www.rebuildingtogether.org/content/organization/detail/743/>, see attached flyer, or call Mr. Jerry McKay at 248-889-5450.

**"Social Security Benefits for Wounded Veterans"** If you are a disabled veteran, and receiving benifits from the VA, you may still be entitled to extra benifits from the Social Security Administration. For more information check with the Social Security Administration local office or goto: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors/>

**"Social Security Benifits for Vets prior to 1967"** In many cases veterans that served prior to 1967 did not get full credit for their service with the Social Security Administration. If you are retiiring be sure to take a copy of your DD-214 to the SSA office. If you are retired take a copy of your discharge papers to the SSA to get your earning record corrected. This might mean more per month for you.

**"Free Tuition for Returning Vets"** Western Michigan University's trustees have initiated a Returning Veterans Tuition Assistance Program designed to help recently discharged veterans with the cost of college. The program waives tuition for the first semester on campus. The current cost for a semester of tuition for a typical full time student is \$3,088. Eligible veterans must begin school at Western Michigan University within six months of discharge from active duty for purposes other than training. Contact Western Michigan University for more information.

**"Combat Veterans Program (Update)"** The John D. Dingell VA Medical Center has a team of providers who specialize in the assessment and treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The mission of the PTSD Clinical Team (PCT) is to provide comprehensive, individualized, and state-of-the art treatment for veterans who have been impacted by traumatic events that occurred during military service. The program provides assessment for PTSD, education, group and individual therapy, and assistance with connecting to other needed services. If you believe you or your family member would benefit from these services, please contact the PCT at 313-576-1000, extension 65770. You may also contact the PCT Coordinator, Christina Hall, LMSW, directly at 313-576-4962.

**"Information for all Vets"** If you have been searching the web for information on a particular item concerning vets, look no further! I received the [attached](#) from the Student Vet Association at the U of M, author unknown! Think you will find it most useful.

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