

Southfield Veterans' Commission

Serving all Veterans in the City of Southfield

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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.*

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"Friday, February 10, 2012" Dearborn Hgts VFW Post 7546 will be hosting an Irish Valentine Party featuring Blackthorn, voted the best folk band/artist by the Metro Times. Tickets are \$20 each, or a table for 10 for \$180. For more information call 313-274-4666 or see [attached flyer](#).

"Friday & Saturday, February 10 & 11, 2012" The Women Marines Association, Motor City Chapter, is hosting its "From Romeo with Love" packing party for our women troops serving overseas. This event is held in Romeo in conjunction with the Romeo Masonic Temple, the Downtown Merchants, and the Romeo Post Office. Friday from 10AM to 6PM & Saturday 10AM till Noon. Numerous items are needed and donations to cover postage. See attached flyer for complete details.

"Saturday, February 11, 2012" The Detroit Medical Center will host its 2012 National Salute to Veteran Patients with a free concert, for all veterans, at the Masonic Temple, 2PM. The Spinners will be the main attraction. The VA will also need numerous volunteers to help with wheelchair patients, security, etc. To volunteer your time for this event please contact Bill Browning at the VA at 313-576-3332. To request tickets call 313-576-1301. See attached flyer for more information.

"Wednesday, February 15, 2012" 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 till Noon. This event will repeat every month for the next several months. For complete information you can Kelly Cousion at the VA at 313-576-1217, see their website at [Project Healing Waters](#), or the attached flyer.

"Saturday, February 18, 2012" St. Clair Shores VFW Post #1146 is hosting a Lefens Show with Tribute Artists, from 7PM to 11:30PM. The post is located at 28404 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. To obtain tickets at \$15 each contact Tim at 586-713-1519. See attached flyer.

"Tuesday, March 20, 2012" Ferndale VFW Post #1407 Ladies Aux is hosting a fund raiser to Firekeepers Casino for \$40 per person. This fee will include the bus to and from the casino, \$20 in freeplay, and \$5 in food credits. For complete information call 586-228-1151 or see attached flyer.

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"Tuesday, April 17, 2012" The Southfield Veterans' Commission, in conjunction with the American Association of Employers and the Veteran Employment Services of the State of Michigan, will be hosting a Veterans Job Fair in the Southfield Pavilion from 9AM to 2PM. More details to follow!

"Wednesday, June 13, 2012 (Flag Day)" The Clio Veterans Memorial Park is hosting a free concert in tribute to all Michigan fallen soldiers from Iraq & Afghanistan. Music by Kelly Trudell from 7 to 9PM at the Clio Amphitheater. For more information 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. His primary function is to assist Southfield veterans in finding a job. Contact Mr. Mark Meadows at 248-796-4569 or email him at meadowsm@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" 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. For more information contact U of D-M at 313-596-9854 or email them at costelma@udmercy.edu.

"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

"Veterans Aid & Assistance Program" 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/apply.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.

"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 benefits from the VA, you may still be entitled to extra benefits 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 Benefits 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 retiring 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..

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