HOLLY AREA VETERANS' RESOURCE CENTER
300 EAST ST., HOLLY MI, 48442
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Summer is here, let the fun begin.

May 30 is Memorial Day. There will be a parade from downtown at 10am followed by the Service at Lakeside Cemetery, and the dinner at the Legion Hall. Help honor our heroes. Please show the flag.

We are pleased to announce that all the bottles and cans have been turned in and we have officially returned the two sheds back to the American Legion. Thanks to everyone who donated and everyone who took bottles back. We raised almost $2,000 on the project. We thank the Legion for their patience.

We are pleased to announce that **Stewart Deroo** was voted in as a new trustee on our Board. Us Army Veteran having served in Afghanistan. We are pleased to have him on board. We did not vote his chickens to the Board of Directors (sort of an inside joke).

We are a resource center. If you are a veteran or a family member with an issue or question, call us and we will do our best to help you. We are a 501(c)3 and are not part of the VA and/or Veterans Organizations. We operate solely on donations. We're located at the Richter Campus and are open from 9am-3pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Come through the Village entrance on the west side of the building.

When we are open you are welcome to stop by and chat with us or seek our help. We also have a large military and history library- books, dvds, and more. Come in have a cup of coffee, tea and a cookie or two. **Contact Joe 810-348-9960, & Ray 248-882-1406. Our email is havrc1@gmail.com.**

Bruce Freimark is a Service Officer for the Vietnam Veterans of America who works out of our office Monday through Friday from 8am-4pm. He is a certified service officer with considerable experience. Bruce is an Air Force Veteran. Contact him at **810-623-8002**, Email bruce2000@gmail.com. He is not part of the VA.

Oakland County Veterans Affairs Office has a certified Service Officer who is in our center on the second Tuesday of the month from 8am-4pm. They would prefer you make an appointment. Call **248-858-0415** to make an appointment. You can always come to the center and see if you can get in to see their Service Officer. They are also not part of the VA.

If you are coming in to see a **Service Officer**, bring your discharge paper. It's also a good idea to make notes about what you want to talk about. Remember, you are your own best advocate. You might consider having your wife or loved one come in with you. They have seen a lot and can be of considerable help.

If you are denied by the VA, bring in the documents and we will help you sort things out as will our Service Officers. You are not alone in dealing with the VA. You should also be aware, that if you are in the system, the VA has a lot of resources to help you. We can give you ideas of what to ask the Service Officer.

If you are a Gulf War Veteran, be aware of the 9 cancers that are now presumptive and are on the VA website. Stop in and we will be happy to share the information we have and see if we can help you.

We are pleased to announce that we are finally going to open our computer lab. We received a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. We are hosting an **Open House on June 13th from 2pm-4pm.** We are in room 215 in B Wing. If you are interested taking basic computer classes, call **Stewart Deroo 315-286-8411. The classes are free for veterans.** We are working with **Richard Kinnamon, Community Director for HAS.**

We hold the **Vet-to-Vet** program on the **3rd Monday** of the month. The next **Vet-to-Vet is June 20, 2022**. If is free to veterans and their families. Dinner starts at 5:30pm and after we have a short presentation. We also ask people if they have questions about claims or other issues. You can bring a dish to pass if you want.

The HAVRC is holding a **"Hot Rods & Hot Dogs" Car Show on July 16 from 9am-3pm** at the Richter Campus. This is a fundraiser for the Wall Project. Get you classic car ready. Contact Bruce Freimark for more information. They have a lot of activities scheduled for the event. The trophies are cool.

The other major project we are supporting is the **Traveling Vietnam Veterans Wall** which will be in Holly **August 3rd through August 8th**. The Wall will be on the Richter Campus property west of East St. American Legion Post 149 is the sponsoring the project. We have a fundraiser scheduled at the Moose Club on May 21, 4pm-8pm. We are also looking for a lot of volunteers. To donate or volunteer, call Joe or Rick.

We have **T-Shirts** for sale for the Moving Wall. T-shirts are $20. T-shirt sizes range from small to 3X.

The Hometown Heroes project: The committee is planning to create a metal sculpture to be placed in Ganshaw Park. Hopefully we can fool the squirrels and Mother Nature. If you know of someone going into the service or someone leaving the service, please let us know and the committee with organize an event to honor them. **Call Mike Patterson at 248-535-5460.**

We do apologize for all of the confusion and problems with the Home Town Heroes Tree in front of Holly Elementary. We are working on a solution.

Clothing donations: We only accept coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

We would like to thank Holly Township Library for the donation of military and history books. Our library has both fiction and non-fiction books on military history and general history. You are more than welcome to come in and browse. **Karen Healy, our librarian and secretary**, does a great job.

We also take donations of military artifacts and uniforms. We try to display everything.

We are members of the Holly Chamber of Commerce. Check out their website for upcoming events.

Remember, a veteran is a veteran. Veteran's families are important.

Joseph Michael Mishler, writer.

Important Dates:

6/5/2022:	Wall Fundraiser Spaghetti dinner at Moose 4pm-8pm
6/7/2022:	Legion meeting, 7pm, 408 S. Saginaw,
6/8/2022:	VFW meeting, 7pm, 201 Airport Drive
6/17/2022:	Village of Holly Fire Dept Boot Drive for the Wall, 9am-3pm
6/20/2022:	Vet-to-Vet Dinner, American Legion Hall, 5:30pm-7pm
6/24/2022:	Soldier Story, 7pm, VFW, Donation at the door. Fundraiser for the Wall.
7/16/2022:	Car Show Fundraiser for Wall/Richter Campus
8/3-8/2022:	The Moving Wall