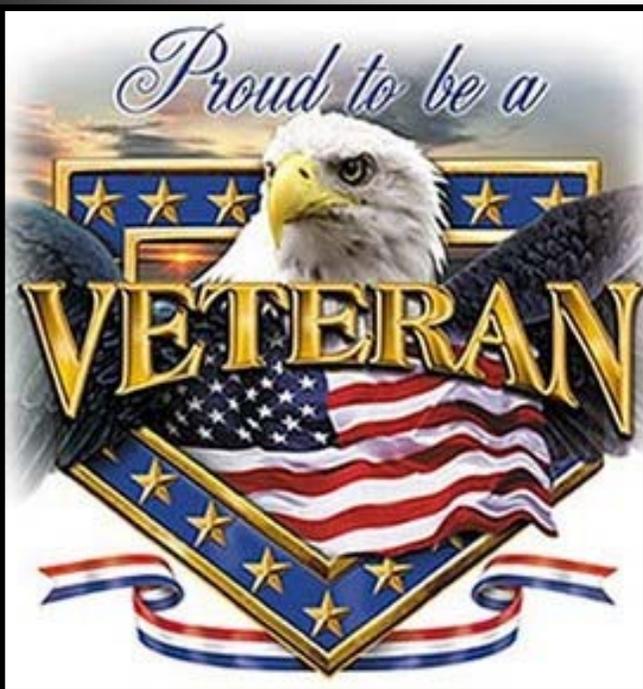


TREMPEALEAU COUNTY VETERAN SITREP

Trempealeau County Veterans Office Newsletter

End of Summer 2016



In This Issue

- Continuing to Serve
- Presumptive Conditions
- Upcoming Events
- Did You Know?

Situation Report

The Situation Report (SITREP) is a military report that provides valuable intelligence to both operators and decision makers. The Trempealeau County Veteran SITREP strives to inform the local veteran community of news, events and benefits.



Continuing to Serve

The heat and sunshine of Summer has come to an end, and we brace ourselves for the cooling temperatures and long nights of the Fall. We are now in a time of transition, one that mirrors our own journey when leaving the military.

As veterans of the U.S. military, our service to this nation did not end when we were handed our DD214 and sent back into the civilian world; it merely changed.

By serving in the military, each and every one of us improved ourselves in a multitude of ways. We learned many valuable skills, developed our bodies and minds and became leaders ready to tackle any challenge set before us.

While our circumstances have changed, our skills and abilities have not. It is simply a matter of finding a place to put them to use. For some, it is starting a new job (veterans are a valuable commodity for employers), others enhance and build upon their skills by going to school. And still others find ways to give back to their community and their fellow veterans by joining Veteran Service Organizations. Below are the websites for organizations operating in our area:

AMVETS

<http://www.amvets-wi.org/>

The American Legion

<http://www.legion.org/>

The American Legion Auxiliary

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/volunteer/>

Veterans Of Foreign Wars

<http://vfwofwi.com/>

But no matter what path you take, never forget how valuable you are. Use your skills to help others and in doing so, continue to serve.



What we can do for you

The Trempealeau County Veterans Office is here to help you apply for the benefits you have earned through your service. They include (but are not limited to):

- Disability compensation
- Health Care
- Education
- Burial and honors
- Survivor benefits

Call for an appointment:

(715) 538-2311 Ext 217 or 218



Travis Ludvigson, CVSO

Show pride in your service

Veterans make up less than 10% of the total U.S. populace . As such, you have earned a title that few can boast of.

We provide free veteran stickers so you can proudly display your military service. The following are available:

Air Force

Army

Marines

Navy

Coming Soon:

Veterans Pens

Veterans Stress Balls

Agent Orange Presumptive Conditions

A presumptive condition is one that the VA has determined to be directly linked to an exposure that occurred while serving in the military.

The following is a list of the presumptive conditions for those exposed to the defoliant Agent Orange during the Vietnam War.

- **AL Amyloidosis**
- **Chronic B-cell Leukemia**
- **Chloracne (or similar acneform disease)**
- **Diabetes Mellitus Type 2**
- **Hodgkin's Disease**
- **Ischemic Heart Disease**
- **Multiple Myeloma**
- **Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma**
- **Parkinson's Disease**
- **Peripheral Neuropathy, Early-Onset**
- **Porphyria Cutanea Tarda**
- **Prostate Cancer**
- **Respiratory Cancers (includes lung cancer)**
- **Soft Tissue Sarcomas (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma)**

Please contact our office if you have been diagnosed with any of these conditions and served on the ground in Vietnam, on a ship operating through the inland waterways or along the coast of Vietnam, on a C-123 aircraft operating during and after the war, near the DMZ in Korea (between April 1, 1968 and August 31, 1971), in Thailand (between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975) or any location known to store or conduct testing with herbicide agents. We will assist you in determining if a claim can be filed for a service connected disability.

Upcoming Events:

Veterans Expressing Themselves

A day of readings and arts by Upper Midwest veterans

Saturday, November 5, 2016

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Whitehall Memorial High School

Presented by:

The Heartbeat

Center for Writing, Literacy and the Arts, Inc.

www.theheartbeat.us



Call for writers and artists:

Any Upper Midwest veterans may submit original writing, visual art, music or other performance art.

Contact Scott Schultz

715-533-5906 or scott@theheartbeat.us

Free admission
Donations accepted
Concessions available



Veterans Expressing Themselves

Did You Know?

If you have a service connected disability and develop additional problems or conditions as a result of that disability, you can file a claim for a secondary service connected disability.

For example: If you have a service connected disability for a hip condition, and as a result, the way you walk changes, causing you to develop a problem with your knees. Since the hip condition is already established as a service connected disability, the new condition could be claimed as being secondary..

As with any claim, medical evidence of the condition is required. Ideally, we would like to have a letter or clinical note from a medical professional stating that the new condition was caused by the service connected condition.

If you have developed a condition that was caused by your service connected disability, please contact our office about filing a claim.

Contact Us

**Trempealeau County
Veterans Office**

36245 Main Street
Whitehall, WI 54773

(715) 538-2311 ext. 217 or 218

cvso@trempeleaucounty.com

Visit us on the web at:

www.facebook.com/TrempCVSO

*"To care for him who shall
have borne the battle and for
his widow, and his orphan."*

- Abraham Lincoln