



## **HOLLY AREA VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER NEWSLETTER #2 FROM OUR NEW ADDRESS**

**Our new location is 1006 N. Saginaw St. Suite C, Holly MI 48442. Come and visit us.**

**Center Co-directors: Joe Mishler & Katrina Gramer**

**Our mission is to help veterans and their families. We are a Resource Center, and we will help in any way possible. We are not the VA.**

**Our Board is comprised of both veterans and non-veterans: President Joe Mishler, VP Katrina Gramer, Secretary Patty Smith, and Treasurer Linda Mishler. Board members include Karen Healy, Linda Stouffer, Gary Scott, Mike Patterson, Steve Striggow, Stewart DeRoo, Eric Toth, and Tina Thurlow. Our Board meetings are held at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month at the Center.**

**The Center is open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am-3pm. Our Service Officer, Katrina Gramer, is in the office Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Katrina prefers that you make an appointment by calling 810-623-8002. Walkins are welcome. You can reach the Center by calling 810-348-9960.**

We are still putting the finishing touches on our new Center. We are also trying to clean out the storeroom at the Holly Nazarene Church. We emptied the 40' container we bought when we moved and sold it, thanks to Gary Scott.

The Center has received generous donations from several people. This includes a \$5000 donation from Pam Buerger. The Center received a \$500 donation from William and Pam Gardner. We also received a donation from Mike Beauchamp. We thank them and greatly appreciate their support.

**Volunteers:** We are always looking for help. Contact Joe or Katrina.

**Vet-To-Vet:** The Center has moved our Vet-To-Vet to the VFW Hall because of the tornado damage to the American Legion Hall. Fifty-five people attended the November Dinner. Representatives from PNC Bank out of Hartland gave a talk on scams that affect all of us. Comfort Quilts were presented to several people by the Holly Legion Post 149 Auxiliary. Tina Thurlow briefly talked about the damage to the Legion Hall. **The next Vet-to-Vet will be held on December 16, at the VFW Post 5587 Hall at 201 Airport in Holly.** The dinner will be held at the VFW until the Legion is repaired. Patty Smith and Joe Mishler are in charge of the project

**SCAMS:** Be wary, scams come in all forms. If you aren't sure, check them out. Call the police. Don't give out important information, especially banking info, or social security numbers. Be careful about what you put on social media. Remember, scammers have no rules or scruples.

**Hometown Heroes:** If you know of anyone joining the service or coming home, contact the center. We honor those from the community who have served. The Center has 48 ribbons on the large tree in front of Holly Elementary. Mike Patterson and Linda Scott chair the project.

**Ornament fundraiser:** Attached you will find a flier with information about an important fundraiser the Center is conducting. These fused glass hearts are donated by Pam Buerger. There are three different kinds. One is Red, white and blue. The second is white, blue and black for police. The third is white, red, and black for first responders. They are \$25 each. Stop in at the center. We also have

them at Holly Antiques and Altered Design. We greatly appreciate their support. Please check out these stores. All of the proceeds go to the Center. This is a wonderful gift.

**HAVRC Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday December 17, 11am to 3pm.** It is one of the ways to say thank you for all your support. We will have food and refreshments. This is the first Christmas Party in the new Center. It was originally scheduled for 12/16, but we had to change it.

**Holiday dates- The Center will be closed from 12/23/2024 until 1/4/2025.** If you have an urgent issue, you can contact us by phone, and we will help. Joe and Katrina will do their best to assist you. The closing includes Katrina our Service Officer.

**Peer Groups:** The Center is looking to start groups in February 2025. If you are interested, contact the Center. The Center will have several groups for veterans, and several groups for family and loved ones. Dates and times will be determined once we have formed a group. The groups are free.

**NOTE:** If you come to see the Service Officer, be sure to bring your DD 214 and any other pertinent issues. You should make notes of what you want to talk about with the Service Officer. Doing that helps you remember. Remember, in dealing with the VA you are not alone.

**Additional Resources:**

- VA Health Benefits Enroll by Phone: 877-222-8387
- VA Hotline for Women Veterans: 855-825-6636
- Status of Pending VA Claims: 800-827-1000
- Veterans Crisis Line: 800-273-8255, Press 1, or text 838255
- VA National Call Center for Homeless Veterans: 877-424-3838
- Women Veterans Call Center: 855-829-6638, phone, text, chat online.
- Board of Veterans Appeals Ombudsman: 202-451-8032
- **Contact the Holly Area Veterans Resource Center if you are confused or have questions about the additional resources.**

**Important Dates:**

- 12/3/2024 American Legion Mtg. 7pm at VFW at 7pm
- 12/11/2024 VFW Meeting at 6:30pm
- 12/11/2024 HAVRC Board Meeting 10am at Center
- 12/13/2024 Legion Open Mike at VFW 7pm.
- 12/16/2024 HAVRC Vet-to-Vet Dinner, 5:30pm-7pm, at the VFW Hall
- 12/17/2024 HAVRC Annual Christmas, 11am-3pm at Center
- 12/22/2024 Legion/VFW Christmas Party, 1pm at VFW
- 12/31/2024 Legion New Year's Eve Party at VFW