

Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for Sept 2015

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VA Expands Review of Chemical Exposure in Drinking Water at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune

08/03/2015: The diseases that are currently being reviewed for potential presumptive service connection include kidney cancer, angiosarcoma of the liver, and acute myelogenous leukemia, which are known to be related to long-term exposure to the chemicals that were in the water at Lejeune from the 1950s through 1987. VA will also work with ATSDR and potentially the National Academy of Sciences to evaluate the body of scientific knowledge and research related to exposure to these chemicals and the subsequent development of other diseases.

VA Launches New No-Cost Training Programs: Programs Designed to Help Transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans Develop New Skills and Credentials

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today launched two new no-cost training programs, Accelerated Learning Programs (ALPs) and VA Learning Hubs, to help transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans from all eras learn skills, earn credentials, and advance in civilian careers following separation from service. The entire presser can be found at the following link: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2721>

5th ANNUAL - HOLE IN ONE FOR HEROES - SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL HEROES

Glens Falls VFW Post 2475 will be hosting a golf tournament **Sunday, Sept 20th**, at the **Hiland Park Country Club**, 195 Haviland Road, Queensbury NY. All proceeds will go to the non-profit organizations listed: Adirondack VFW Post 2475; Fisher House; Global War on Terrorism Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans' Memorial; Leatherstocking Honor Flight and OnBehalf.org. For more info please contact 1SG MICHAEL HOAG, RET, COMMANDER, POST 2475 at 518 307-1008

Some Veterans experiencing financial hardship may be unaware of the programs and services available to help them avoid foreclosure, even for **home loans** not guaranteed by VA. It's easy to become discouraged after falling behind and receiving daily collections phone calls. Remember that a mortgage servicer's goal is not to take anyone's home from them. Servicers would much rather see hardships resolved and borrowers resume making payments or otherwise avoid foreclosure. There are many VA resources to help Veterans do those things.

- To see the stories of some of the more than 450,000 Veterans whom we have been able to help, watch the "VA Alternatives to Foreclosure" on website at http://www.benefits.va.gov/HOMELOANS/resources_video.asp.
- Please call (877) 827-3702 to reach your nearest VA Regional Loan Center, or you may visit our web site at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/> to obtain information about the VA Home Loan program.
- Additionally, Veterans who feel they may be facing homelessness as a result of losing their home can go to <http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/NationalCallCenter.asp>, or call (877) 424-3838 to receive immediate assistance from VA.