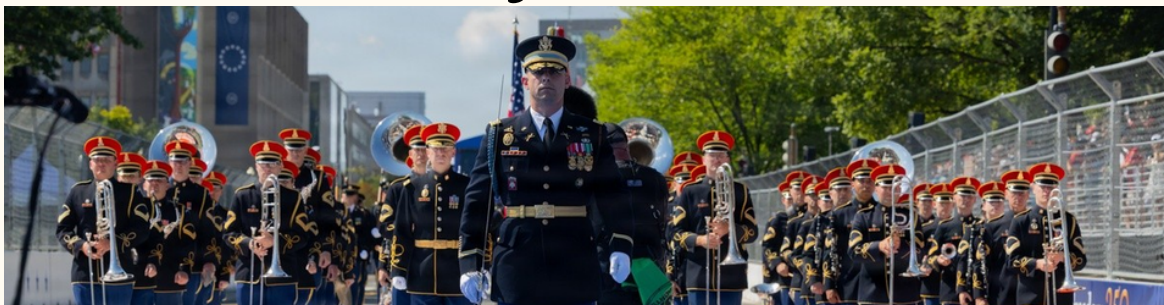




# LCVS Monthly Newsletter

Sept. 2026



## VOTE PASSED!

Last month, our community came together in a powerful way — by overwhelmingly approving the Veterans Millage. On behalf of Livingston County Veterans Services, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to every veteran, every family member, and every community member who cast a vote of support.

Your decision ensures that we can continue providing critical services to our veterans and their dependents. The renewed millage will take effect in 2028 and continue through 2033, giving us long-term stability to expand assistance, strengthen outreach, and meet the growing needs of those who served our nation.

This support means more than funding — it reflects our community's shared commitment to honoring the sacrifices of our veterans and ensuring they receive the care, resources, and respect they deserve. From emergency assistance and transportation services to benefits advocacy, your vote helps guarantee that no veteran in Livingston County is left behind.

Thank you for believing in this mission, for standing with our veterans, and for helping us build a stronger future for those who have given so much.

If you have questions about services or would like to learn more about what the millage supports, please reach out — our team is here to help.

— Ramon Baca, Director

## Veteran Laid to Rest

This past month, James Laird was laid to rest at the Great Lakes National Cemetery. He is survived by one sister residing in Florida, who was unable to attend the service, and a nephew who was present. Thanks to the support of the community, fellow veterans and residents of Livingston County gathered to witness his interment and offer prayers as James received funeral honors from the United States Navy. We extend our gratitude to everyone who attended this solemn occasion, as no veteran should ever be laid to rest alone.



**DIRECTOR - RAMON BACA**

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## Upcoming Events

### 9/11 Never Forget 5K

September 12th - 9:00am

@ Fillmore County Park

7075 McClements Road

Brighton, MI 48114

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Brighton/911NeverForgetTrailRunWalk5k>

### Veterans Coffee Hour

September 18th - 9:30am

@ Livingston County Veteran Services Office

1420 Lawson Drive

Howell, MI 48843

No RSVP needed, just come and enjoy!

# Livingston County Veterans' Council 'Veteran of the Month'

Congratulations **Gerald (Jerry) Shipley** for being recognized as Veteran of the Month for **August**. Jerry served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1964. After overcoming early challenges following his service, he went on to dedicate more than 15 years to supporting vulnerable residents throughout the county — driving individuals to medical appointments, assisting with access to food, and helping those in crisis. He also volunteers with Gleaners Food Bank and St. Joseph Catholic Church, and remains active with Brighton AMVETS, American Legion Post 141 in Howell, and the American Legion Riders. Jerry's quiet, steady commitment exemplifies a lifelong dedication to serving others.

Nominations for Veteran of the Month may be submitted to the Livingston County Veterans' Council.

Contact [LCVCUS@gmail.com](mailto:LCVCUS@gmail.com) with name, highest rank held, and branch of service. Additionally:

- Where and when the veteran served
- Which post veteran currently belongs to (VFW, American Legion, etc.)
- 3-4 sentences of veteran's achievements while serving
- If nominated, be prepared to send a photo in uniform
- Can be a veteran from any era (did not have to serve in combat)
- Must be a Livingston County resident



## CHECK US OUT TODAY

have any questions?

Contact us directly either by Email, Phone or Facebook Messenger.

let's chat!



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## From Appointments to Errands Veterans Ride Free

Livingston County Veteran Services is Expanding  
Transportation Services



Call (517) 546-6600

- Mention your veteran status to the LETS Dispatcher
- You will need a DD Form 214

# 9/11 Never Forget 5K is This Month! Last Call!

On September 12th, we commemorate 25 years since the tragic events of September 11, 2001. This day offers us an opportunity to unite and honor all those affected by this tragedy. It is also a time to reflect on the resilience and strength that define us as Americans. When we stand together, setting aside our differences, we are reminded that we are stronger as one. United we stand, and together we can mourn the tragedy while transforming the day into one of connection, support, and shared purpose. Limited supply of shirts and finishers medals available.



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## LIVINGSTON COUNTY 9/11 NEVER FORGET TRAIL 5K

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**SEPT. 12<sup>TH</sup>  
2026  
9AM**



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BRIGHTON, MI  
48114**

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911NEVERFORGETTRAILRUNWALK5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Brighton/911NeverForgetTrailRunWalk5K)

Sign up for the race here:

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