

NEWS RELEASE

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS FOR WWII OR KOREAN WAR VETERANS

To provide special recognition for the service and sacrifice of military veterans of WWII and the Korean War, Public Act 181 of 2001 authorizes the board of a Michigan school district to award a high school diploma to a WWII or Korean War veteran.

The law permits any WWII veteran who left high school between December 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 for immediate military service and subsequently did not receive a high school degree to now apply for a diploma. Korean War veterans who left high school between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955, may also apply. Specific family members may also apply on the behalf of a living or deceased veteran. Veterans must apply at the high school or district that they left.

Applications to establish eligibility are available at the Board of Education Office of Chesaning Union Schools, 850 N. Fourth Street, Chesaning, MI 48616 or call Karen @ 989-845-7020. Applications are also available from the website: www.michigan.gov/dmva. The application process requires a copy of the veteran's discharge from military service indicating honorable service.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Veterans Affairs Directorate, 7109 W. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48613 (517-335-6523) is the agency of the State of Michigan responsible for publicity and information concerning the program.