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We invite any media interested in interviewing our VA staff to learn more about care and services to contact our Public Affairs Officer at 989-497-2500, extension 13010 or e-mail tara.scheuer@va.gov

Why Veterans Choose VA for Health Care Needs

Health care is a very important component to leading and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Whether Veterans are transitioning from the military to civilian life or have been out of the military for some time, it is extremely important that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), the world's largest healthcare system, is ready to provide exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being.

Please take a moment to hear our Veterans' stories as they share <u>"Why We Choose VA?"</u> "It gives me great pleasure hearing these Veterans' experiences," stated Dr. James Hines, Chief of Staff. "Their testimonies reveal the great care VA delivers, the special connections they have with their providers and ancillary staff, the camaraderie experienced with fellow Veterans, and interestingly those who came back to VA after years of receiving care in the community. We appreciate our Veterans and are truly grateful they continue to choose us for their care. We take pride in delivering the special services they need, where and when they need it."

To find out if a Veteran is eligible for health care benefits, please call our Eligibility Offices at 989-497-2500, Extension: 13120 or 13121 or

- 1. Apply online at: https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction
- 2. Apply in person at the Eligibility Office located at 1500 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48602, in the Welcome Center, or at any VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 3. Apply with a Veteran County Service Officer.

The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center. It provides care to over 38,263 Veterans in a 35-county geographic area, from mid-Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge. Veterans can also receive care at one of our nine VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout Michigan. More information about this VA can be found at www.va.gov/saginaw-health-care/.

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