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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

Alpena, MI – PACT Act Resource Fair – May 23, 2023 Veterans Encouraged to Attend

A PACT Act Resource Fair will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Lt. Col. Clement C. Van Wagoner VA Clinic located at 180 N. State Avenue, Alpena, MI. The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans and survivors of Veterans who were exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances during their service in Vietnam, the Gulf War, and Post 9/11 eras, as well as Veterans who served at Camp Lejeune or MCAS New River for at least 30 cumulative days from August 1953 through December 1987—and their family members.

Veterans Benefits Administration Representatives, as well as Veteran Service Officers, will be available to talk about Toxic Exposure claims or other benefits information. Veterans who are not currently enrolled with the VA will have the opportunity to see if they are eligible to receive VA healthcare. Our Eligibility specialists will be available to assist with enrollment. Please bring your DD214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. It is highly recommended Veterans complete the Burn Pit Registry prior to attending: www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/registry.asp.

If you are unable to attend this event, and are not currently enrolled in VA health care, please contact Eligibility at 989-497-2500, Ext. 13120 or 13121. If you are already enrolled in VA health care and cannot attend, please contact your Primary Care Team to schedule a Toxic Exposure Screening.

The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center. It provides care to over 40,126 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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