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# News Release

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## Announcing the Pfc. Justin T. Paton Department of Veteran Affairs Clinic Dedication Ceremony – November 2, 2023

Aleda E. Lutz VAMC is delighted to announce the Pfc. Justin T. Paton Department of Veteran Affairs Clinic Dedication Ceremony, taking place on November 2, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. located at 5739 Highway M-68, Indian River, MI 49749. We are honored to have this new clinic named after Pfc. Paton, who was killed by hostile sniper fire in Iraq in February 2007 at the age of 24. He was unit leader of his Company and was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star for his selfless actions in his service to our nation. The ultimate sacrifice he paid will never be forgotten.

The Pfc. Justin T. Paton VA clinic officially opened its doors for patient care on September 12, 2023. Current services include Primary Care, Lab, Psychiatry, Social Work, Mobile Shoe and Brace Clinic, Peer Support, Comfort Therapies (Battlefield Acupuncture, Healing Touch), CVT clinics (Audiology, Anti-Coagulation, Infectious Disease, Med Management, MOVE, Nutrition). “The Veterans, who previously received their care from the Cheboygan clinic now come to Indian River. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback from Veterans and their families about the modernization and location of the clinic. They are also happy with the additional services that have been added, stated Bill Merrill, Chief of Leasing Management. “We look forward to continued expansions and services to better meet the needs of our Veterans.”

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 <https://www.va.gov/saginaw-health-care/>.

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