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The Alger County Veterans Affairs and the U.P. Together With Veterans team are coordinating an outreach event for **Tuesday, October 8**th, **from 1 – 4pm** at the Munising American Legion Post 131.

The event is open to the public, and geared towards anyone who has ever served, anywhere, at any time, their families, and anyone providing care for a veteran.

Less than 50% of veterans are connected to the benefits they've earned, and we know that connection to benefits saves lives and improves quality of life.

We hope to build Veteran participation in healthcare and wellbeing activities by promoting connectedness and help seeking.

Representatives from organizations supporting the well-being of veterans, their families and their caregivers will be on hand, as well as the Alger County Veteran Service Officer, who can assist veterans with claims and other inquiries.

Iron Mountain VA representatives will present VA highlights on current and local topics, and healthcare and benefits information, including *PACT Act, *suicide prevention, and other resources.

The Mobile Vet Center from Escanaba will be on hand.

Representatives from many organizations will offer information on several topics.

If you are unable to attend and want to get connected with your earned benefits, contact the Alger County Veteran Service Officer, or dial 1-800-MICH-VET.

Join us Tuesday, October 8th, anytime from 1 – 4pm at the Munising American Legion.

Proof of military service (ex. VA ID Card, DD-214, County Vet ID, other military/Veteran documentation.)

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^{*}The PACT Act is a new law, and the most significant expansion and extension of Veteran benefits, eligibility, and care in more than 30 years.

^{*}VA S.A.V.E. You can support a Veteran through a crisis. Learn about tips to keep in mind when talking with a Veteran who may be at risk for suicide.