

1-minute narrative

The Baraga County Veterans Affairs and the UP Together With Veterans team is coordinating an outreach event for **Thursday, April 11th, from 1 – 6pm**, at the Baraga American Legion. **Dinner** for Baraga County Veterans and their family will be served **from 5 – 6pm**.

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.

Nationally, over 50% of veterans are not connected to all their earned military benefits, 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 Baraga County Veteran Service Officer, who can assist veterans with claims and other inquiries.

Iron Mountain VA representatives will present VA healthcare and benefits information including *PACT Act information and *suicide prevention training.

The local Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribe will provide snacks during the day.

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

Join us **Thursday, April 11th, anytime from 1 – 6pm** at the Baraga American Legion.

*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. Training will help you act with care and compassion if you encounter a Veteran who is in crisis or experiencing suicidal thoughts.

Oscar G Johnson VAMC (Iron Mountain VA) Presentations:

VA S.A.V.E. 1:30 – 2:30 (in person)

VA Health Care & Benefits, including PACT Act info 2:30 – 3:30 (in person)

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

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Alternate inclement weather date: April 18th.