

1-minute narrative

The Gogebic County Veterans Affairs and the UP Together With Veterans team are coordinating an outreach event, **Wednesday, May 22nd, from 1 – 5pm** at the Bessemer VFW.

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 Gogebic 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.

Representatives from many organizations will offer information on several topics.

Each Veteran household that attends will receive a \$20 fuel card. Please bring *proof of service.

We'll provide snacks, refreshments, and coffee.

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

Join us **Wednesday, May 22nd, anytime from 1 - 5pm** at the Bessemer VFW.

*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.

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

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)

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