

## Event Description

The U.P. Together With Veterans and the Mackinac County Veterans Service Office are coordinating an outreach event for **Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 3 - 5pm** in conjunction with the Engadine American Legion **Fish Fry from 4 – 6 pm**.

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.

**Each Veteran that attends will receive a free 6-piece fish fry platter.** Please bring \*proof of service.

Less than 50% of Veterans are connected to the benefits they've earned. Connection saves lives and improves quality of life.

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

The Mackinac County Veteran Service Officer will be on hand to schedule appointments, answer questions and provide benefits information.

**Iron Mountain VA Medical Center representatives will speak at 4:30 and 5:30** on VA highlights, current and local topics, and on healthcare and benefits, including \*PACT Act and suicide prevention.

Representatives from other organizations will offer information on several topics.

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

Join us **Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, anytime from 3 – 6pm** at the Engadine American Legion.

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

\*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.

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Engadine American Legion is off US Hwy 2, on State Hwy M-117 in downtown Engadine