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VA to Hold Outreach Open House in Avoca, Iowa.

OMAHA, Neb. — A Veterans of the Armed Forces Open House to provide rural-area veterans information and assistance with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits and services takes place March 23 and 24 at the American Legion Hall, 112 N. M Street, Avoca, Iowa.

The VA is partnering with the Nebraska and Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, veteran service agencies, county veteran service officers and military transition assistance advisors.

Veterans and their family members with questions about benefits are encouraged to visit the open house between 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 23 or from 9 a.m. to noon March 24.

The goal is to increase awareness about VA and other benefits and services available to veterans, and to assist with applying for these benefits.

Representatives from the following agencies will be available to provide veterans assistance and information: VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System, Veterans Benefit Administration Regional Office, Vet Centers, Nebraska and Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, and the National Guard Transition Assistance Advisor. Community agencies that provide veteran services will also be available.

Veterans who are not currently enrolled for VA benefits are encouraged to bring their DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," to the open house to assist the agency counselors assess individual eligibility for VA benefits. VA counselors will assist veterans to complete eligibility and enrollment applications.

A complimentary meal will be provided to veterans and their families who attend from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m.

For additional information about the event, contact Will Ackerman at 800-451-5796, ext. 94719, or Darlene McMartin at 712-328-5797

The open house is targeted toward veterans who live in the following counties: Audubon, Adams, Cass, Crawford, Fremont, Harrison, Ida, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, and Shelby, Iowa; and Burt, Cass, Douglas, Otoe, Sarpy, and Washington, Neb.