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Veterans Invited to Learn about VA benefits at Health Fair

OMAHA, Neb. — The Department of Veterans Affairs provides an array of benefits to America's Veterans. Understanding all that are available can be confusing.

To help Veterans learn about the benefits they may be eligible for, the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System is hosting a Veterans Health Fair March 9 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium at the Lincoln clinic at 600 S. 70th Street.

Veterans will learn about VA benefits that include women's health care services, dental care, mental health clinics, pharmacy benefits, and diet and nutrition.

VA health care benefits advisors will be on hand to answer eligibility questions and to assist Veterans to complete enrollment application documents. 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 health fair to assist the agency counselors assess individual eligibility for VA benefits

Other VA agencies that will be available include the Lincoln Vet Center and VA Regional Office.

Veterans groups will have members available including the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Vietnam Veterans of America.

The information fair is being hosted by the Veterans Patient Advisory Group.

"You served; you deserve the best care anywhere," said Christie Emler, M.D., Associate Chief of Medicine at the Lincoln VA Clinic. Dr. Emler is the sponsor for the Veterans Patient Advisory Group.

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System proudly serves more than 167,660 veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. Omaha's medical center is an inpatient facility and also a large outpatient clinic for primary and specialty care. The Community Living Center is in Grand Island. There are community-based outpatient clinics in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Holdrege, Norfolk, Bellevue and Shenandoah, Iowa. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>.

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