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VA agencies to hold outreach event at Audubon Armory Outreach initiative provides info, VA counseling to rural-area Vets

OMAHA, Neb. — An outreach initiative to provide rural-area veterans information and counseling about Department of Veterans Affairs and other veteran-related benefits takes place in Audubon, Iowa, at the National Guard Armory, March 25 and 26.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is partnering with the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, veteran service agencies, county veteran service officers and military transition advisors to bring information and services at a Veterans of the Armed Forces Open House at the Armory at 601 Southside Drive, Audubon.

Veterans and their family members with questions about benefits are encouraged to stop in at the open house between noon to 7 p.m. March 25 or from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 26.

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

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.

The open house is a program that is intended to reach veterans in rural communities across the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System service area, which includes Nebraska, western Iowa, and portions of Kansas and Missouri.

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

The open house is targeted toward veterans who live in the following counties: Adams, Audubon, Cass, Crawford, Fremont, Harrison, Ida, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, and Taylor, Iowa.

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