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Veterans Benefits Information Fair to be held October 22 in Lac du Flambeau

(MADISON) -- Veterans can apply for an array of state and federal benefits at one convenient location during a **Veterans Benefits Information Fair (VBIF)** sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA). In an ongoing effort to serve more veterans through education and outreach, the WDVA will host a fair on **Friday, October 22 – from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, at the **Lake of the Torches Resort**, located at 510 Old Abe Road in **Lac du Flambeau**.

"The Veterans Benefits Information Fair will provide one-stop services and benefits information where veterans can bring their questions, problems and needs, at one location convenient to them in northwest Wisconsin," said WDVA Secretary John A. Scocos. "Many veterans may believe they are no longer eligible for benefits after being out of service for decades, and are surprised to find out that many benefits have no time limits, and new benefits have been instituted. The WDVA is working hard to ensure our veterans receive the benefits they deserve. We can help them learn about, and apply for the veterans benefits and services they and their families may be entitled to."

Secretary Scocos also said, "This VBIF is the third of four taking place on or near the tribal reservations in northern Wisconsin. It's been one of my goals for the department to host outreach events convenient for Native American veterans and other veterans to come learn about their benefits. One more VBIF will be coming up on October 29th in Keshena."

At this one-stop shop for benefits, veterans can:

- Establish eligibility for state veterans benefits (veterans are advised to bring their **DD form 214**).
- Apply for benefits, such as VA health care and prescription drug benefits, disability compensation and pension, personal loans, home mortgage loans (including federal Native American home loans), home improvement loans and education or job training grants.
- Receive assistance in obtaining military medals and records.
- Find out about employment opportunities.
- Pre-register for burial in state veterans cemeteries.
- Obtain information about nursing care and aging services.

This event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, in partnership with local county veterans service offices, tribal veterans service offices, Wisconsin Veterans Service Organizations, and other county, state, and federal agencies. Admission and parking are free. For more information about the Veterans Benefits Information Fairs, call 1-800-WIS-VETS (1-800-947-8387) or go to the WDVA web site at <http://dva.state.wi.us/news.asp>. Or contact a local County Veterans Service Office or Tribal Veterans Service Office.