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**Supermarket of Veterans Benefits to be held October 31 - November 1  
in Schofield (Wausau area)**

(MADISON) -- Veterans can apply for an array of state and federal benefits at a **Supermarket of Veterans Benefits** sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA). In an ongoing effort to serve more veterans through effective education and outreach as part of the "I Owe You" program, the WDVA will host its seventh Supermarket, a "one-stop shop" event to be held in Schofield, Wisconsin (just southeast of Wausau) on the following dates and times:

**Friday, October 31 – from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 1 – from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Greenheck Field House, D.C. Everest High School**

**6400 Alderson Street,**

**Schofield, Wisconsin**

Here are some of the many services veterans and their family members can receive at the Supermarket:

- 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, VA compensation and pension claims, personal loans, home mortgage loans, home improvement loans and education or job training grants.
- Obtain information on federal VA health care.
- Receive assistance in obtaining military medals and records.
- Find out about employment opportunities.
- Pre-register for burial in state veterans cemeteries.
- Access military retiree information.
- Obtain information about nursing care and aging services.
- Short information briefings throughout the day on State Veterans Benefits, Federal VA Benefits and VA Health care.
- Admission, parking, child care and refreshments are free.
- Interim Home Health Care from Wausau will be on site to provide **flu shots**. Shots are available at no charge for those eligible for Medicare and/or Medicaid who present their cards. For the general public, flu shots are available for those 12 years and older at a reduced charge of \$15.00.

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Veterans who have had an injury or illness while in military service may be eligible to receive compensation from the federal government for that condition. Veterans service providers will be on hand to discuss with veterans their eligibility for compensation, to submit a request for a veteran's medical and service records, and to begin the process of filing a claim for compensation.

"The Supermarket will provide one-stop services and benefits information where veterans can bring their questions, problems and needs," said WDVA Acting Secretary John A. Scocos. "This Supermarket of Veterans Benefits will be the seventh one conducted, and the first one in the Wausau area. We hope veterans will spread the word about the event, because many veterans who believe they are no longer eligible for benefits after being out of service for decades find out that most benefits have no time limits, and new benefits have been instituted."

Previous events have been held in Milwaukee, Eau Claire, Racine, Madison and Green Bay. To date over 12,000 veterans and family members have participated and received benefits they have earned. These Supermarkets are part of WDVA's overall "I Owe You" Campaign, reaching out to veterans who have not otherwise been served and bringing together the resources and expertise of state, federal and local governmental agencies, as well as veterans service organizations. By working together, various organizations can serve veterans more effectively.

Other agencies, in addition to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, that will participate in the Schofield Supermarket include: the VA Hospital; VA Benefits Administration; the Wisconsin Department of Health & Family Services, the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development; Veterans Service Organizations; and County Veterans Service Officers from central Wisconsin.

Staff from the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King will be on hand to talk about employment opportunities in Waupaca for Certified Nursing Assistants, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Registered Nurses.

Volunteers will escort and assist those who need help getting from the parking lot to the building. For more information, go to the WDVA web site at <http://dva.state.wi.us/news.asp> or call 1-800-WIS-VETS.

**GREENHECK FIELD HOUSE**  
**6400 Alderson Street -- Schofield, WI**

**Directions to Greenheck Field House:**

**If traveling North on 39/51, take 29 East to Exit 171, then go North on Business 51 to Jelinek take a right and then a right on Alderson**

**If traveling South on 51, take 29 East to Exit 171, then go North on Business 51 to Jelinek take a right and then a right on Alderson**

**If traveling West on 29 take Exit 171 go North on Business 51 to Jelinek take a right and then a right on Alderson**

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