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Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center Takes Seven Veterans to National Veterans Golden Age Games in Detroit

Seven Veterans who receive their care at the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw, Michigan, traveled to Detroit, Michigan in July to compete in the National Veterans Golden Age Games. This is the first time in many years the games have been held so close to their “hometown” VA.

Veteran athletes included Milan Bissonnette of Hope, James Sloan of Bay City, Larry Smith of Merritt, John Osplaski of Saginaw, David Hiles of Frankenmuth, James Ison of Mt. Pleasant, and Larry Cox of Saginaw.

The Veterans who placed in events are:

David Hiles – Gold in Shuffle Board, Bronze in Horse Shoes, Bronze in Bowling

Milan Bissonnette – Gold Medal in Boccia Ball, Bronze in Table Tennis, and 4th Place Ribbon in Shuffle Board.

Larry Smith – Gold Medal in Horse Shoes

James Sloan – Silver Medal in Bowling

John Osplaski – 5th Place Ribbon in Shuffle Board

A team of VA staff worked very hard to coach the Veterans and coordinate their participation during the four days in Detroit. A big thank you goes out to Jeff Wendt, Recreational Therapist, Leland Lewis, Blind Rehabilitation Specialist, Lee Anne Wickes, LPN, and Nicole Wright, Blind Rehabilitation Specialist.

Way to do the Aleda E. Lutz VAMC proud!!! We look forward to a team of Veterans competing in Biloxi, Mississippi in 2017.

The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center, with an additional 8-bed acute medicine and telemetry wing. It provides care to over 34,700 Veterans in a 35-county geographic area, from mid-Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge. Veterans also receive care at one of our nine VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout Michigan. More information about this VA can be found at [our website](#).

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