Dear Editor:

This Valentine’s Day, many Veterans who fought to preserve our freedoms will be hospitalized, receiving the medical care they earned, but separated from the homes and communities they defended. No one should be alone on Valentine’s Day, and with the help of our grateful community, no Veteran has to be.

I would like to personally invite every one of your readers to show their love and appreciation to Veterans by visiting the Aleda E. Lutz Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 1500 Weiss Street, Saginaw, MI, as part of the National Salute to Veteran Patients February 10-16, 2019.

Your readers can join our "Visit a Vet for Valentine's Day" Program, and arrange for a visit through our Voluntary Service Office during National Salute week to visit Veterans at a VA facility and remind them that their sacrifices are not forgotten.

However, the love doesn’t have to end on Valentine’s Day. Many of our Veterans are coming to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) with special needs and challenges which require the hearts and hands of a new generation of VA volunteers. The Aleda E. Lutz VA in Saginaw invites citizens, young and old, to join us in honoring our Veterans year-round by learning more about VA’s volunteer program as well.

Every citizen can make a positive difference in the life of a Veteran patient. Visits from community groups do so much to lift the spirits of our patients. I invite every member of our community to participate.

Call our Voluntary Service office at 989-497-2500, Extension 13360 to schedule a visit and learn how to join the VA’s National Salute to Veteran Patients.

Voluntary Service will host visitors and other special events for Veterans throughout the week to show each and every Veteran the support and gratitude they all deserve.

On behalf of the over 1,200 VA employees who serve Veterans in Saginaw and throughout Michigan at our nine Community Based Outpatient Clinics, we continue to be honored and privileged to serve those who have served!
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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 36,700 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 www.saginaw.va.gov.

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