National Salute to Veteran Patients Dinner Dance

February 11—15, 2019, the week of Valentine’s Day, is National Salute to Veteran Patients Week. The purpose of the National Salute to Veteran Patients Program is to pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans, increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center, encourage citizens to visit hospitalized Veterans, and to become involved as volunteers. This program is put on by the VA Voluntary Service each year. This designated week is an opportunity to say thank you to a special group of men and women, more than 98,000 Veterans of the U.S. armed services, who are cared for every day in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliaries, and nursing homes. During the National Salute, VA invites individuals, Veterans groups, military personnel, civic organizations, businesses, schools, local media, celebrities, and sports stars to participate in a variety of activities at the VA medical centers. The activities and events include special visits to hospitalized Veterans, Valentine distributions, photo opportunities, essay contests, special recreation activities, and Veteran recognition programs.

As one of the many special events planned, the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center (VAMC) is hosting its annual National Salute to Veterans Dinner Dance. The Dinner Dance will be held at Horizons Conference Center, located at 6200 State Street, Saginaw, MI, 48603, on February 14, 2019. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., dinner will be at 5:00 p.m., and dancing from 6:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m. There will be live music, Veteran-centered booths, and a full cash bar. The cost is $20.00 per Veteran couple and $70.00 per civilian couple. The attire is semi-formal/formal wear. The dinner choices are beef or chicken. Please call Voluntary Service, 989-497-2500, Extension 13360 or 13369 to register. The deadline to receive payment is January 31, 2019. Please make checks payable to our event partner, Marine Corp League (MCL) John C. Rock Det. #902. Payments can be dropped off or mailed to Aleda E. Lutz VAMC, Attention Voluntary Service (135), National Salute to Veterans Dinner Dance, 1500 Weiss Street, Saginaw, MI 48602.

The National Salute to Veteran Patients Week provides an opportunity for the community to become acquainted with the volunteer opportunities within the medical center. Please call Voluntary Service at the phone numbers listed above to discover the
wonderful things you, your group, or organization can do to salute America’s Heroes.

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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