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Dublin VA to host PACT Act town hall and VBA claims clinic in Albany July 11

Dublin, Ga.— The Dublin VA Medical Center will host a town hall meeting, resources fair, and Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) claims clinic July 11 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at American Legion Post 512 in Albany, Georgia. Veterans and anyone else interested in learning about the PACT Act, an expansion of VA benefits for veterans who have been exposed to toxic substances during their service, are welcome to attend. In addition to learning about the PACT Act and benefits that it provides, the event will include a VBA claims clinic and resources fair to acquaint attendees with programs and services offered by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

The event will take place at American Legion Post 512 located at Willie Pitts Jr. Rd., Albany, Georgia, 31707.

VBA staff will be on-hand to accept new claims or offer follow up on existing claims for VA disability.

The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act is the most significant expansion of benefits and services for toxic exposed veterans in more than 30 years. The town hall meeting will provide information about the Act and Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) staff will be on-hand to conduct a claims clinic to directly enroll veterans to determine their eligibility, as well as address any other claims concerns veterans may have.

The PACT Act expanded VA benefits for millions of veterans, making more than 300 health conditions "presumptive" for service connection. This means that if an <u>eligible</u> veteran has one of these health conditions, VA automatically assumes that the condition was caused by the veteran's service and provides compensation and care accordingly. VA encourages veterans and their survivors to apply for these benefits now at VA.gov/PACT. More information on eligibility for the special enrollment period can be found at <u>VA.gov/PACT</u>.

For more information about how the PACT Act is helping veterans and their survivors, visit VA's <u>PACT Act Dashboard</u>. To apply for care or benefits today, visit <u>VA.gov/PACT</u> or call 1-800-MYVA411.

For questions or additional information, contact Keith Griffin at <u>Keith.Griffin@va.gov</u>. Interested persons are encouraged to follow the medical center on Facebook at "Dublin VA Medical Center" for additional information and updates.

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Attachments:

1) PACT Act event flyer

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