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Army to muster Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) Soldiers at Ann Arbor (Mich.) VA Medical Center

FORT KNOX, Ky. — U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC) will conduct Readiness Musters for some 160 Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) Soldiers at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center Ann Arbor (Mich.) this Saturday, July 23.

The Army is conducting musters at several VA Medical Centers this year to expand the muster program to areas where there is no Reserve Center located in a central area or where the VA facility can accommodate more people. This muster is being held at the Ann Arbor Medical Center main facility on Fuller Road.

The event will include a general briefing; vendor tables manned by representatives from organizations such as VA, Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces Office (EPO), AAFES, DeCA and Military OneSource; individual “stations” for the Soldiers to obtain needed medical and benefit services; and a Post-Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) to document health concerns, assessment and referrals.

A secondary benefit of conducting the muster at the VA facility is having VA counselors available to assist Soldiers who might need medical, counseling or other services offered through the VA for veterans. Many Soldiers leave active duty not knowing of the benefits available to them through the various VA channels. This is an outstanding example of how the Army and the Department of Veterans Affairs are cooperating to ensure that the men and women who have defended the nation receive the services they have earned.

Musters help optimize the operational and strategic value of the IRR by improving individual readiness levels. Soldiers will meet with personnel specialists and medical specialists, who will update their military records, present information on promotion and training opportunities, provide medical and dental screenings, and offer other services. The Readiness Muster is a one-day event for which Soldiers are paid a standardized stipend. Soldiers are not mobilized as a direct result of these musters.

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A Soldier typically becomes a member of the IRR after successfully completing a tour of duty as an Active, National Guard or Reserve Soldier. Soldiers may remain members of the IRR until their total military service obligation expires, or, in the case of officers, until they resign their commission.

This muster is the last of 20 Readiness Musters conducted across the United States from January through July this year.

The muster will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. For more information about the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, the Individual Ready Reserve or musters, contact Ray Gall, Public Affairs, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, at 502-613-4212 or via e-mail to gall.ray@us.army.mil.

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