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## News Release

### **Detroit VA Healthcare System Salutes Veterans at Annual Veterans Day Event, November 10th**

#### ***For Immediate Release***

**(Detroit)** The Detroit VA Healthcare System will honor Detroit-area Veterans, including hundreds of its own staff members, patients and volunteers, on **Tuesday, November 10, 2015** with its annual Veterans Day event.

The medical center's annual program will take place at 11:00 a.m. in the medical center atrium on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the facility. The program will feature remarks from **U.S. Congressman John Conyers, Michigan's 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**. Congressman Conyers served in the National Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War. Also featured will be remarks from several Veterans with ties to the medical center and Dr. Pamela Reeves, Director of the medical center. Rich Luterman, Chief Meteorologist from WJBK in Detroit and a longtime friend of the medical center, also a Veteran, will serve as emcee of the event.

"It's such a privilege for us to serve these heroes, each and every day. And, this program allows us to honor them," said Dr. Pamela Reeves, Medical Center Director.

Also during the day on November 10<sup>th</sup>, the medical center will again host a program through Jackets for Jobs, in partnership with TJ Maxx. The organization will give away purses to female Veterans for the fourth consecutive year. "It's just one example of our commitment to serving those who have so

unselfishly served our country,” said officials from Jackets for Jobs. The giveaway will begin immediately following the event in room B1314 on the first floor of the medical center.

The Detroit VA’s Veterans Day program is open to all Veterans, their families, staff, volunteers, along with members of the community. Medical center leadership will be available immediately following the program to answer media inquiries on medical center programs and initiatives. Also participating in the program will be Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) colleagues and staff from the upcoming National Veterans Golden Age Games.

*Since 1939, the Detroit VAMC has been improving the health of the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. In 1996, the medical center moved from Allen Park, Michigan to the current location in Detroit. The John D. Dingell VAMC located in Detroit, Michigan is one of the newest VA facilities in the country. We consider it our privilege to serve the health care needs of our Veterans. Services are available to more than 330,000 Veterans living in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair counties. This population represents approximately forty-four percent of the Veteran population in the lower peninsula of Michigan. For more information, visit <http://www.detroit.va.gov>.*

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