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Event to Focus on Health Care Issues Facing Kansas Veterans

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that he has invited representatives from the Veterans Administration (VA) to meet with Kansas veterans at a forum this month in Clay Center. The forum will provide an opportunity for veterans to share their suggestions and ideas for improving access and quality of VA health care services with VA personnel.

"Now more than ever, we need to ensure that today's veterans and future veterans receive the health care services they have earned and deserve," Moran said. "The demand for VA medical care is increasing and veterans in our state are facing a number of challenges to access health care services. This forum will help me to become better informed on how the VA is serving our veterans and on the overall status of veterans' care in Kansas - specifically in northeast Kansas."

The directors of the VA Medical Centers in Topeka, Leavenworth and Wichita have been invited to attend, as well as a representative from the Community Based Outpatient Clinics, to provide an overview and update on health care services available to veterans.

In addition, VA service officers will be available to assist individual veterans with specific case related issues.

The Veterans' Health Care Forum will be held on Monday, September 15, 2003, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Catholic

Parish Center, 730 Court Street in Clay Center. All veterans and others interested in veterans' health care are invited to attend.

"I encourage all veterans to take the opportunity to meet with the VA first-hand and let them know their problems," Moran said. "I hope that this forum will be informative for everyone who attends and will generate better solutions to VA health care concerns."

Moran serves as the Vice-Chairman of the House Veterans Subcommittee on Health.

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