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Invites Area Veterans to Attend Event in Emporia

EMPORIA - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced he will host a forum for veterans in Emporia this week to discuss health care and benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Dan Umlauf, Director for the Robert J. Dole VA Regional Office in Wichita, and Marie Weldon, Director for the VA Hospital in Topeka, will join Moran to hear the thoughts and concerns of veterans.

"Kansas veterans deserve the best care for their service to our country," Moran said. "By keeping the lines of communication open, we can evaluate the support system to ensure we are meeting the needs of our nation's veterans."

This is the tenth forum on veterans' issues hosted by Moran. Previous forums have taken place in McPherson, Junction City, Marion, Cimarron, Sabetha, Salina, Clay Center, Goodland and Hutchinson. Moran is a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and has served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health.

"The forum will be a good opportunity for veterans and their families to meet with Congressman Moran and Veterans Affairs officials to discuss common goals," John Sanderson, Commander of American Legion Post 5, said. "We are honored to host this forum as it fits in with our goal at the American Legion of serving current service members and veterans."

The event will be Thursday, November 29, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at American Legion Post 5, 2921 W. 12th Avenue, in Emporia. Members of Moran's staff will be on hand along with representatives from the VA to handle any concerns that veterans or their families may have. All area veterans and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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