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## News Release

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### **Sault Ste Marie Area's Veterans Transportation Service**

Getting to and from a medical appointment today can prove difficult for Veterans who are disabled, elderly, ill or live in remote areas. The Veterans Transportation Service (VTS) and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) service assists with travel by driving Veterans to their primary or specialty care appointments at the Iron Mountain VA Medical Center and back home again. Volunteer drivers travel throughout the Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin to pick up Veterans from outlying areas. Additionally; accommodations may be available through VTS, for Veterans with special needs, such as wheel chair and oxygen tank utilization, who reside within a 50 mile radius of the OGJVAMC or those living along established set-routes.

To schedule a ride call Sault Ste Marie area's DAV coordinator at (906) – 635 – 6370. When leaving a message state the following three things: name, phone number, appointment date and times. After which the coordinator will call back to verify the ride. Confirmation is needed from the coordinator to guarantee a seat on a van. Vans do not run on weekends or federal holidays. If interested in volunteering as a DAV driver, helping to get Veterans to and from their medical appointments contact your local coordinator. If unsure of who to contact for your area call the Iron Mountain VTS coordinator at (906) – 774 – 3300 ext. 33849. These entirely free transportation systems are a privilege which is supported by Veterans for Veterans.

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