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PRESS RELEASE

MENOMINEE COUNTY VETERANS RECEIVED \$11,181,000 LAST YEAR

During the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2008, veterans and their families in Menominee County received \$11,181,000 from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Benefits in the form of Disability Compensation, Pension, Education, Insurance and indemnities were paid directly to many of the county's Menominee veterans.

Linda C. Walker, Director of the VA Regional Office in Detroit, the office that administers benefit payments for Michigan said, "This influx of money into the Menominee County economy was a significant portion of the more than one billion dollars VA expended to serve the 761,308 veterans living throughout the State of Michigan."

"Over half of all VA expenditures, more than \$500 million, are paid directly to veterans and their families each year," Ms. Walker added. "The rest is used to support VA medical services provided at Michigan's five VA Medical Centers, five Outpatient Clinics, and the numerous Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC's) located throughout the State."

Ms. Walker reminds any Menominee County veteran "If you believe your service connected condition has gotten worse or you simply have a question about your VA benefits be sure to contact the VA Regional Office." You may do this by calling the Menominee County veterans representative or by calling VA direct on their toll free telephone number 1-800-827-1000.