

Veterans News from Livonia Lodge #2246

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DETROIT VA HOSPITAL PACT ACT EVENTS

Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins Act, or more commonly known as the PACT Act, has the purpose to provide Veterans exposed to toxins on the battlefield with easy access to the care they deserve. Because this bill was passed in mid-August of 2022, many Veterans are unaware of this new legislation or how it might benefit them.

To spread the word, the Veterans Administration is trying new ways to reach out to Veterans in the Southeastern Michigan area. One such way that Detroit's John D. Dingell Veterans Hospital is trying is to offer a free breakfast or lunch to provide a chance for the benefits specialists to get in front of local Veterans and tell them about the new benefits available to them.

PACT Act stands for **Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins Act of 2021**.

The Livonia Lodge #2246 has been instrumental in the success of the Detroit VA Hospital PACT Act events.

On Saturday, February 18, 2023, volunteers from our lodge assisted the Royal Oak-Detroit Lodge #34 with their pancake breakfast.

On Saturday, March 25, 2023, Livonia Lodge hosted their own PACT ACT event it drew over 200 Veterans who enjoyed pancakes and sausage while learning about the new programs available to them. All the feedback received from attendees confirmed it was well worth the time spent.

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, Livonia Lodge volunteers helped prepare meals for their luncheon at the St. Clair County Veterans PACT ACT Event held at Port Huron Elks Lodge #343.

All the events were a great success in accomplishing valuable outreach to individuals that had not otherwise been reached.

The Livonia Lodge will be hosting another PACT ACT Event – Saturday, November 18, 2023.



Fig 1-Royal Oak/Detroit Lodge #34



Fig 2 – Livonia Lodge #2246



Fig 3-Livonia Lodge #2246



Fig 4-Port Huron Lodge #343