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## **Media Release**

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### **Army to muster Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) Soldiers at Fayetteville (N.C.) VA Medical Center**

FORT KNOX, Ky. — U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC) will conduct a Readiness Muster for some 180 Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) Soldiers at the Fayetteville (N.C.) Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center this Saturday, July 16.

The Army is conducting musters at several VA Medical Centers this year to expand the muster program into areas where there is not an adequate Reserve Center located in a central area or, in some cases, where the VA facility can accommodate more people. This muster is being held at the Fayetteville Medical Center main facility on Ramsey Street.

The event will include a general briefing; vendor tables manned by representatives from organizations such as VA, EPO, Compass Point, Essential Knowledge, ROTC Command, DeCA and Military One Source; individual “stations” for the Soldiers to obtain needed medical and benefit services and screenings; and a Post-Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) to document health concerns, assessment and referrals as needed.

A secondary benefit of conducting the muster at the VA facility is having VA counselors available to assist Soldiers who might need medical, counseling and/or other services offered through the VA for veterans. Many Soldiers leave active duty not knowing of the benefits and rights available to them through the various VA channels. This is an outstanding example of how the Army and VA are cooperating to ensure that the men and women who have defended the nation receive the services they have earned.

Musters help optimize the operational and strategic value of the IRR by improving individual readiness levels. Soldiers will meet with personnel and medical specialists, who will update their military records, present information on promotion and training opportunities, provide medical and dental screenings, and offer other services. The Readiness Muster is a one-day event for which Soldiers are paid a standardized stipend. Soldiers are not mobilized as a direct result of these musters.

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## IRR MUSTER/2-2-2

A Soldier typically becomes a member of the IRR after successfully completing a tour of duty as an Active, National Guard or Reserve Soldier. Soldiers may remain valuable members of the IRR until their total military service obligation expires, or, in the case of officers, until they resign their commission.

This is one of 20 Readiness Musters being conducted between January and July this year across the United States.

The muster will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. For more information about U.S. Army Human Resources Command, the Individual Ready Reserve or musters, call Ray Gall, Public Affairs, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, at 502-613-4212 or e-mail to [gall.ray@us.army.mil](mailto:gall.ray@us.army.mil).

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