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NEWS RELEASE

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DAV and UW Oshkosh's Veterans Resource Center to hold Burn Pit Forum

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Veterans Resource Center (VRC) at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh are collaborating on a Burn Pit Forum for the 350 student veterans enrolled at UW Oshkosh and other interested veterans.

The specifics are:

When: November 14, 2018 - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Where: University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
Reeve Union Theater, Room 307
800 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh, WI 54901

The Forum will be divided into 3 segments – 1) Burn Pit Overview; 2) Panel Discussion; and 3) Way Forward. A Question and Answer Session is anticipated at the end. DAV Assistant Legislative Director Shane Liermann will be a participant.

DAV's Liermann said, "Burn pits release an array of pollutants into the air, including particulate matter and known carcinogens. We need to acknowledge that veterans who served in areas that utilized burn pits—including before 9/11—were exposed to chemicals and toxins known to cause adverse health effects. This forum allows us to participate in open dialog with other veteran advocates in the hope of reaching a consensus which will affect real change for exposed veterans."

VRC Representative Matthew Stoppenbach stated, "The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Veteran Resource Center is proud to partner with DAV to host the Burn Pit Forum. We look forward to welcoming the Veteran Community on our campus. It is our belief that the pathway to protecting a veteran's health starts with education and awareness. Our mission is to always provide student veterans with the resources and information necessary to prosper. Events like the Burn Pit Forum are an example of how the UW Oshkosh Veterans Resource Center is committed to keeping that mission."

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About DAV: DAV empowers veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. It helps 1 million veterans annually with Benefits, Transportation, Advocacy, Employment, and Volunteerism. DAV, a nonprofit organization with 1 million members, was founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932. Learn more at www.dav.org.

About VRC: The UW Oshkosh VRC is dedicated to supporting the University's active duty veterans, guard members, reservists and their dependents.