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Dear Service Member/Veteran:

On behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, I would like to invite you to participate in our fifth annual state-wide Women Veterans Conference, September 23-25, 2011, to be held at the Wisconsin Military Academy (WMA), Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. Please see the enclosed agenda for what promises to be a fun filled and enriching weekend in the company of our sisters. We are pleased to bring back the ever popular Friday evening reception at McCoy's with free h'orderves (compliments of our local Veterans organizations) and cash bar. Sunday morning will be filled with many stress relieving activities and some new ideas on handling stress.

Inexpensive meals and accommodations are available at the WMA, please see registration form. The rooms are similar to college dorm rooms. You may choose to stay in a double occupancy room with community bathroom down the hall (must bring your own towels) or a single, private room that shares a bathroom with another single room and towels are provided. Please see registration form for booking and room rate information.

If you're interested in a hotel like setting, Army Lodging is available. Please contact Julia at (608) 388-3638 and inform her that you will be attending the Women Veterans Conference. If you're interested in staying off post, I am enclosing a list of local hotels for your convenience. Be advised, the Cranberry Festival is also being held on this weekend so hotel rooms will be scarce and rates may be increased for the Festival. You will want to make your reservation as soon as possible.

For more information about the WMA facility, please visit http://dma.wi.gov/dma/arng/wma_facility.asp and general information on Fort McCoy is available at <http://www.mccoy.army.mil/>.

Due to heightened security, entry on to the installation will be complicated. You must have one of the following forms of identification in order to be allowed access on to the installation: Military/Retiree ID Card, Passport, State Drivers License or State ID card. If you do not have one of these documents, please contact us so that we can make arrangements for you to gain access on to the installation. If you are driving and do not have a DOD sticker, you need to provide us with your driver license number & state of issue and your car license plate number & state of issue. Upon arrival, you must provide the guards with your vehicle registration and proof of motor vehicle insurance. If you do not want to provide your drivers license and car registration information at this time, you will have to provide all of this information when you arrive at the gate and expect a 30 minute delay before you will be given access on to the installation.

If you are unsure of how to get to WMA, the Fort McCoy gate security will be happy to help you with directions. I will send a map of Fort McCoy with your confirmation letter. If you are in need of transportation or are willing to transport another attendee to the conference, please indicate on the registration form.

Note: Online registration is now available. We encourage you to use it, if at all possible.

Please use this link to access the online registration form:

<https://services.dva.state.wi.us/eventregistration/womenvetsconference.aspx>.

If you do not have Internet access, or have problems using the link, please call 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387) and ask for Nora Meissner.

Registration is due on or before August 29, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Nora Meissner or myself at the above address or toll free number. You may also contact Nora directly at (608) 264-6096 or e-mail nora.meissner@dva.state.wi.us. My direct line number is (608) 266-6832 or e-mail cheryl.adams@dva.state.wi.us. I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Adams".

Cheryl Adams

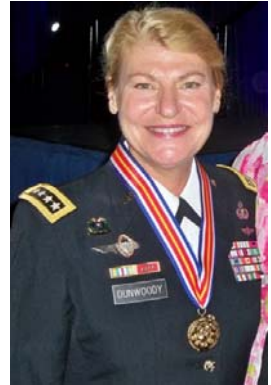
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