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100 veterans take to Lake Michigan for morning fishing and boil

Milwaukee VA veterans hosted by Great Lakes Sport Fishing Club for day-long adventure

The Ozuakee County fishing community comes together in show of gratitude to veterans with the 46th Annual Disabled Vet Fish Outing on June 19, 2019, at the Port Washington Marina, 106 N. Lake St., Port Washington, Wisconsin.

The outing consists of boat fishing in Lake Michigan, fish boil for lunch and awards.

"It is our way of saying thanks to so many that have sacrificed their time, limbs, the put their lives on hold for us," said Mary Schuknecht, chairman of the fish outing committee.

Schuknecht has been planning the outing since 1977 and she said it generally takes between 200-300 volunteers to make it happen.

"It is a long-standing tradition to go out with the Port Washington American Legion," said Makenzie Kojis, recreation therapist at Milwaukee VA. "For a veteran to go out in the community, beyond the walls of the hospital will be a key part of the recovery ... they have contacts and a network of support in their communities."

To register contact Kojis by Monday, June 17, 2019 at by calling 414-369-7658.

For more information on the fish outing, contact Schuknecht at 920-918-9144.

For interviews with veterans and VA recreation therapy staff, contact Benjamin Slane via text or call at 414-239-1685.

Please note the boats will start loading at 8 a.m. However, staff and boat captains will be on hand starting around 6:30 a.m. in the marina.