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### Students help vets with VA claims

Law students from the University of Detroit Mercy will visit three sites in San Diego this week to help military veterans obtain benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The stops are part of a nationwide tour called Project SALUTE, which pairs students from the 96-year-old Catholic law school in Michigan with local attorneys and veterans groups. They try to assist low-income veterans with legitimate VA claims.

The project's mobile RV will be stationed Wednesday at St. Vincent DePaul, 1501 Imperial St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Thursday, the students will visit VFW Post 3787, 4370 Twain Ave., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

And on Friday, professors from the law school will teach local lawyers how to handle veterans' VA claims.

--Steve Liewer

Posted by phan October 7, 2008 07:57 PM

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### Comments

Although this is a very patriotic thing to do, why does it take law students to do something that VA representatives get paid for? But I'm quite sure the Vets will be better off for the help rather than relying on the VA staff.

**Posted by: Robert Davis at October 8, 2008 07:40 AM**

I don't think the students are doing it because the VA Reps can't, but more as a project to help their studies AND do some good in the community at the same time. The DAV will also help Vets to fill out and submit claims.

**Posted by: sky173 at October 8, 2008 10:04 AM**



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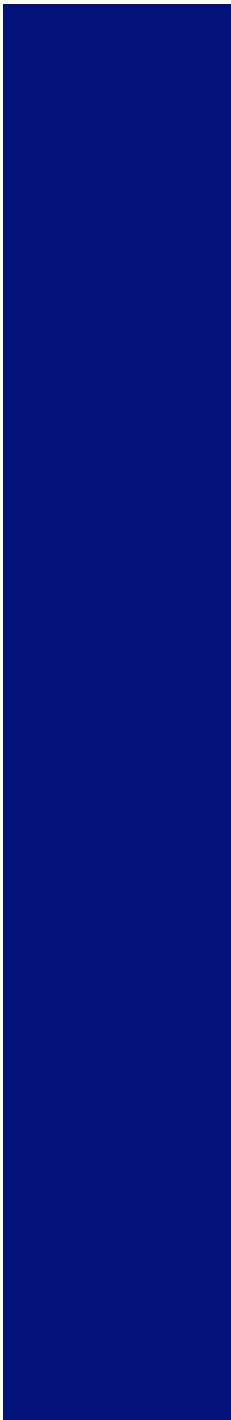
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