Anchorage VA hopes vets use 800 numbers

The Anchorage Veterans Affairs Regional Office and Outpatient Clinic is conducting a mail-out campaign to more than 450 locations in rural Alaska.

The mailout highlights two toll-free numbers which veterans and their dependents can call for benefits information.

The 1-800-478-4400 number is specifically for information on the use of medical benefits by veterans.

The I-800-478-2500 number is for information on any VA benefits.

The mailout also asks for volunteers to act as coordinators. The coordinators will assist veterans and their dependents in rural areas of Alaska in obtaining VA benefits.

According to John J. Conway, director of the VA Regional Office and Outpatient Clinic, this is the second

mailing to rural Alaskans.

The first mailing was completed in September 1989. All veterans in rural Alaska are encouraged to call either of the numbers for benefits information.