

McGuire

Serving Our Nation's Heroes

Monthly



January - Cardiac Transplant Reunion

McGuire VA Medical Center has had a busy 2014. There are so many programs, construction projects and events to share. We started the year off celebrating the medical center's 30th anniversary of performing cardiac surgery. McGuire remains the only VA with an in house cardiac transplant program in the nation. It was wonderful to have so many of our patients, in good health with us to celebrate the occasion!

The saying "pictures are worth a thousand words" is true, so please enjoy this "Year in Review" for 2014..



February - National Salute to Veteran Patients

In February we celebrated National Salute to Veteran Patients Week, with Valentines and cards from the community to let our patients know how much they are appreciated.

The year also included a new laundry expansion. The Richmond VA Medical Center Laundry facility serves the medical center, Hampton VAMC, Fayetteville VAMC, Ft. Lee, McDonald Army Hospital, Kenner Health Clinic, Camp Perry, Ft. Eustis and Langley AFB for laundry needs. Last year over four million pounds of laundry was managed through the facility. The newly renovated facility offers a water reclaim system that saves over a million gallons of water annually. It is seamless, decreasing the amount energy needed to run daily operations and is the first in the VA to accomplish this technology and is on the forefront in the nation.

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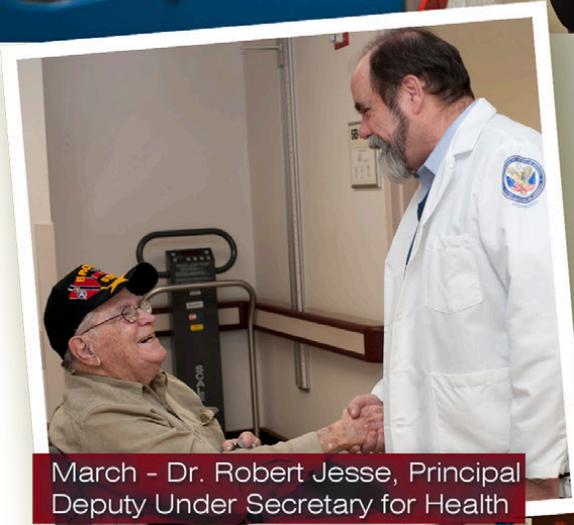


February - Blessing of the Chapel





March - Laundry Grand Opening



March - Dr. Robert Jesse, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health



Women Veterans Recognition



May - Nurses Week - Nursing Awards



May - Voluntary Awards Ceremony



June - Assistive Technology

Dialysis Unit Expansion



Highlights of Our Expansion

New Area will contain **30** INDIVIDUAL TREATMENT SPACES WITH VIEWS

New space is **17,973** sq.ft.

Increased numbers of dialysis patients served.

Environmentally friendly features include:

- Enhanced exterior daylight for staff and patients
- Recycled materials
- Specialized lighting controls
- Enhanced temperature control devices



July - DAV Fourth of July Picnic



August - SCI test drives an exoskeleton



September - Suicide Prevention



August - Anna Runs America comes to McGuire



September - DAV van donation



September - Washington Redskins



October - Breast Cancer Awareness



October - CLC Oktoberfest



November - Veterans Day Ceremony

November - Native American Celebration



December - Christmas Tree Lighting

Congressman Dave Brat Visits



continued.. McGuire VA Medical Center's Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders Center also received a bionic exoskeleton, a wearable robotic suit that helps patients who have been paralyzed stand up and walk. McGuire VA Medical Center was the fourth recipient of an Ekso Bionics™ suit.

In August, a Dialysis unit ground breaking was held for the almost 18,000 square foot addition that will expand existing service opportunities which will enhance the patient's experience during their treatment. The new expansion will offer 30 treatment areas, has environmentally friendly features and will be completed in late 2015.

There are many more photos and memories from the year that are special. These incredible moments happen because of our amazing staff, volunteers and the Veterans we are privileged to serve.

Happy New Year!