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Martinsburg VA Medical Center to Host Welcome Home Celebration For Returning Veterans, Active Duty, Reservist and Guard Members

The Martinsburg VA Medical Center will host its second annual *Welcome Home American Hero Celebration* on Saturday, October 3, from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Medical Center located at 510 Butler Avenue in Martinsburg. Gates open at 11:30 a.m.

The event will introduce Veterans, Active Duty Military, Reservist and Guard members to VA health care services and provide information about the variety of VA benefits and programs. Martinsburg VA Medical Center and Veteran Benefits Administration staff will be available to determine health care eligibility and provide benefits assistance.

Veterans Service Organizations and other state and federal agencies will have representatives to talk to Veterans about their organizations, services, educational assistance, and job opportunities available in surrounding states and communities.

Some of the activities include:

Community Resource Fair
Job Fair
Education Fair
VA Enrollment
MyHealthVet Enrollment
Seasonal Flu Clinic
(For medically eligible)

Car & Motorcycle Cruise-In
Miss WV 2009
Miss Teen WV 2009
Lakota Helicopter
Iraq/Afghanistan
Traveling Tribute Wall
Tax-Free Shopping

167th Starbase Program
Rock Climbing Wall
Moon Bounce
"Pluggy" the Talking Fire
Hydrant
Clowns
Face Painting

veterans)
DUI Driving Course
Prosthetics Open House

Door Prizes
Live Entertainment

Mobile Computer Lab
Child Fingerprinting

“Our main goal is to show our Veterans, active duty military and reservist that we appreciate their service and to provide them with information about the services and benefits they have earned,” said Ann R. Brown, Medical Center Director. “Our military Veterans have made many sacrifices while serving their country and this is one small way to show our gratitude. We want them to know the VA is here to help with health concerns as a result of their military service,” Ms. Brown added.

The Martinsburg VA Medical Center currently has 2000 enrolled Veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. Nearly 33,000 Veterans from various generations receive their care at the Medical Center on an annual basis. Nationally recognized for its state-of-the-art technology and quality patient care, the VA is proud of its reputation as a leader in Veterans’ health care, research and education.

Questions regarding the October 3 *Welcome Home Celebration* may be directed to Sharon Gant, OEF/OIF Transition Patient Advocate, 304-263-0811, Ext. 3264, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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