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### **Cooke Named Associate Medical Center Director**

MARTINSBURG, W.Va. – Officials here announced today that Timothy J. Cooke has been selected as the new Associate Medical Center Director of the Martinsburg VA Medical Center.

Cooke has served as the Acting Associate Medical Center Director since July 2009. As the Associate Medical Center Director, he is responsible for the coordination and supervision of Acquisitions and Material Management; Medical Administration Service; Fiscal Services; Human Resources; Facility Management, Police; Safety; Emergency Management; Decision Support Services; Prosthetics; Information Management; Environmental Management; and Canteen Services.

Cooke was in the private industry as the Vice President of Facilities & Support Services at Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston from 2003 until his return to VA in 2004. Prior to that, he was the Chief of Engineering at the VA Boston Healthcare System and worked on the consolidation of three VA Medical Centers into a single healthcare system.

In 2004, Cooke joined the Martinsburg VA Medical Center as the Chief, Facility Management Service where he was responsible for planning; design, and construction; biomedical engineering; plant operations; maintenance and repair; grounds and transportation; fire department and ambulance services; and the VA Capitol Health Care Network Textile Care Processing Facility.

Cooke completed his undergraduate studies at Southeastern Massachusetts University in North Dartmouth near Boston. He started his VA career as an Engineering Intern at the Baltimore VA Medical Center in 1990. He currently serves as Chairman of the VA's Chief Engineers Advisory Board. He is also a past Chairman of the Boston Hospital Plant Engineers and is on several VA and American Society of Healthcare Engineers work groups. Cooke is also a Certified Mentor.

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The Martinsburg VA Medical Center mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. Located in West Virginia, the Medical Center offers a comprehensive range of services, including internal medicine, ambulatory surgery, audiology and speech pathology, dental, nursing home, nutrition, podiatry, prosthetics, women's health, mental health, and rehabilitation medicine. With a service area of nearly 130,000 veterans in West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, the Medical Center operates three VA-staffed Outpatient Clinics in Cumberland and Hagerstown, Md., and Stephens City, Va., and three contract clinics in Franklin and Petersburg, W.Va. and Harrisonburg, Va. Construction for a new clinic in Fort Detrick, Md. has started with an opening tentatively scheduled in late Fall 2010.