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Martinsburg VA Medical Center 2009 Road to Freedom 5k Run



Runners burst from the starting line during the annual Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center's Road to Freedom 5k Run held Nov. 7. A total of 121 runners and walkers participated in the event. Photo: VA/Kevin McIver

Caring for America's Veterans is the charge of the Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center and patients, staff and the community turned out en masse Nov. 7 to support this admirable mission at the 2009 Road to Freedom 5k Run.

Some 121 runners and walkers in various age-groups and categories participated in the course that weaved through the scenic medical center campus and ended after passage through the colorful Avenue of Flags.

"This was a terrific turnout to support our Veterans who have given so much in defense of our country," said run organizer and Martinsburg Medical Center Recreation Therapist Beth Gearhart. "It truly shows how much everyone cares for these American heroes."

This was the eighth run held by the Martinsburg Medical Center since 2000. The highlight of the day included kids and family members who participated in a Kids Fun Run that followed the adult race.

Partners and supporters included the Salvation Army and the Berkeley County Sherriff's Office.

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