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2010 Welcome Home American Heroes Celebration

MVAMC staff on hand at the 2010 Welcome Home American Heroes Celebration held during the Thunder over the Blue Ridge Air Show, Sept. 4-5, hosted by the 167th Air Wing of the West Virginia Air National Guard. Some 8,500 Veterans, military service members, families, and visitors gained valuable information first-hand from MVAMC staff on VA health care programs and services. *Photo: VA / Kevin McIver*

MARTINSBURG, W.Va. – More than 8,000 Veterans and others interested in VA health care turned out during the 2010 Welcome Home American Heroes Celebration held Sept. 4-5.

Supporting Veterans is the mainstay of the Martinsburg VAMC mission and the celebration presented information about programs and services available to eligible Veterans and their families for their faithful service to our Nation.

Highlights of the two-day event included the MVAMC Clown Brigade who inspired young and old alike, as well as information from providers and staff on medical center programs including OEF/OIF, women Veterans, low vision and optometry, prosthetics, facilities management, pharmacy, pathology, surgery, community-based outpatient clinics, rural outreach, MOVE, nutrition, diabetes, outpatient pharmacy, audiology, dental, suicide prevention, long-term care, domiciliary, health maintenance, minority Veterans, recreation therapy, SCI, CWT, Vocational Rehabilitation, VEC, TBI, Pain, Education Learning Resources, Voluntary Services, Customer Service, Public Affairs, Human Resources, and Nursing.

Other organizations represented at the air show were: the Regional VA Employment Service, USO, VA Huntington Regional Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, National Cemetery

Administration, Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, Mid-Atlantic Tribute Wall, and Vietnam Veterans of America.

A special thanks to the 167th Airlift Wing, West Virginia Air National Guard who hosted this year's air show that included performances by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Demonstration Team.

Photos from the 2010 Welcome Home American Heroes Celebration

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