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About us

Since 1944, the Martinsburg VA Medical Center has been improving the health of the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. We consider it our privilege to serve your health care needs in any way we can. Services are available to more than 126,000 Veterans living in 22 counties in Western Maryland, West Virginia, South Central Pennsylvania and Northwest Virginia.

Our mission is to honor America's Veterans as heroes by providing the highest quality health care.

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Meet Your Team

Rachel Colbert, Psychologist



Meet Rachel Colbert, a psychologist in Primary Care at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center (VAMC). Colbert is from Frederick, Maryland and a four year U.S. Air Force Veteran. She graduated from Messiah College near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania with a bachelors degree in psychology. In 2007 she graduated from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia with a Doctorate in Psychology. She has worked at the Overton Brooks VA Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana and the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center before coming to the Martinsburg VAMC in September of 2014. When she is not working, Colbert enjoys spending time with her husband and three kids, playing tennis, crafting, photography and running. "I enjoy helping patients with behavioral changes and therefore improving their quality of life," said Colbert. "I also appreciate all the people I work with in Primary Care."

Howard Overacker, Program Analyst

Meet Howard Overacker, program analyst for the Martinsburg VA Medical Center (VAMC) Mental Health Service. Overacker is originally from Clinton, New York and is a retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer, serving 25 years as a hospital corpsman. Being a Fleet Marine Force corpsman, he served with the U.S. Marine Corps and deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi



Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Overacker has worked at the Martinsburg VAMC since 2010 and serves on the Native American Heritage Committee and the Process Improvement Reward and Recognition Team. "After serving 25 years in military health care, I enjoy the day to day interaction with Veterans and ensuring they receive respect and the best care possible," said Overacker. "I enjoy working with true health professionals who go above and beyond to provide a caring environment for our heroes."

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Earth Day

The Martinsburg VAMC is having an open house on Earth Day, Wednesday April 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in room 1B-114.



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107-year-old Veteran Shares His Story



Charles P. Clark, a 107-year-old World War II Veteran has been living at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center Community Living Center since November and has pretty much seen it all. Living World War II Veterans experienced the most widespread war in our nation's history and are among the steadily declining Veteran population in the world. World War II African-American Veterans fought a global war when segregation was part of the United States. Clark was born in August 1907 in Hamilton, Virginia. He is one of seven children of a sharecropper and a housemaid. At 32-years-old, Clark was drafted into the U.S. Army, and on December 12, 1944, he was called to serve in World War II after graduating from basic training in Fort Lee, Virginia. Clark's unit was the 3238 Quartermaster Service Company, an all-black unit of the 9th Armored Division. Clark and his unit were part of the over 2.5 million African-American men registered for the draft and among the 125,000 African-American men who served overseas during World War II. To read more, please click [here](#).

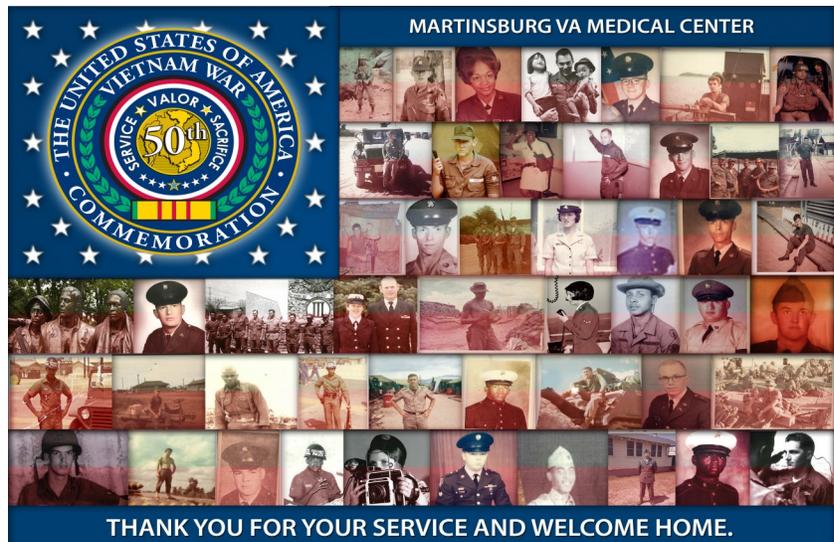
Creative Arts Festival Winners

The Martinsburg VA Medical Center (VAMC) held its annual Veterans Creative Arts Festival on Thursday, March 5. The Veterans Creative Arts Festival is one of many ways the medical center incorporates arts into its recreation therapy programs to enhance rehabilitation for both inpatient and outpatient Veterans. Veterans entered their work in categories such as painting, photography, drama, creative writing, music and dance, for a chance to compete nationwide at the 2015 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival to be held at the Durham VA Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina October 12 to October 19, 2015. First place winners from the Martinsburg VAMC will move on to compete with other Veterans from VA medical centers across the country. The national judges will then select finalists for each category to determine who will move on to the national competition. To see the list of winners, click [here](#).



Vietnam Veterans Photo Collage

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