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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.

June 2015



Meet Your Team

Jack Bartley, Registered Nurse



Meet Jack Bartley, a registered nurse in the Operating Room and Urology Clinic at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center. Bartley is a Martinsburg, West Virginia native and served in the U.S. Navy and then retired from the U.S. Air Force. He graduated from Shepherd College in 1997 with a bachelor's of nursing degree. Bartley has worked at the medical center since April of 2003 and serves on the safe patient handling committee. He enjoys cooking and riding his motorcycle. Bartley even participated in this year's Operation God Bless America motorcycle ride. "I really enjoy working with and helping my brothers and sisters who have sacrificed so much to make our country the land of the free," said Bartley. "I also have some of the best managers and coworkers the VA has to offer."

Christina Brooks-Signo, Chaplain

Meet Christina Brooks-Signo, board certified clinical staff chaplain at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center (VAMC). Chaplain Brooks says she was a military brat and spent most of her childhood in Germany. She has a master's degree in theology and missions from Regents University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Chaplain Brooks also worked at the VISN 3 Harbor Health Care System in New York before joining the Martinsburg VAMC in 2010. At the medical center she provides comprehensive spiritual and pastoral care and brings a compassionate, non-judgmental and safe presence to Veterans. Since 2010 she has performed over 75 memorials, 10 weddings and four baptisms for Veterans. Her hobbies include traveling, riding motorcycles, bowling and cooking. "I feel truly blessed to be able to serve Veterans in this capacity," said Chaplain Brooks. "It is my personal commitment to stand for and serve with our VA core values in mind: Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect and Excellence."



Our Clinic Locations

[Cumberland, Md.](#)
[Fort Detrick, Md.](#)
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[Harrisonburg, Va.](#)
[Stephens City, Va.](#)
[Franklin, W.Va.](#)
[Petersburg, W.Va.](#)

Summer of Service

Open House

Tuesday, June 30
1 to 5:30 p.m.



Come learn more about the medical center, services we provide, and how you can become a volunteer.

June is LGBT Pride Month



The Martinsburg VA
Medical Center serves all
who served.

Volunteers Honored for Service



On Sunday, May 17, the Martinsburg VA Medical Center held its annual Volunteer Awards Banquet to honor more than 150 men and women who volunteer to help Veterans. During the banquet, awards were presented to volunteers and Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) for their exceptional and outstanding service during 2014. In 2014, Volunteers and VSO's logged over 22,000 hours in various functions that serve Veterans; such as greeting, visiting patients, volunteer drivers and our 11th Hour Angels who never let a Veteran die alone. This year's recipients of the "above and beyond" award were all of the Volunteer Drivers, who have driven more than 140,000 miles to ensure Veterans can make it to their appointments no matter where they live. Ray K. Billhimer received the Presidential Call to Service Lifetime Achievement Award. The award is part of the volunteer recruitment initiative born out of President George W. Bush's call for all American's to donate 4,000 hours of community service over the course of their lifetime. To read more, click [here](#).

Successful Event Supports Homeless Veterans

On May 20, the Martinsburg VA Medical Center hosted the 5th Annual VA2K Walk and Roll that attracted over 70 participants to encourage healthy activity while supporting homeless Veterans with donated items. Held outside the medical center's Canteen Patio, this free event saw participants walking or rolling a two kilometer (1.2 mile) course, as well enjoying music performed by Nathaniel McDaniel, a U.S. Army Veteran playing the drums and Jeff Swan, a volunteer playing the piano. "Worksite wellness activities enhance employee engagement and contribute to a more productive and healthy workforce," said Bobbi Corbin, VA2K coordinator. "We're grateful for the great turnout again this year with participants donating items for homeless Veterans at more than \$200." Stephen Miller, a U.S. Army Veteran and medical center transport volunteer, was one of many participants. "I do the roll every year and if I can, I will do it twice," said Miller. To read more, click [here](#).



DAISY Award Announced



Tracy Palmer, a registered nurse at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center, assigned to the oncology clinic is the most recent recipient of the DAISY Foundation Extraordinary Nurse Award. Palmer was nominated for the award by a Veteran patient and his wife. The Veteran had recently begun chemotherapy. "There are angels on earth and she is one of them." The wife said, "Tracy made those long hours of chemo treatment seem very short, and made a very hard time in our lives so much better by just being there for us." Palmer received a certificate commending her for being an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate read: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." "Winning the DAISY Award is quite an honor to me, especially because I was nominated by a Veteran," said Palmer. "As a nurse, I try and treat the Veteran the way I would want to be treated." In addition to the certificate, Palmer was presented with a beautiful hand-carved sculpture called "A Healer's Touch". To read more, click [here](#).

