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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

Joy Phillips, Women Veterans Program Manager



Meet Joy Phillips, the new Women Veterans Program Manager at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center. A Baltimore, Maryland native, Phillips began working at the medical center in 2005. She received her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida. She also has a master's degree in mental health counseling from West Virginia University. Phillips serves on the Clinical Practice Council, Women Veterans Advisory Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. In 2013 she received a VISN 5 Excellence in Nursing Award: Registered Nurse, Expanded Role Category. Phillips enjoys her family, reading and the theatre. "I am very excited for this opportunity to serve women Veterans and build a sense of community," said Phillips. "I appreciate everyone's support and warm welcome as we make this transition together."

Rhonda Flemings-Johnson, Details Clerk

Meet Rhonda Flemings-Johnson, details clerk for the Martinsburg VA Medical Center (VAMC). This Baltimore, Maryland native started in the Medical Administration Service in 2008 and is a 2014 Martinsburg VAMC LEAD Program Graduate. Flemings-Johnson graduated cum laude in 2007 from Sojourner-Douglass College in Baltimore, Maryland with a Bachelor's of Arts in Administration and Management. She has a son in the United States Army, which makes her a Blue Star Mother. "I am honored to be able to share services and resources for our Veterans and their family members as they journey through the bereavement process," said Flemings-Johnson. "I believe in working with an 'Attitude of Servitude.'" She was recently awarded a token of appreciation from April Pedretti, the Director of the Culpeper National Cemetery, for her work with the Missing in America Project which ensures that no Veteran is left unclaimed and receives a proper burial.



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Martinsburg VAMC Merits ADA Recognition



The Martinsburg VA Medical Center (VAMC) diabetes self-management education program has been awarded Certification Recognition from the American Diabetes Association (ADA). Since 1986, the ADA Education Certification program recognizes education programs, which meet the national standards for diabetes self-management education through knowledgeable health professionals, providing state of the art information about diabetes management for participants. The Martinsburg VAMC's program involves the collaboration of a group of multidisciplinary health professionals including Lois Waybright, registered nurse; Nancy Lennon, dietitian; Theresa Nuccio-Young, physical therapist; and Sarah Mickanis, clinical pharmacist, as well as the assistance of Dr. Jane Liu, psychologist. Martinsburg VAMC began the ADA certification process in 2012. Previously, the diabetes education program consisted of a three-hour course. To learn more about this great achievement, click [here](#).

Martinsburg VAMC Fostering Partnerships

The Martinsburg VA Medical Center (VAMC) is fostering a partnership with the Department of Defense that will make a lasting impact on our Service members as they transition out of the military. More than 20 active duty Service members from Fort Detrick, Maryland visited the Martinsburg VAMC during one of the Transition Assistance Program presentations. The service men and women were treated to an all-day presentation on Veterans benefits, including disability and health care benefits. Medical center staff were also on hand to answer questions, aide in the eligibility and enrollment process and help them sign up for My HealtheVet. The executive leadership team had lunch with the group and talked about a variety of topics including the scope of services the medical center provides, telehealth capabilities and current open positions at the medical center and how to apply. To read more, click [here](#).



Serving Veterans for 50 Years



Carolee Cooke, publications clerk at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center retired Feb.12 after serving the Nation's heroes for 50 years. On October 6, 1965, Cooke started working as a perk clerk in the dietetics section of the medical center. During that time, the medical center was called Newton D. Baker Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital. "Back then, coffee was served from a conveyer belt and I served Veterans coffee directly from the belt," said Cooke. "Over the years I have watched the VA campus grow. I remember when the new construction for the main hospital, the nursing home and the Domiciliary were built in the early 1980's." Cooke worked in the Education Learning Resources Services and Medical Administration Services (MAS) of the medical center. She also worked as a relief telephone operator on the switchboard and as a teletype operator, but the majority of her 50 years was serving as a publications clerk in MAS. "I will miss helping Veterans," said Cooke. "Some have worked for me as Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) workers. Many of them have said that they enjoyed working with me and I enjoyed working with them because I could see them making progress." To read more, click [here](#).

