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Veterans Day Special Edition

Every day is Veterans Day at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center. We are proud to recognize the men and women who, at one point in their life, chose to serve our country. We consider it our privilege to serve your health care needs in any way we can. Our mission is to honor America's Veterans as heroes by providing the highest quality health care. Each of the men and women Veterans we honor swore the enlistment oath that changed their lives forever. We sincerely thank you for your selfless service to our great nation.

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Meet Your Team

Stephanie Young, Imaging Service Chief



Meet Dr. Stephanie T. Young, chief of Imaging Services at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center (VAMC). Young served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1991- 1995 and on active duty from 1995 -2004. This Boston native obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Zoology in 1986 and received a doctorate in medicine in 1990 from Duke University School of Medicine in Durham, North Carolina. Before joining the Martinsburg VAMC team in 2012, she worked as radiologist at the Baltimore VA Medical Center. "I take every opportunity I get to ask my patients about their service," said Young. "I cherish the opportunity to use my skills as a radiologist to help other Veterans like myself; it is an honor and a privilege for me to provide care for the men and women who have sacrificed so much for this country." While on active duty, Young worked as a Navy Radiologist in Yokosuka, Japan and Naples Italy.

Rudolf Topolaja, Information Technology TCF Participant

Meet Rudolf Topolaja, information technology participant in the Veterans Health Administrations (VHA) Technical Career Field (TCF) program. This Albania native served four years on active duty in the U.S. Army and is currently in the U.S. Army Reserve. Topolaja said he enjoys his new career because he gets to help those who served. "This is more than a job to me," said Topolaja.



The VHA TCF program hires select participants annually to fill crucial positions serving America's Veterans in areas such as engineering, public affairs and prosthetics. Upon completing the TCF program in 2016, Topolaja will become a VHA information technology specialist at one of the 152 VA medical centers located across the nation. Topolaja served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Our Clinic Locations

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

Quick Tips



BREATHE EASIER.
QUIT SMOKING FOR HEALTH.
Join #GreatAmericanSmokeout
The Great American Smokeout
Thursday, Nov. 20 : 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
In The Martinsburg VA Medical Center Canteen

Are you ready to drop the habit for good?
The Great American Smokeout supports both patients and employees in their efforts to quit tobacco.

NEED A RIDE?
Transportation



RETURNING
SERVICE
MEMBERS



WOMEN IN THE U.S. MILITARY
STORIES OF SERVICE

Affordable Care Act
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Veteran Choice Cards



On August 7, 2014, President Obama signed into law the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-146) (“Choice Act”). The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has put considerable focus and attention on ensuring the law is implemented seamlessly, without confusion, and without creating hardships for Veterans. This legislation provides authorities, funding and other tools to better serve Veterans in the short-term. As part of this new program, the VA is issuing a Veterans Choice Card to every Veteran who is potentially eligible for the new, temporary health benefit. The Choice Card allows Veterans to elect to receive care outside of VA when they qualify for the new program based on the distance of their residence from a VA care facility, or when wait times for VA health care exceed the standards established in law. The Choice Card does not replace the identification card Veterans already use to access other VA benefits; Veterans should not throw away that identification card. For more information about the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act visit <http://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/>.

Vietnam War Commemoration

The Martinsburg VA Medical Center was designated by the Department of Veterans Affairs as a regional site for Veterans Day. The Veterans Day National Committee recognizes and selects specific locations for Veterans Day activities for our America’s heroes. The facility was also designated as a Commemorative Partner with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration. With this special designation, we recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. The Vietnam Service Medal reflects the contributions and services of those who served in the Vietnam War. We would like to thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service!



7th Annual HeroHaven Homeless Stand Down



The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to ending Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015. The Martinsburg VA Medical Center assist in the effort by hosting an annual HeroHaven Homeless Stand Down event. During the event, the medical center provides medical screening, employment support and housing services to eligible homeless Veterans. Last year, the medical center was able to admit 10 Veterans into the Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program. If you know of a Veteran who is homeless or is at imminent risk of becoming homeless, please call 877-4AID-VET (424-3838). You will be connected with VA's services to overcome or prevent homelessness for yourself or a Veteran you know. For more information about Veteran homeless programs visit <http://www.va.gov/homeless/>.

