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About us

Since 1944, the Martinsburg VA Medical Center (VAMC) has been improving the health of the men and women who 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.

September 2016



Meet the Team

Daniel J. Bochicchio, M.D., FCCP



Meet Dr. Daniel Bochicchio, the medical center's newly appointed Acting Chief of Staff. As the Acting Chief of Staff, he is responsible for the coordination and supervision of the following clinical functions/ services: Chaplain Service, Dental Service, Geriatrics and Long-Term Care, Imaging, Medicine Service, Mental Health Service, Pathology and Laboratory Services, Pharmacy, Ambulatory Care, Quality Management, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service, and the Surgery Service. Dr. Bochicchio is board certified in Critical Care Medicine and Anesthesiology. He held Clinical Instructor faculty appointments at Georgetown, University of Miami, Nova Southeast School of Osteopathic Medicine and West Virginia University. Welcome Aboard Dr. Bochicchio!

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

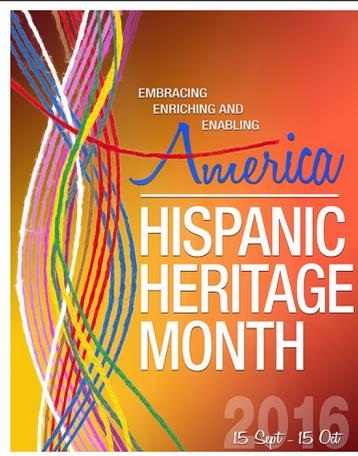
September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center cares about every Veteran. One small act can make a difference - one person can reach out - one call can save a life. Call the Veterans Crisis Line if you or a Veteran you know are considering harming themselves. The Veterans Crisis Line is a toll-free, confidential resource that connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, VA responders. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and then press 1 to receive free, confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, even if they are not registered with the VA or enrolled in VA health care. You can connect with the medical center's suicide prevention team by calling 1-304-263-0811, ext. 5160 and ask to speak to the suicide prevention team if you would like more information or to talk to someone locally.



Our Clinic Locations

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

For more information about Veterans homeless programs visit www.va.gov/homeless/.



Suicide Prevention Awareness Walk

When: Friday, Sept. 16 at noon
Where: Canteen Patio
Who: Staff and Veterans

Do you see a non-VA health care provider? Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) Health may benefit you!



To learn more about this great program, click [here](#) or call 304-263-0811, ext. 3204

15th Anniversary of September 11, 2001



Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016 marks the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. As a result of the attacks more than 2,900 lives were lost and more than 6,000 people were injured. In remembrance of those who lost their lives, the medical center will be creating a display of flags with the names of the dead. Each flag will have one name and is a symbol that we will never forget the tragedy that happened on that day. The flags will be displayed from Friday, Sept. 9 through Monday, Sept. 12. Please stop by and pay your respects to those who are no longer with us and remember to thank a Veteran for helping to prevent tragedies such as these from occurring in our great land.

Veteran Gets Final Wish



Recently, 70 year old U.S. Air Force Veteran Frederick Todd fulfilled his dying wish to marry his partner of over 38 years at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center. The Intensive Care Unit (ICU) employees were approached by the Veteran first thing on a Monday morning asking for assistance in making his final wish come true, to marry his partner Gail King. Seeing how important this was to the Veteran and with time not on their side, employees rushed to assist. The ICU staff began by reaching out to Chaplain Service in search of someone who could perform the ceremony. After a few phone calls they were able to enlist the assistance of Pastor Garry Arnold with 365 Church, in Martinsburg, WV. During the preparations Jill Stouffer, RN was approached by a family member asking for help locating something that could be used as a wedding ring for the couple, she handed them her ring without a second thought. To read the entire story [click here](#).

Upcoming Events!

Please see below for a list of upcoming events at the medical center and surrounding community based outpatient clinics. Stay tuned to our [Facebook page](#) for more information regarding these great events.

Thu, Sept. 1 through Fri, Sept. 30 - *National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month*

Sun, Sept. 11 - *15th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks*

Sun, Sept. 11 through Sat, Sept. 17 - *National Suicide Prevention Week*

Tue, Sept. 13 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Room 1B-114 - *Veterans Creative Arts Festival Award Ceremony*

Thu, Sept. 15 through Sat, Oct. 15 - *National Hispanic Heritage Month*

Fri, Sept. 16 from noon to 1 p.m. - *Suicide Prevention Awareness Walk*

Thank you for your service!



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