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## Welcome

The Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) proudly presents our new electronic newsletter “eHeroes Outreach.” We want to offer an engaging news experience for all our Veterans and community partners. When you look around, you will find informative news, feature stories, and links to some important Martinsburg VAMC webpages. This newsletter is great for one reader, but it is also something that can be shared among our community. We hope you enjoy “eHeroes Outreach” as much as we enjoy serving our Veterans.



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## Meet Your Team

### Five Award-Winning Nurses



“Meet Your Team” is going to be a monthly feature where we highlight the best of the best the Martinsburg VA Medical Center has to offer, both on the clinical side and the non-clinical side. Our first team to meet are five nurses who all received the 2012 “Celebrating Nursing Excellence” award from The West Virginia Center for Nursing. They were presented this award during a ceremony on Oct. 6, in Parkersburg, W.Va. The nurses are: Aggie Llewellyn, John Goldizen, Beverly Van Metre, Melivinia Dunn and Carmen Rodriguez-Munyan. To read more about these outstanding nurses and their achievements, read the full article [here](#).

## Chaplain Brooks

Chaplain Christina Brooks has been with the Martinsburg VA Medical Center for more than two years and enjoys discussing the spiritual health and needs of our Veterans. Brooks is a part of our Chaplain Services, which provides support to our entire patient population. Here at the Martinsburg VA, we have six chaplains on staff who represent the Protestant and Catholic faith, but they can always guide someone to other resources representing different denominations if needed. Chaplains are available 24/7, to ensure that Veterans receive appropriate clinical pastoral care at any time, as desired or requested. To reach the Martinsburg VA Medical Center Chaplain Services, call 304-263-0811 at ext. 3300.



## Our Clinic Locations

**Cumberland, Md.**  
**Fort Detrick, Md.**  
**Hagerstown, Md.**  
**Harrisonburg, Va.**  
**Stephens City, Va.**  
**Franklin, W.Va.**  
**Petersburg, W.Va.**

## Around the Martinsburg VA Medical Center Campus History and Trivia

Our facility first opened in 1944 as an Army hospital named after Newton D. Baker, who was from Martinsburg and was the U.S. Secretary of War from 1916 to 1921. This hospital closed in the summer of 1946, and then reopened as a Veterans Administration hospital later that year.



Women Veterans Health Care



## Women of the VA

The Department of Veterans Affairs employs about 327,000 people and 194,147 of them are women. Of those women, nearly 30,000 of them are Veterans. This article highlights the accomplishments and importance of Women and Women Veterans who work with our Veterans every day. During Women's History Month, it is important to remember the women heroes who serve our heroes every day. To continue reading this article, follow the link [here](#).



## Social Worker Month



March is National Professional Social Worker Month. Department of Veterans Affairs Social Work's mission is to maximize health and well-being for Veterans, their families and caregivers using psychosocial interventions. Veterans Affairs currently employs nearly 11,000 social workers to assist in our patient's needs. The Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) together with our seven Community Based Outpatient Clinics have more than 50 social workers who assist Veterans in a variety of programs ranging from homeless to inpatient hospice care. To read more about our social workers and their amazing work, follow this [link](#).

## E-Donate is Simple, Speedy, Safe

E-Donate, a new online donation option at [www.martinsburg.va.gov](http://www.martinsburg.va.gov) provides community members who wish to give back to Veterans at a VA medical center a simple, safe way to pledge their support to the account of their choice. "We've known for years that our citizens want to show their support to the service members who defended their freedoms," said Ann Brown, medical center director. "While not everyone will have the time to volunteer, now anyone can take five minutes online to thank Veterans in any number of ways." To read more about E-Donate, click [here](#).



## Around Martinsburg VAMC Campus



The Martinsburg Veteran Affairs Medical Center, Martinsburg, W.Va will be conducting a full scale emergency preparedness exercise on April 4, 2013. The exercise "Operation Newton" was developed with unprecedented cooperation between federal, state, and local agencies with input, advice, assistance and guidance set forth in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). The full scale exercise will provide officials, observers, media personnel, and players from participating organizations an opportunity to evaluate their response plans in the event of a major catastrophic event.

## Upcoming Events and Holidays

### March

- National Nutrition Month
- National Social Worker Month
- Women's History Month
- March 29 a representative from the Martinsburg VA Medical Center will be at Greenfield Senior Living in Strasburg, Va from 9:30 to 11:30. am to discuss Veteran related issues with seniors.



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