



KCVA EVENTS

Veteran Benefits Fair

4/27/13 10am – 2pm
970 E. Sedalia Ave.
Clinton, MO 64735

Research Medical Block Party

4/27/13 10am – 1pm
2316 E. Meyer Blvd, KCMO

Job Fair and Resource Expo

5/1/13 9am – 1pm
Great Mall of the Great Plains
20700 W. 151st Street
Olathe, KS 66061

Native American Health and Wellness

Pow Wow

5/3 Starting at 6pm –
5/4 Starting at 2pm
JCCC in the Fieldhouse
12345 College Blvd
Overland Park, KS 66210

Pancake Breakfast for Vets

5/4/13 8am – 12pm
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal
Church
2329 Flora Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64108

KC Metro Veterans Resource BBQ

5/4/13 Noon – 4pm
American Legion Post #327
6521 Nieman Rd.
Shawnee, KS 66203

Patient Orientation

5/7/13 1pm – 3pm
KCVA Hall of Heroes
RSVP by 5/3 by calling 816-922-2321

3rd Annual VA2K Walk

All donations go to homeless Veterans
5/15 12p – 2:30p
KCVA Gazebo

Attention Veterans

Do you receive Travel Pay? You are now required to have direct deposit to receive travel pay.

**Please see the Agent Cashier for assistance.
1st Floor Valor Building**

Did You Know?

The KCVA Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) is bringing healthcare to many rural Veterans!

The MMU travels to Bolivar, Trenton, and Carrollton, Missouri.



To transfer your care to the MMU, please call 816-861-4700 x55714

APRIL ICARE VALUE OF THE MONTH

RESPECT

To admire someone deeply, as a result of their achievements, abilities, or qualities.

ICARE Connection

My behavior and actions will demonstrate respect to our patients and my coworkers.



Palliative Care Team: Helping to Achieve Dreams

The Palliative Care Team had the honor of caring for a Marine and helped him achieve his “Bucket List”. The Veteran received a prognosis of “weeks”, and he voiced to the Palliative Care Team that there were three things he wanted to do before he died: 1. take a shower, 2. see his cats, 3. attend the Heart concert. Connie Kasl, Transition Team Nurse and the 8W nursing staff assisted our Veteran in taking a shower. Until this point, he was only receiving bed baths. The Veteran was then discharged to an inpatient hospice unit. On the way to this facility, he was able to visit his cats one more time. Finally, Kelly Artis, Transition Team Social Worker and the hospice facility staff worked on having the Veteran attend the Heart concert via a Skype session, as the Veteran would be too ill to attend the concert. Unfortunately the Veteran passed away before they completed all of the arrangements.

Hearing of the passing, Heart lead singer, Nancy Wilson said that during their concert in Kansas City, they would “Rock it out” in his honor. No one was aware of this promise. The Veteran had purchased concert tickets and after much contemplation, the Veteran’s son and two hospice nurses attended the concert in the Veteran’s place. At the end of the concert, Nancy Wilson flipped her guitar over and revealed the Marine Corps symbol. The Veteran’s son and nurse cried, as they were the only ones who knew what this meant. Nancy Wilson was unaware that the Veteran’s family attended the concert, nor was anything mentioned to the media.

The Palliative Care Team reflects on this case often, as they feel they were able to help a Veteran achieve their personal Bucket List, and they hope to strive towards this same type of dedication to all of the Veterans Kansas City VA is privileged to serve.

**Learn more about KCVA!
Find answers to your questions
and learn about our services.**

**Patient Orientation
May 7th 1pm – 3pm
Hall of Heroes**

**RSVP by May 3rd
Call 816-922-2321**

**There will be a “Veteran 2 Veteran”
person to assist you.
Spouses are welcome to attend.**

**Celebrate
National Nurses Week!
May 6 – May 12
Thank you for all you do!**

VA Phone Numbers to Keep Handy	
VA Department	Phone Number
Benefits Information – 7am to 7pm	1-800-827-1000
Health Care	877-222-8387
Education & Training	888-442-4551
VA Life Insurance	800-669-8477
CHAMPVA	800-733-8387
Helpline (Agent Orange & Gulf War)	800-749-8387
Direct Deposit	877-838-2778
Headstones (Status of Claims Only)	800-697-6947
Telecommunication Device for Deaf (TDD)	800-829-4833

Kansas City VA Medical Center
816-861-4700
www.kansascity.va.gov

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255



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