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Respect

Treat all those I serve and with whom I work with dignity and respect. Show respect and earn it.



Military's Senior Enlisted Visits KCVA

Department of Defense's Top Enlisted, SgtMaj Bryan Battaglia (Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) spends the morning meeting with KCVA Executives and Key Leaders along with Veteran patients and Veteran Service Officers.

SgtMaj Battaglia, joined by the National Guard's Senior Enlisted, Command Sergeant Major, James Moberly, had the opportunity to visit with KCVA's Ex Prisoner of War group before conducting an interview with KSHB-TV Channel 41's Aubrey Morse. The visit was a part of the SgtMaj's scheduled travel to Kansas City

where he met with other military and VA facilities throughout the region. SgtMaj Battaglia hopes to use this visit and others throughout his travels around the country in helping bridge the gap for Veterans in their preparation for separation and retirement from the armed forces.

Sending a Message: Opioids...Safety & Risk

Our Health Behavior Coordinator talks about taking opioids responsibly and you are listening. KCVA Veterans are taking part in the Opioid Safety initiative which is about providing information concerning the safety and the risks of long-term opioid use. This is an incredible outcome showing that when departments work together (pharmacy, primary care and rehab medicine) a difference can be made. The work is not done but we are proud to say that since the initiative launched, over 1000 KCVA Veterans are taking opioids more responsibly. Will you support the goal of "every" Veteran knowing this risk of long-term opioid use? For more information please contact 816 861-4700 ext: 57613



Transportation Thank You Fill this Space with Your Artwork Submissions

Did you Know?

Thank you to Bill Rieger, DAV Service Officer and the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Missouri for donating a 2015 Ford Transit to Kansas City VA Medical Center. Your Generosity has provided a huge "lift" for our KCVA Veterans.



Veterans who utilize KCVA for healthcare are invited to submit their own original artwork (paint, chalk, pencil, pen, photography, etc.) to be displayed on a rotating basis in the 5th floor Ambulatory Surgery corridor. Artwork up to 27"x33" will be accepted. Nudity, violence, religion, politics, activism should not be depicted and artwork needs to be flat, with no raw edges (matting is okay.)

Deadline for submissions is Friday, September 4, 2015. Submissions may be dropped off in Voluntary Service, Room M1.271, Monday-Friday, 0700-1500. For questions, please call 816-922-2025. Artwork will not be returned.



The VA entered into agreements with two companies to implement the Veterans Choice Program, and sent out over 8.7 million Choice Cards to Veterans who are potentially eligible for the new health benefit. As of July 31, 2015, the contractors have created nearly 190,000 authorizations for health care through

the Choice program since it went into effect on November 5, 2014. The Department continues to provide information and training about the Veterans Choice Program to staff at VA medical facilities across the country.



Where is It?

The KCVA Acupuncture Clinic is at our Honor Annex at 4251 Northern Avenue Kansas City, MO 64133. Please pass this along to all Friends and Family of the KCVA

What is it?

Progress In Process: Construction projects on 10 and 5 moving along in order to provide you better service. Check future Newsletters for projected completion dates.



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