



KCVA Veteran focus

KCVA Events

Patient Orientation

01/28/15 - 9:30am - 11:30am

KCVA Hall of Heroes

Call to register.

816-861-4700 x57927

Catholic Mass

Wednesdays

12:00pm - 12:30pm

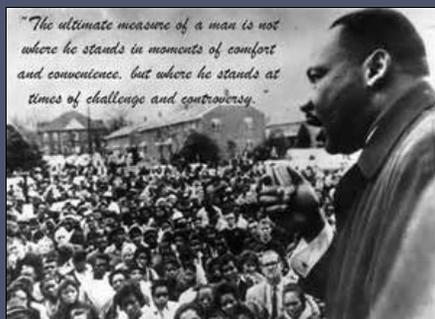
Chapel

New Years Holiday

01/01/15

Martin Luther King Holiday

01/19/15



Vision Rehab at KCVA

The VISP clinic (Visual Impairment Services Program) is a comprehensive vision rehabilitation program at the Kansas City VA. We are able to provide Veterans with a variety of devices and training that allow them to use their vision more effectively. We work with Veterans who are legally blind, and those who are experiencing problems using their vision. Our services do not require any copayments.

OEF/OIF/OND Veterans who have suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) can sometimes have problems with concentration, reading for extended periods of time, light sensitivity, and understanding what they are reading. Even with a "normal" eye exam, the way we use our vision can be affected by a head injury or blast-related injury. If you are experiencing any of these problems, the VISP clinic may be able to help.

Any Veteran who is experiencing problems using their vision, or are finding visual tasks more difficult to do than in the past should consider speaking to one of the therapists in the VISP clinic. We can make referrals to the eye clinic, as well as any follow up assessments or training that might be useful. Also, Veterans can contact the eye clinic directly for a good quality, comprehensive eye exam.

If you would like to have an eye exam, contact the eye clinic at ext. 57412, or if you want more information, you can call the Visual Impairment Services Team Coordinator (VIST coordinator), Paul Clary-Archuleta, at ext. 56294.



Optometry VA Directive 1034

Effective January 1, 2015, the criteria for who is eligible for eyeglasses and eyeglass tints or transitions will change. Per VHA Directive 1034, Veterans are only eligible if such Veterans are otherwise receiving VA primary care.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact **816-861-4700, ext. 57408**



Audiology VA Directive 1034



Effective January 1, 2015 all Veterans who are eligible for hearing aid services will be required to see a VA Primary Care provider prior to obtaining hearing aids and services.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact **816-861-4700, ext. 52150**

NCAA Football Visits KCVA



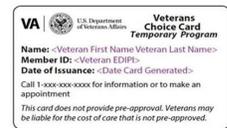
Members of the #1 seeded Minnesota State University, Mankato Mavericks football team visited the KCVA on December 19th. The team shared stories with several of our patients and presented them with stuffed stockings and magnifying glasses, courtesy of the NCAA. The Mankato Mavericks were in town for their Division II Football Championship game against #8 Colorado State University-Pueblo. The championship game was held on December 20th at Sporting Park in Kansas City,

Patient Centered Moment

From the spouse of a Veteran about their experience at KCVA

★★★★★ I am so grateful for all the wonderful care my husband received last night at the Va hospital. We've heard so many bad things about vets getting mistreated but we did not witness any of that last night. It was only our first time at the va hospital but it was a great experience. Thank you for taking care of him. Our ER nurse was amazing.

Veteran Access, Choice and Accountability Act



Find out what VA is doing under this new law to improve care and benefits for Veterans.

For more information, please call 1-866-606-8198 or visit www.va.gov/opa/choiceact

Project Updates

- 10th Floor East project on-going through March
- 5th Floor West In-Patient surgery project through Aug/Sep
- Emergency Room expansion project coming soon.
- Solar Panel project through June/July 2105
 - ⇒ Roofs and Parking Areas
 - ⇒ Enhancing power and saving money



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