

# KCVA EVENTS

## Veteran Benefits Fair

7/7/12

10:00am - Noon

Nevada VA Clinic

322 S. Prewitt

Nevada, MO 64772

## Alzheimer's Awareness Week

July 6 – 12

## National Therapeutic Recreation Week

July 8 – 14

## Veterans Administration Created

July 21, 1930



# Veteran FOCUS

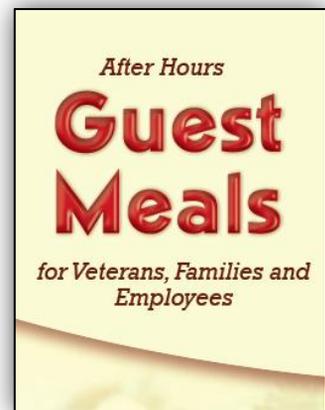
July 2012



On June 13, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric Shinseki, visited KCVA. During his visit he learned about our Cochlear Implant program and the successes of Veterans in the Vet Court program. He met

with inpatients, DAV Veterans, and the Veteran Focus Group. A brief press conference was held with the local Fox affiliate and a local community radio station.

Visiting a Veteran in the evening? Working the weekend? What are you going to do when your tummy is growling and it's time to eat? KCVA Nutrition and Food Service is pleased to provide meals for purchase to Veterans, visitors, and employees any time the canteen is closed. Meals run from \$3 to \$5 and are prepared to fit low sodium, low cholesterol and regular diets. Some substitutions can be made to accommodate other prescribed diets.



The full menu can be found on our Facebook page!  
Copies are available in waiting rooms located on 3W,  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor, and the ICU area.

For more information or to order a meal  
816-861-4700 x56797 or x56795

The VBA has moved off KCVA grounds.  
For more information or assistance with  
VA Benefits, call 1-800-827-1000

## New Radiation Therapy Facility

**KCVA** has established a radiation treatment facility at 10500 Mastin, in Overland Park, Kansas. We will now be able to treat patients with various forms of cancer by exposing the cancerous tissues to radiation. Radiation therapy is the medical use of ionizing radiation used to control or kill cancer cells. Shaped radiation beams are aimed from several angles of exposure to intersect the tumor. It is expected that between 25 and 30 patients will be able to be able to be treated per day. The majority of the cases seen at this facility will be head and neck cancers, lung cancers, prostate cancers and other solid tissue types of cancers. The facility is expected to start treating patients in July. Recognizing that some of our patients must travel substantial distances to receive treatment and that radiation therapy is usually given daily over a course of several weeks, the KCVA has contracted with a local hotel to provide room and board for those patients traveling over 100 miles to receive treatment.

## Grateful for Our Volunteers

*By Melissa Jacobson*



Nearly 200 Kansas City VA Medical Center Volunteers attended the Annual KCVA Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. It was held at the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #2 home in Kansas City, MO on April 26th. KCVA Volunteers were recognized for their many years and hours of service to veterans. They were treated to lunch and had fun in the photo booth provided by KC Metro Photography. The Shawnee Mission North High School Strolling Strings

Orchestra provided the luncheon entertainment. Volunteer Frank Royer received the top award of the day—the 10,000 Hour Silver Bowl Award. KCVA's 469 volunteers contributed 40,000 hours of service in 2011. Service organizations, corporations and individuals made donations of nearly \$300,000 to KCVA in 2011.

**Kansas City VA Medical Center**

816-861-4700

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**Veterans Crisis Line**

1-800-273-8255



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