



Veteran Transportation Service is on the Road!

The Veteran Transportation Service (VTS) started November 1st, 2012. Since starting, the program has given 467 Veterans a ride to their VA appointments. Many were given rides to radiation therapy in Johnson County. A shuttle started making the trip from Trenton, MO to the main hospital on Jan. 21, 2013. It stops at Cameron and Excelsior Springs to pick up Veterans. Starting the week of March 11, 2013, the shuttles will travel to all Community Clinics twice a week. All rides must

be scheduled in advance, no later than 3 business days prior. The earlier the better as seating is limited.

**To schedule a VTS
ride call:
816-922-2449.**



Did You Know?

The My HealthVet website recently updated their Blue Button feature. In Person Authenticated users can now download more from their VA record!

- VA Notes
- More VA Laboratory Results
- VA EKG and Radiology Reports
- VA Vitals and Readings
- VA Demographics
- VA Admissions and Discharges
- VA Problem List



Go to www.myhealth.va.gov and get registered today!

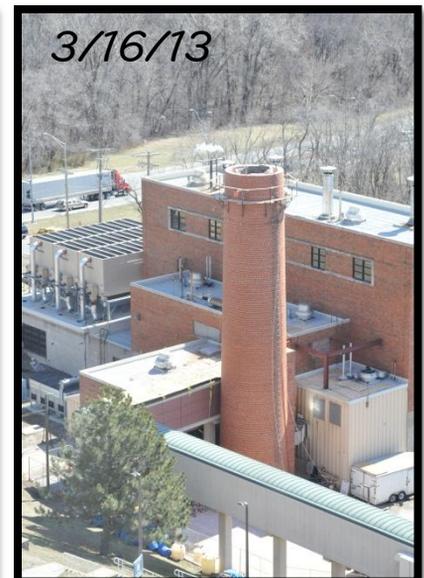
KCVA EVENTS

Kidney Health Awareness Fair
3/20/13 – 7am-2pm
Hall of Heroes

**Excelsior Springs
Quit Tobacco Clinic**
Weekly starting on 3/12/13
10am-11:30am
Excelsior Springs CBOC
197 McCleary Rd.
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

**Excelsior Springs 3rd Anniversary
Open House**
3/30/13 – 1pm-3pm
Excelsior Springs CBOC
197 McCleary Rd.
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

Construction Update: KCVA's iconic smokestack is being demolished. The smokestack is no longer used and has become a safety concern. Demolition started in February and it will soon be completed.



Research: Improving our Veterans' Care

Research is a key mission of the VA. The KCVA Research Service believes research can be used to provide the most advanced healthcare for our Veterans. VA research focuses on areas that are important to Veterans. Studies conducted by VA improve medical care for the Veterans and for the whole nation. KCVA constructed and opened a Research Building in 1972. Currently there are 142 active research studies being conducted at KCVA. Some of the studies include eye disorders, mental health, cancer, and alternative medicine.

The Research Service is looking for participants in two different studies. The CONFIRM study is being conducted to help determine the best screening method for colorectal cancer. The VA Research on the Treatment of Depression is looking for participants who experience depression that has not gotten better despite taking antidepressants as described.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the studies, please follow the instructions below.

Depression Study

Please contact your own doctor to discuss enrollment in this study.
Give the following study contact information to your doctor:
Jayne Gibbs, RN
(816) 861-4700 ext 56875

CONFIRM Study

Please contact
April Higbee, RN or
Prateek Sharma, MD
816-861-4700 ext 56735

MARCH ICARE VALUE OF THE MONTH

Advocacy

"to act on behalf and in the best interest of an individual"

ICARE Connection
"I will ensure that my actions and decisions are in the best interest of our Veterans."

Million Veteran Program: A Partnership with Veterans

DISCOVERY — INNOVATION — ADVANCEMENT

MVP IS NOW ENROLLING

The Million Veteran Program (MVP) is a national, voluntary research program designed to better understand how genes affect health and illness.

For more information about participating in MVP, call toll free **866-441-6075** or visit www.research.va.gov/MVP

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Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255



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