



KCVA Veteran *focus*

KCVA Events

Catholic Mass

Wednesdays

12:00pm - 12:30pm

Chapel

Flu Shots

Now Available in Clinics

Drive Through Flu Shots

Friendship Baptist Church

9/27/14 - 10/3/14

10/6/14 - 10/10/14

8am - 4pm

www.kansascity.va.gov/news/

[flushots.asp](http://www.kansascity.va.gov/news/flushots.asp)

Blind and Visually Impaired

Veteran Resource Fair

10/15/14 - 10am - 2pm

KCVA Hall of Heroes

Congresswoman Hartzler

Veteran Summit

10/20/14 - 9am - Noon

University of Central Missouri

Elliott Union, Room 240

Patient Orientation

10/22/14 - 9:30am - 11:30am

KCVA Hall of Heroes

Call to register.

816-861-4700 x57927

Congratulations on Your Retirement, Mr. Hill



Thank You for 45 Years of Dedicated Service

Vet Court

- Kelly McDaniel, VJO Specialist

The Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) program helps eligible Veterans who are involved the justice system. The program works to decriminalize mental illness and reduce incarceration among Veterans. The program also ensures that the Veterans have timely access to VA services. VJO Specialists are responsible for outreach, assessment, and case management for justice-involved Veterans in local courts and jails.

The VJO's serve as liaisons between the Kansas City VA and Veterans Treatment Courts. Veterans Courts are a joint program between the Kansas City VA, the Kansas City Municipal Court, and the Jackson County Drug Court Veterans Program. The groups have partnered together to offer Veterans the chance to take part in treatment services through the VA instead of receiving the "standard" sentence for their case. The programs are voluntary. Veterans are not required to participate in the programs and may choose to have their cases go through the usual process. As part of their involvement with the treatment courts, Veterans meet with a VJO specialist and identify medical, mental health, vocational, housing, and social service needs. Veterans will also work with the VJO to formulate an individualized treatment plan to help facilitate recovery.

Participants in the treatment courts will also be assigned a mentor. The Volunteer Veteran Mentor will support them as a coach, guide, role model, and advocate. The mentor may also attend scheduled court sessions. Benefits for Veterans who participate in the treatment courts include allowing the Veteran to continue participating in treatment or begin participating in treatment serves instead of fines and/or jail time. At the end of the treatment period, diversion cases will be dismissed and probations cases will be completed, according to the agreement reached prior to entry into the program. The mission of the programs are to offer Veterans treatment services which address the issues of substance abuse, mental health, homelessness and other barriers to leading law abiding, productive lives in the community. The goal is to reduce criminalization, recidivism rates, and justice involvement among Veterans.

For more information: Kelly Winship 816-861-4700 extension 56155 and Kelly McDaniel 816-861-4700 extension 56463.

Veterans are welcome to attend VJO walk in hours offered every Monday from 8:00-12:00pm on the 9th floor, main building, room M9-300.

More info at: <http://www.va.gov/homeless/vjo.asp>

New Warrensburg Community Clinic Sneak Peek!



The new clinic is expected to open by the end of October.

Patient Centered Moment

Letter from a Veteran~

The life threatening disease brought with it concerns, anxiety and frustration like we had never had to deal with before. Every person on the team (Oncology) was vital to successfully helping conquer my disease and allowing the ability to recover.

Every person made me feel that I was the most important person of the moment and that my care was priority, whether it was check-in staff, scheduler, lab, vitals staff or just a person you could ask for directions in addition to the physicians, nurses, pharmacist, etc.

My deepest and heartfelt thanks to 'The Heartland' Kansas City VA for saving not only my life, but the quality of my life.

Project Updates

- Vascular Lab has moved to the 5th Floor – M5-316.
- Pre-Op has moved to the 5th Floor – M5-300.
- Ambulatory Surgery has moved to the 5th Floor – M5-360.
- Podiatry has moved to the 4th Floor.
- Dialysis has Moved to the 7th Floor.
- Cancer Center is expected to open in October on the 6th Floor.



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**Veterans
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