**Patient Orientation**
10/11/13 9am – 11am
11/9/13 10am – Noon
KCVA Hall of Heroes
Call 816-922-2321 to RSVP

**Columbus Day**
(Observed)
10/14/13

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**Flu Shots**
Flu Shots are also available as a walk in and at scheduled appointments.

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**Project Updates**

**Honor Annex** – Completion is targeted for January 1, with first patients seen in March

**Warrensburg CBOC** will move to larger space. The new clinic will be built at 50 and 13 highway. We should plan at least a year for completion.

**Johnson County CBOC** – Approval process is underway for a 23,000 sq ft space for Primary Care, Mental Health, and Specialty Care.

**5th Floor, 7th Floor and 10th floor projects** – Scheduled to be completed in March. Location is to be determined.

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**Veteran 4 Veteran Navigators**
10 Veterans are volunteering to assist Veterans and their family members in navigating the medical center programs and locations. They are also staffing the Valor Building Welcome Desk from 7:30 – 9:00, Monday-Friday. This program kicked off on Sep 4th and to date they have assisted over 180 Veterans. Their office is located across from the Chaplain Office and they can be reached at x52887.
What You Should Know About the Affordable Care Act

What is the Affordable Care Act?
The Affordable Care Act, also known as the health care law, was created to expand access to coverage, control health care costs and improve health care quality and care coordination. The health care law does not change VA health benefits or Veterans’ out-of-pocket costs at VA hospitals.

What does this mean to me as a Veteran?
You don’t need to do anything more! The health care law does not change your VA benefits or out-of-pocket costs. You can continue to enjoy VA health care, which means you have:
• Medical care rated among the best in the U.S.
• Immediate benefits of health care coverage. Veterans may apply for VA health care enrollment at any time.
• No enrollment fee, monthly premiums, or deductibles. Most Veterans have no out-of-pocket costs. Some Veterans may have to pay small copayments for health care or prescription drugs.
• More than 1,700 places available to get your care. This means your coverage can go with you if you travel or move.
• Met the new requirement to have health care coverage that meets the minimum standard.

Your Enrollment Means You Don’t Need to Take Additional Steps
If you are enrolled in any of VA’s programs below, you have coverage under the standards of the health care law:
• Veteran’s health care program
• Civilian Health and Medical program (CHAMPVA)
• Spina bifida health care program

For More information you can visit www.va.gov/health/aca/ or www.va.gov/healthbenefits/.
For your family’s coverage www.healthcare.gov/.

Women Veterans Benefits Fair and Resource Expo

Kansas City VA Medical Center hosted its 2nd annual Women Veteran Benefits Fair and Resource Expo on September 20th, 2013. Our goal was to reach out to women Veterans and provide information on benefits and resources they may not be aware of. Many community groups were at the expo. They provided job opportunities, legal advice, medical care for children and family, and information on so much more. All branches of the VA were present as well as other Veteran organizations. They were on hand to answer questions about benefits and the services they offer. We even had our own staff on site to share information about the areas they work in. Approximately 95 women Veterans attended, along with their friends, spouses, and families.

Staff at KCVA was grateful to have the chance to help women Veterans and share so much important information with them. Remember, she too served!