The Call

- Morrison Burton, Peer Support Apprentice

Retired Colonel Terron Sims (Marine Corps) and a volunteer at the W.E.B. DuBois Learning Center located at 4510 Linwood Blvd, Kansas City, MO in the old Milton Moore Elementary School building issued a call to serve. Dr. Hemant Thakur and Peer Specialist, Morrison Burton were contacted, by Mr. Sims to see if our Veterans would like to participate in the Center's site clean-up day.

It was Mr. Sims’ understanding that KCVA encourages Veterans to be active in the community. The DuBois Learning Center is a rock's throw from the Kansas City VA Medical Center building and the outdoor clean-up project would be an excellent way for Veterans to begin integration and to support the community. Dr. Thakur and Morrison announced to the Veterans an opportunity to serve the community. The call to serve was nothing new to them. Many of the KCVA Veterans answered the call to serve their country, some 30 or 40 years ago as young combat Veterans.

The Veterans participated in the clean-up at the learning center. They bagged old debris, removed wood, trimmed the grass around the building and cleared the interior fence line. Their hard work was uplifting to the mission of the learning center. The Veterans clearly stated “they didn’t want any public recognition, for their work in the community.” They created self-satisfaction gratification by serving their community.

Director for the W.E.B. DuBois center, MS. Terri Barnes, expressed her gratitude and appreciation to the Kansas City Veterans Medical Center, and the Veterans that they serve. Ms. Barnes is elated with the center's new found partnership with the KCVA. It helps the young people of this community reach for higher achievements in life, with the help from men and women Veterans who were willing to sacrifice their time for them, to have the opportunity to achieve life enriching goals.

"The worker must work for the glory of his handiwork, not simply for pay; the thinker must think for truth, not for fame."
W.E.B. DuBois
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.

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RIBBON CUTTING
of the
Warrensburg Community Clinic

Friday, November 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.
Ceremony will be held at the American Legion
733 East Young St., Warrensburg, MO 64093
With refreshments and open house at the new clinic
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A new day
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