

# TRUMAN VA BULLETIN

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## WELCOME HOME EVENT SATURDAY—NOVEMBER 1

On Saturday, Nov. 1, Truman VA will conduct another Welcome Home event for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) veterans and their families. **Major General King E. Sidwell**, Adjutant General of the Missouri National Guard, will be the featured speaker at a brief ceremony during the event. The local celebration, to recognize and applaud individuals that have answered the call to military service and its associated sacrifices, is scheduled from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Approximately 20 other agencies and organizations will participate in the event to assure that these latest combat vet-

erans and their families are fully aware of benefits and services available to them. A variety of other activities are scheduled including a "Team Challenge" for all ages, a rock wall climb for those age 16 and older, musical entertainment, gifts and food.

Post card invitations have been mailed to known combat veterans in the mid-Missouri area. Please help publicize this event to all OEF/OIF veterans. Employees or VAWS volunteers interested in helping with the event should contact **Nathan Witt**, Chief, Voluntary Service, at extension 56405.



### CFC Facts

- CFC is the only authorized solicitation of Federal employees in their workplace on behalf of approved charitable organizations
- CFC contributions are tax deductible.
- There are hundreds of worthy charities registered with the program.
- The Office of Personnel Management regulates the CFC and provides guidance and oversight to the local campaigns.

## COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

It is that time of year again when we, as federal employees, have the opportunity to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). To date, staff members have been identified as key persons to assist with and collect local CFC pledges and contributions. These employees will work until early November to ensure that each Truman VA staff member has been given the opportunity to contribute voluntarily. The most important person in the CFC is you! Your contribution, whatever the amount, can help build a better community here in mid-

Missouri or elsewhere as there are hundreds of worthy CFC-funded efforts.

Please open your hearts and wallets when contacted. The area-wide goal for all federal agencies is \$135, 000 and our facility goal is \$35, 000. For more information, contact your service line key persons or the local co-chairs, **Paul Kurzejeski** (SC) and **Holly Shryock** (FIN).

## ENERGY AWARENESS AND CONSERVATION

*Executive Order 13123, Energy Policy Act of 2005, and Executive Order 13143 – should help move the U.S. toward greater energy independence and security.*

Energy and resource conservation are topics at the forefront of attention for the media, government and concerned citizens. Recent legislation—Executive Order 13123, Energy Policy Act of 2005, and Executive Order 13143 – should help (1) move the U.S. toward greater energy independence and security; (2) increase the production of clean renewable fuels; (3) protect consumers; (4) increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles; (5) promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options; and (6) improve the energy performance of the federal government.

Goals created by this legislation for Truman VA include:

1. Reduce energy intensity by three percent annually.
2. Reduce consumption of petroleum in vehicle fleets by two percent annually.
3. Reduce intensity of water consumption by two percent annually.
4. Three percent minimum of total electricity consumed to be from renewable sources.
5. Increase consumption of non-petroleum base fuel in motor vehicles by 10 percent annually.

Here are a few suggestions as to how you can help:

- Turn off lights in all unoccupied rooms or spaces, including storerooms, closets and restrooms as you exit them. Turn off non-essential electrical equipment at the close of the business day. Even in standby mode, power is consumed. **This does not include computers.**
- Report excessively lighted spaces to Facilities Management. Identify light fixtures that could be removed without sacrificing safety or productivity.
- Leave individually adjustable room thermostats, in non-patient care areas, set at 72-degrees during heating season and 74-degrees during cooling season.
- Keep windows and doors closed in air conditioned spaces.
- Do not run air conditioning units during the heating season while heating units are running and vice versa, do not run heating units during cooling season.
- To make practical use or avoidance of solar heat gain, open window shades and blinds during winter heating season and close window shades and blinds during summer cooling season.
- Dress appropriately for the season and daily weather.
- Use stairs instead of elevators when possible: "One flight up, two flights down."
- Give attention to leaking faucets or faucets not turned off. Notify and/or put in a work order for Facilities Management to fix the leak.

If you have any questions or comments, contact **Stan Slemer**, Energy Manager, via e-mail at [stanley.slemer@va.gov](mailto:stanley.slemer@va.gov) or Intra-VISN telephone 226-3066.



## NEW & DEPARTING EMPLOYEES

### Welcome

**Donna Blakemore, LPN** (PS)

**Rebecca Coffin, LPN** (PS)

**Sue Duncan, RN,**  
Staff Nurse (PS)

**Dylan Giltrap,**  
Pharmacy Technician (Pharmacy)

**Preonica Gray,**  
Medical Supply Aid (PS)

**Stephanie Hibdon, RN,**  
Staff Nurse (PS)

**Sandhya Jagannathan, MD,**  
Primary Care Physician (PC)

**Jeremy Johnson, DO,**  
Staff Pulmonologist (SC)

**Kathy Little,**  
Surgery Technician (PS)

**Robyn Lutz,**  
Pharmacy Technician (Pharmacy)

**Leslie Philbert,**  
Pharmacy Technician (Pharmacy)

**Catherine Rinne, RNP,**  
Nurse Practitioner (PS)

**Desiree Salas, LPN**  
(PS)

**Eric Van Alstine,**  
Surgery Technician (PS)

**Amanda Westlund,**  
Health Systems Specialist Intern  
(DIR)

**Kimberly Wilcox, LPN**  
(PS)

**Jennifer Wyrick,**  
Sales Clerk (Canteen)

### Farewell

**Maryann Atteberry,**  
Program Support Assistant (SC)

**Mark Bruce,**  
Voc Rehab Specialist (BH)

**Shane Clayton,**  
Food Service Worker (PS)

**Craig Hermann,**  
Program Support Clerk  
(Research)

**Alinda Holmes, LPN**  
(PS)

**Patrick Killian, RN,**  
Staff Nurse (PS)

**Oscar Kemp,**  
Housekeeping Aid (FM)

**John King,**  
Housekeeping Aid (FM)

**Kenneth Marmon,**  
File Clerk (CS)

**Stephen Ross, PA,**  
Physician Assistant (SC)

## OCTOBER SERVICE PIN RECIPIENTS

### 35-Years

**Bonnie M. Lees, RN,**  
Staff Nurse (PS)

### 30-Years

**Andrea L. Yancey,**  
Pharmacy Technician  
(Pharmacy)

### 25-Years

**Kristine M. Kruse,**  
Medical Technologist (CS)

**Rosemary Whitmarsh,**  
Secretary (Pharmacy)

### 20-Years

**Maureen J. Anderson, RN,**  
Nurse Manager (PS)

**Alice M. Christensen, PhD,**  
Psychologist (BH)

**Venetta F. Robbins, LPN,**  
CBOC Nurse (PC)

### 15-Years

**Belma M. Ilagan, LPN** (PS)

### 10-Years

**Cynthia L. Acton, RN,**  
Staff Nurse (PS)

**Stephen E. Jackson,**  
Utility Systems Operator (FM)

**Robert Van Arsdale, RPh,**  
Chief, Pharmacy Service  
(Pharmacy)

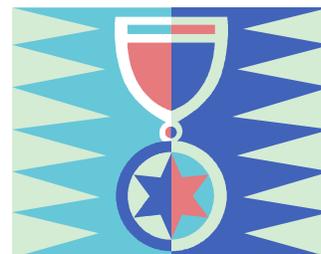
### 5-Years

**Kathryn M. Clevenger, RN,**  
Staff Nurse (PS)

**Nancy J. Dietz, RPH,**  
Pharmacist (Pharmacy)

**Khin M. Kyi, MD,**  
Staff Hematologist/  
Oncologist (SC)

**Marianne J. Misiewicz, DPM,**  
Staff Podiatrist (SC)



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*October is Breast Cancer  
Awareness Month*

# Enjoy Your Freedom? Thank A Veteran!

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## HATCH ACT REMINDERS

### YOU MAY NOT

- While at work or in a government building, or using government resources (including VA e-mail), take any action for or against any political party or candidate for partisan political office
- Solicit, accept or receive political contributions at any time
- Use your official title, or trade on your VA position, while participating in any political activity
- Ask a subordinate employee to volunteer on behalf of a political party or partisan candidate
- Solicit or encourage the political activity of an individual that has business before your VA office; or
- Be a candidate for partisan political office.

### YOU MAY

- Register and vote as you choose;
- Serve as an election clerk, judge or similar officer at polling places;
- Contribute money to a political party, candidate for partisan political office or partisan political organization;
- Be a member or serve as an officer of a political party or political group;
- Be a candidate in a non-partisan election; and
- Actively participate in partisan political campaigns and activities, as long as you are not on duty, in a federal workplace, using government resources or are a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES).

