



# Truman VA BULLETIN

Department of Veterans Affairs—Columbia, Missouri

## Take Note:

- Health Benefits Open Season runs November 10 thru December 8.
- Many administrative Business offices have been relocated off-site. However, phone numbers previously assigned to those employees will still work.
- Employee Flu Shots are available now.

## SANTA'S WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY SOCIAL

All employees and volunteers are invited to Santa's Winter Wonderland Holiday Social on Thursday, Dec. 11 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The holiday celebration, which is funded by the Veterans Can-



teen Service, includes:

- ◆ A wide array of appetizers will be served including roasted pork loin with rolls, spinach artichoke dip with won tons, toasted ravioli with marinara sauce, crab Rangoon, BBQ meatballs, fresh veggies, cranberry and pecan cheese balls with

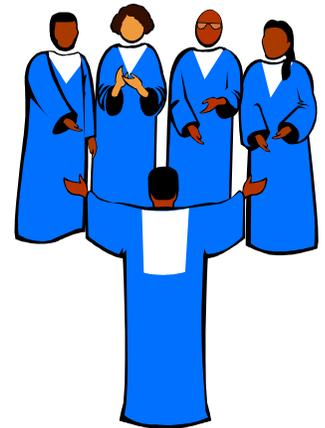
crackers and fountains of chocolate with your favorite dipping desserts.

- ◆ Fabulous prizes will be drawn every 10 minutes.
- ◆ Santa will pay a special visit.

## VA NATIONAL MEDICAL MUSICAL GROUP

Congratulations to **Vicki Freelon (PS)**, **Kathy Kennedy (SC)** and **Virginia Matney (PS)**, members of the Truman VA Choir, for their recent participation in the VA National Medical Musical Group. They recently traveled to Denver, Co. to join more than 200 fellow musicians and singers from across the country for the annual musical extravaganza. The 2008 National Veterans Day Celebration, a two-

hour choral and orchestral concert entitled "On Wings of Eagles," was taped live in Denver on Nov. 2 for later broadcast on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS). Many members of the VA group are VA employees while others are veterans, members of veteran families or simply citizens that deeply care for veterans. The VA National Medical Musical Group was founded in 1991.



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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2009 LEADERSHIP COLUMBIA

Congratulations to **Sara Hake**, EEO Program Manager, for her selection to the 2009 Leadership Columbia program sponsored by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and the Fair Missouri Foundation. Leadership Columbia is a 12-

session program with an additional service project outside of class. The 30 participants in this year's program join almost 500 Chamber members that have completed the program since 1986.

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## TRUMAN VA MINORITY VETERANS COORDINATOR

The Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Committee is recruiting for the position of Minority Veterans Coordinator. This collateral duty assignment requires no more than 20 percent of the employee's duty time to perform official duties related to the minority veterans program, as well as approval of the employee's supervisor. Information regarding the minority veterans program is available at the following link:

The application form and position description are available on the hospital home page. Applications will be accepted until Dec. 5. Questions may be directed to **Connie Riker**, EEO Committee Chairperson, at extension 56688 or **Sara Hake**, EEO Program Manager, at extension 56316.

<http://www1.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans>.



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## VHA POWER OF PERFORMANCE GOALS

### Eight for Excellence Strategies to Power of Performance Goals Crosswalk

- VHA Strategy 1: Continuously improve the quality and safety of health care for veterans, particularly in those health issues associated with military service [**Goal 1: Put Patient Care First**]
- VHA Strategy 2: Provide timely and appropriate access to health care by implementing best practices [**Goal 1: Put Patient Care First and Goal 3: Promote Improved Business Processes**]
- VHA Strategy 3: Continuously improve veteran and family satisfaction with VA care by promoting patient-centered care and excellent customer service [**Goal 1: Put Patient Care First**]
- VHA Strategy 4: Promote diversity, excellence and satisfaction in the workforce and foster a culture which encourages innovation [**Goal 2: Practice Progressive Leadership**]
- VHA Strategy 5: Promote excellence in business practices through administrative, financial and clinical efficiencies [**Goal 3: Promote Improved Business Processes and Goal 4: Produce Meaningful Performance Measures**]
- VHA Strategy 6: Focus research and development on clinical and system improvements designed to enhance the health and well-being of veterans [**Goal 1: Put Patient Care First, Goal 3: Promote Improved Business Processes and Goal 4: Produce Meaningful Performance Measures**]
- VHA Strategy 7: Promote excellence in the education of future health care professionals and enhance VHA partnerships with affiliates [**Goal 1: Put Patient Care First, Goal 3: Promote Improved Business Processes and Goal 4: Produce Meaningful Performance Measures**]
- VHA Strategy 8: Promote health within VA, local communities and the Nation consistent with VA's mission [**Goal 2: Practice Progressive Leadership and Goal 4: Produce Meaningful Performance Measures**]

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## DECEMBER SERVICE PIN RECIPIENTS

35-Years**Larry J. Curry,**

Police Officer (Police)

30-Years**Donn A. Benish,**

Medical Technologist (CS)

25-Years**Carolyn J. Bean,**

Office Automation Assistant (SC)

**Lance C. Lochmann,**

Supervisory Diagnostic Radiology

Technologist (CS)

**Ronald W. McGill, RPh,**

Pharmacist (Pharmacy)

**Craig A. Shaw,**

Medical Support Assistant (PS)

**David L. Wilcoxson,**

Patient Services Assistant (HAS)

20-Years**Barbara A. Michael,**

Librarian (ADIR)

**Jacqueline E. Rahmer,**

Patient Services Assistant (SC)

**Teresa D. Wilson,**

Medical Support Assistant (PC)

15-Years**Lora J. Reed,**

Biomedical Equipment Supply Specialist

(FM)

10-Years**Janene M. Diekmann, RN,**

Staff Nurse (PC)

5-Years**Billy W. Davenport,**Air Conditioning Equipment Operator  
(FM)**Emily M. Keith, LPN (PS)****Jane E. Rahmoeller,**

Accounts Receivable Technician (FIN)

**Lesley R. Smith,**

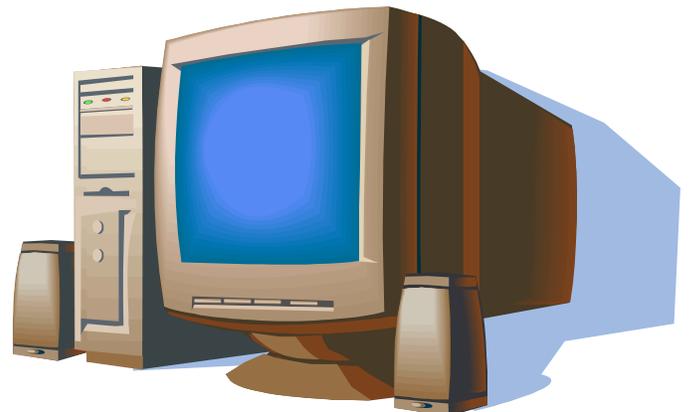
Medical Instrument Technician (CS)




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## OI&T CORNER HINTS AND INFORMATION

- OI&T is asked often about wireless networking within our facility. Wireless networking was first introduced at Truman VA more than 10 years ago to primarily support Bar Code Medication Administration efforts. Since that initial deployment, it has expanded into CPRS (Computerized Patient Record System), iMED consent, BCE (Bar Code Expansion) and various office automation applications. Wireless coverage is available in direct patient care areas including the primary care clinics and inpatient units. In FY 2009, OI&T will embark on a major wireless infrastructure project that will upgrade existing services and expand coverage beyond direct patient care areas.
- Remember to recycle! Mail your personal CDs and DVDs to *Back Thru The Future Technology Disposal* – [www.cdrecyclingforfree.com](http://www.cdrecyclingforfree.com) – a woman-owned electronics recycling and data destruction company.





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## WELCOME

- Jessica Anderson, RN**, Staff Nurse (PC)
- Scott Bechtel**, Accountant (FIN)
- Carolyn Brooks**, Medical Technician (CS)
- Timothy Clay**, Autopsy Assistant (CS)
- Nicole Cope**, Medical Laboratory Aid (CS)
- Karen Frazer**, Medical Support Assistant (PC)
- David Humphries**, Medical Support Assistant (BH)
- Alex Love**, Health Systems Specialist Intern (ADIR)

## FAREWELL

- Rosemary Whitmarsh**,  
Program Support Assistant (Pharmacy)

## Odds and Ends

<p><b>World AIDS Day – Dec. 1</b></p> <p>Dec. 1 is World AIDS Day. VA is proud of its track record of providing high quality, comprehensive HIV/AIDS care to some 23,000 veterans. To learn more about VA's efforts in this area, check out the following Web site: <a href="http://www.hiv.va.gov">www.hiv.va.gov</a></p> 	<p><b>All Employee Town Hall Meetings – Dec. 8</b></p> <p>All employee town hall meetings are scheduled on Monday, Dec. 8 at 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium. James Floyd, VA Heartland Network (VISN 15) Director, will join us for the 8:00 a.m. session.</p>	<p><b>FY 2009 Facility LEAD Participants</b></p> <p>Congratulations to employees selected for the facility 2009 LEAD program, a local leadership development activity. This year's participants include:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Amanda Barnes</b> (Pharmacy)</li> <li><b>Kristina Devenney</b> (FIN)</li> <li><b>Stephen DeVors</b> (FIN)</li> <li><b>David Dykstra</b> (FIN)</li> <li><b>Kristina Gaddy</b> (HR)</li> <li><b>Cecily Meyers, RN</b> (PS)</li> <li><b>Connie Riker</b> (ADIR)</li> <li><b>Annette Velasco-DeTar</b> (PS)</li> <li><b>Maya Warren, RN</b> (PS)</li> <li><b>Paula Williams, RN</b> (PC)</li> </ul>
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