



Truman VA Bulletin



Truman CFO Receives National Recognition

Paul Hopkins, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at Truman VA, received a 2009 VA CFO Financial Management Award on Monday, May 24 at VA Central Office in Washington, DC. He was one of five VA CFOs recognized nationally for exceptional accomplishments that contributed to VA's success in financial performance and management.

Justification for Hopkins' financial innovation award was based on his efforts in the development and implementation of new technology application evaluations and improved operations involving contracts, handling of patient funds and refunds for the medical care cost recovery program. Congratulations, Paul!

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Truman Canteen Named 2009 Canteen of the Year

Congratulations to **Renee Claypool** and the staff members of the Veterans Canteen Service operations at Truman VA for being named 2009 Canteen of the Year! Canteens selected for this award passed a demanding four-step evaluation process that included (1) financial profitability; (2) employee productivity; (3) customer service and (4) store appearance. The evaluation process included an unannounced visit by national Veterans Canteen Service Central Office personnel to assure compliance with operating and customer service standards.



A formal awards and recognition event will be scheduled in the near future.

Special points of interest

- Memorial Day is Monday, May 31.
- [Memorial Day History](#) (hyperlink only)



OI&T Corner: Windows *Quick Launch* Tool Bar

The Quick Launch bar is a list of shortcuts to your favorite programs that can be opened with a single click without going through the *start* menu. Microsoft Windows XP displays the Quick Launch bar by default and places it directly to the right of your *start* button.

If your Quick Launch bar is disabled, you can enable it by (1) right clicking taskbar, (2) clicking Toolbars and (3) clicking Quick Launch. It is easy to add items to your 'Quick Launch' bar and, as with all things 'Microsoft', there are many ways to do it. Here's one of the simplest:

Move mouse pointer over a desktop icon you want moved to the 'Quick Launch' bar.

Right click and hold and drag the icon to the desired position on the 'Quick Launch' bar.

Release the mouse button. A pop-up box appears. Choose:

- Copy if you want the icon in both places or
- Move if you want the icon only on the 'Quick Launch' bar.

Move the mouse pointer over the appropriate selection and left click 'Quick Launch' bar.

The end results are (1) you can open an application with a single versus double mouse click and (2) your desktop is less cluttered.

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Patriots

By **Robert Schultz** (Logistics)

They observed the thoracic assault
Line stayed flat

He arose in green fatigues
Recruited into ethereal group

The crew drifted off
A juxtaposition of uniforms

Mingling in corridors
Youthful in action and appearance

Renewing and making
acquaintances

Swapping tales with sons and
grandsons

Highlights of Truman VA *Research Day*

Activities on VA Research Day, April 29, included poster presentations of Truman VA research protocols for both young and established investigators. The Missouri Foundation for Research sponsored two awards – (1) a young investigator award for investigators in training or within three years of training and (2) a “people’s choice” award. Each award was a \$750 account in the foundation. A panel of judges from Truman VA’s voluntary service and a community member of the Foundation judged the young investigator category. The young investigator participants were required to discuss their protocol and answer questions from a layperson’s perspective. Research Day attendees were asked to vote for the best poster by affixing stickers to the posters. Over the lunch hour, three Truman VA investigators provided an overview of historical accomplishments and current research for three content areas – radiopharmaceuticals, diabetes/hypertension/metabolic disorders and psychology research.

Young Investigator Award: **Ajay Sharma**, Post-Doctoral Fellow working with Principal Investigator, **Rajiv Mohan, MD**, whose laboratory is funded through a VHA Merit Award and an NIH Grant.

People’s Choice Award: **Christopher Manuel, DVM, PhD**, a VISN 15 Career Development awardee working in the laboratory of **Timothy Hoffman, PhD**. Dr. Manuel’s research focus is the development and evaluation of cancer targeted radiopharmaceuticals to be used for diagnosis and treatment of metastatic prostate cancer.

The Veterans Canteen Service and the Missouri Foundation for Medical Research provided refreshments. In 2009, the Foundation provided nearly \$1 million in support for research and education at Truman VA and the University of Missouri.



Thomas Randall, MD (PC) was recently recognized for his outstanding volunteer support for the Mid-Missouri Honor Flight organization, which coordinates trips to the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC for local WWII Veterans. He has accompanied numerous flights to and from the WWII Memorial. Congratulations, Dr. Randall!

2010 VA All Employee Survey Update

Thanks to all Truman VA employees that provided their feedback in the 2010 VA All Employee Survey. The final participation rate for this facility was 67 percent.

Congratulations to the following random drawing winners of prizes provided by the Veterans Canteen Service:

- First Prize – Garmin GPS, **Peter Eberhardt, RN (PC)**
- Second Prize – camera, **Cindy Morgan (LO)**
- Third Prize – iPod, **Valerie Petersen, RN (PS)**.

Clinical Instructor of the Year... AGAIN!

Congratulations to **Sue Brightwell**, Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist (CS)! For the second year in a row, she was recognized as the Clinical Instructor of the Year for the Radiologic Technology Program at State Fair Community College, Sedalia, Mo.



National Moment of Remembrance

At 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 31, please take a moment to reflect on the legacy of those who have died in service to our country – from the Revolutionary War to the present. Their service and sacrifice should not be forgotten.

Truman VA Poster Earns Second Place

Congratulations to **Bev Hagenhoff, RN; Becky Rahmoeller, RN and Barb Thoma, RN!** Their poster, entitled "Health Buddy: Tricks of the Trade," won second place at the National VA Telehealth Conference in St. Louis two weeks ago. The poster showcases several best practices developed at Truman VA.

Our Best to Douglass High Graduates

Best wishes to **Chris Bradshaw, Tanner Cassil, Denis Clayborne-Harris, China Collins, John Guzman and De'Shayra Kelly**, Douglass High School students that participate in the Partners in Education satellite program with Truman VA. They will receive their diplomas at the May 28 graduation ceremony.

Thomas Andrews,
Security Clerk (Police)

Brenda Barber, RNP,
Nurse Practitioner (PS)

Tamara Busick, MD,
Staff Anesthesiologist (SC)

Anne Case-Halferty,
Public Affairs Intern (DIR)

Debbie Forderhase, GNT

Jonathan Harrison, Health Systems
Management Intern (DIR)

Regan Hayden, RN, Staff Nurse

Mike Larson, Health Systems
Management Intern (DIR)

Kaitlin Mathis,
VALOR Student Nurse (PS)

Jalisa Ray,
Medical Support Assistant (PS)

Daryl Williams, Security Clerk (Police)

Jessica Winn, MD,
Staff C&P Physician (PC)

Aaron Witte,
Physical Therapy Assistant (CS)

New Employees, May 24, 2010



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Farewell

Joshua Arner, Medical Technician Student (CS)

Michelle Beightel, Health Systems Management Student (DIR)

Casey Bostick, Reimbursable Billing Technician (FIN)

David Boyd, Medical Support Assistant (PS)

Shanelle Carolan, Physical Therapy Assistant (CS)

Thomas Denton, Supply Technician (Logistics)

Glenda Ellis, Reimbursable Billing Technician (FIN)

Shauntel Garr, Reimbursable Billing Technician (FIN)

Leslie Harvey, Student Nurse Technician (PS)

David Kram, Program Support Clerk (FIN)

Laura Langdon, Student Nurse Technician (PS)

Amy Maher, RN, Staff Nurse (PS)

Nia Manning, Social Work Student (PS)

Jordan Marquez, RN, Staff Nurse (PS)

Eric Orta, Medical Support Assistant (PS)

Laura Patterson, Student Nurse Technician (PS)

Jessica Roe, Student Trainee (HAS)

Dale Stodgell, Supply Technician (Logistics)

Erika Zaragoza, Student Nurse Technician (PS)