

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY SCHEDULED AT TRUMAN VA

COLUMBIA, Mo. – A Veterans Day ceremony is scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11 in the second floor auditorium of the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital in Columbia.

Michael Wilson, MD, medical director of the Truman VA Community Living Center and a Lieutenant Colonel in the Missouri Air National Guard, will be the featured speaker. Winners of the annual Veterans Day essay contest for junior and senior high school students in the Columbia Public School District will be recognized and portions of the winning essays will be read.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony.

For more information about this event, contact L. Stephen Gaither, Public Affairs Officer, at 573-814-6308.

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LOCAL VETERANS DAY ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Eight Columbia Public School District students are winners of the annual Veterans Day essay contest sponsored by the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital.

Open to junior and senior high students in the Columbia district, entries were reviewed by a language arts teacher at each school prior to submission. VA staff members judged and determined winning essays in the junior and senior high divisions. Cash prizes from donated funds are awarded to the winners. The winning authors will be recognized at the Veterans Day Ceremony at Truman VA on Thursday, Nov. 11.

Junior high division winners are **Isabelle Bouchard**, Jefferson Junior High School (first place); **Megan Kelly**, Jefferson Junior High School (second place); **Isabelle Mitchell**, Jefferson Junior High School (third place) and **Melanie Tucker**, Jefferson Junior High School (honorable mention). Senior high division winners include **Courtney Engle**, Rock Bridge High School (first place); **David Maddox**, Rock Bridge High School (second place); **Katherine Woodruff**, Rock Bridge High School (third place) and **Taylor Yeagle**, Rock Bridge High School (honorable mention).

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ENHANCED ONLINE COMMUNICATION AT TRUMAN VA

COLUMBIA, Mo. –In order to expand reach and better engage mid-Missouri Veterans, ‘the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans’ Hospital is now linked to social media (Facebook and Twitter) through an enhanced internet website.

All VA medical centers across the country have an updated “look and feel” to their internet homepages with links to information, current calendar events, feature stories and social media. These combined efforts are designed to increase awareness, improve information access and reach Veterans that prefer online communication. More than 50 VA Medical Centers are already on Facebook and 20 on Twitter. To “like” VAColumbiaMO on Facebook and “follow” VAColumbiaMO on Twitter, visit the following sites:

- www.columbiamo.va.gov
- www.facebook.com/VAColumbiaMO
- www.twitter.com/VAColumbiaMO

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OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED AT SEDALIA VA CLINIC

COLUMBIA, Mo. – An open house for the new Sedalia VA Outpatient Clinic, located at 3320 West 10th Street, is scheduled from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4.

The event will include tours of the facility and an opportunity to learn more about VA health care benefits. Outreach staff from the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans’ Hospital will be there to answer questions and help interested Veterans complete VA health care enrollment applications.

The Sedalia clinic is the seventh community based clinic managed by Truman VA. The first Truman VA community clinic opened in 1998 at Fort Leonard Wood. Other clinics are located in Jefferson City, Kirksville, Mexico, Osage Beach and St. James. All of the clinics offer primary care and mental health services. More than 33,000 Veterans are treated by Truman VA and its clinics.

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“BROADWAY!” SHOW SCHEDULED AT TRUMAN VA ON OCTOBER 8

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Re-Creation, a national program of live entertainment for America’s hospitalized veterans in VA medical centers and state veterans homes, will present its “Broadway!” show at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans’ Hospital on Friday, Oct. 8.

The performance is scheduled at 2:00 p.m. in Truman VA’s Community Living Center, a long term care unit located on the third floor. The group of entertainers represents Re-Creation USA, Inc., which was founded in 1976 and performs more than 300 concerts each year. The “Broadway!” show spotlights great songs from Broadway musicals. Each Re-Creation performance is a full variety production designed to provide unique and satisfying musical entertainment.

For more information about this event, contact L. Stephen Gaither, Public Affairs Officer, at 573-814-6308.

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TRUMAN VA TO DEDICATE SEDALIA CLINIC

COLUMBIA, Mo. – The new VA Outpatient Clinic in Sedalia will be dedicated at a 1:00 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, Sept. 22.

Management officials from the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans’ Hospital, Columbia, will conduct the brief ceremony outside the newest community clinic, located at 3320 West 10th Street in Sedalia. The local event will include a ribbon cutting conducted by the Sedalia Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. Tours of the facility will follow the ceremony.

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