

News Release

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<u>Disabled American Veterans, Department of Maryland Donates \$15,000</u> <u>To Support Veteran Patients Throughout Maryland</u>

The Disabled American Veterans, Department of Maryland recently donated \$15,000 to the Veterans Affairs (VA) Maryland Health Care System to benefit veteran patients throughout the state.

The donation will be used to support patient programs and activities at the Baltimore, Loch Raven and Perry Point VA Medical Centers and the Baltimore, Dundalk and Elkton Vet Centers. The funds will be specifically utilized to purchase new bedside televisions, medical equipment, computers, diversional recreation activities, transportation, and complimentary coffee.

"The generosity of the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Maryland makes it possible for us to enhance the services and programs we provide to veterans," said Dr. Sandra Marshall, acting director of the VA Maryland Health Care System. "Furthermore, it sends an important message to our hospitalized veterans that they are appreciated and that their service in the armed forces has not been forgotten."

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The VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) provides a broad spectrum of medical, surgical, rehabilitative, mental health and outpatient care to veterans at two medical centers, one rehabilitation & extended care center and five outpatient clinics located throughout the state. More than 52,000 veterans from various generations receive care from VAMHCS annually. Nationally recognized for its state-of-the-art technology and quality patient care, VAMHCS is proud of its reputation as a leader in veterans' health care, research and education. It costs nothing for Veterans to enroll for health care with the VA Maryland Health Care System and it could be one of the more important things a Veteran can do. For information about VA health care eligibility and enrollment or how to apply for a VA medical care hardship to avoid future copayments for VA health care, interested Veterans are urged to call the Enrollment Center for the VA Maryland Health Care System, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 1-800-463-6295, ext. 7324 or visit www.maryland.va.gov.