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NEWS RELEASE

Erie VA Invites Community to “Salute Veterans”

Erie VA invites the public to stop in and thank a vet during the National Salute to Veterans week February 12-18th.

“The National Salute to Veteran Patients gives everyone a chance to let those who have given so much to our nation know that they are not forgotten,” said Voluntary Service Chief Karen O’Neal. “We want people of all ages and walks of life to bring Valentine’s Day cheer to our patients.”

National Salute to Veterans is observed annually during the week of Valentine’s Day. During the week-long National Salute, Erie VA invites celebrities, sports stars, veterans groups, military personnel, civic organizations, businesses, youth groups, schools, and local media personalities to schedule a visit and thank local American heroes.

This event gives visitors the opportunity to learn more about the important roles volunteers play at the medical center.

“Our 623 volunteers are an important part of our health care team and the National Salute program is a great way for people to learn more about helping the Veterans we serve,” says O’Neal.

In addition to visits, community members, young and old, are once again sending Valentine’s Day cards and letters to Erie VA patients simply addressed “Dear Veteran.” These cards are being distributed to patients throughout the medical center.

To get involved, call the Voluntary Service office at 814-860-2453.

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Members of the media are invited to attend and can call 814-860-2097 to schedule a visit and/or interview.