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VA Portland to celebrate opening of new Fisher House on March 23 The community is welcome to join in open house and ribbon cutting event starting at 1 p.m.



What: Ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for a brand new 16-suite Fisher House at the Vancouver Campus of the VA Portland Health Care System. A Fisher House is “a home away from home” for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes provide temporary free lodging so families can be close to their loved ones during a medical crisis.

When: March 23, 2016, 1:00 p.m.

Where: Vancouver Campus of the VA Portland Health Care System, 1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd.
Vancouver, WA 98661

Who: The event is open to the public and tours of the new Fisher House will be available after the ceremony. The event is hosted by the Director of the VA Portland Health Care System, Joanne M. Krumberger, and the President of Fisher House Foundation, Dave Coker.

Background: The VA Portland Fisher House located on the Vancouver Campus will be "a home away from home" for families of Veterans and military service members who are hospitalized within VAPORHCS. The Fisher House enables family members to be close to their loved one during hospitalization by providing comfortable lodging, in a beautiful and relaxing setting on the Vancouver Campus. There is no charge for families staying at the Fisher House.

For more information please go to www.portland.va.gov or www.facebook.com/vaportland/

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The VA Portland Health Care System (VAPORHCS) serves more than 90,000 Veterans in Oregon and Southwest Washington. VAPORHCS consists of the main tertiary care medical center located near downtown Portland, Ore., the Vancouver Campus located near downtown Vancouver, Wash., a Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) in downtown Portland, as well as nine community outpatient clinics across Oregon that support our Veterans. These clinics are located in Bend, Fairview, Hillsboro, Warrenton, Newport, Salem, The Dalles, West Linn, and Lincoln City Oregon.



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