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The Dalles VA Clinic renamed after Medal of Honor recipient

The public is invited to ceremony on Oct. 1 at 10:30 a.m. in The Dalles

PORTLAND, Ore. – VA Portland Health Care System (VAPORHCS) is pleased to announce that The Dalles VA Clinic will be re-named in honor of Medal of Honor recipient, World War II, and Korean War Veteran, Sgt. 1st Class Loren R. Kaufman. The public is invited to a ceremony on Oct. 1, at 10:30 a.m. at The Dalles Oregon Veterans Home to formally change the name and to honor the service and sacrifice of Sgt. 1st Class Kaufman.

Approved unanimously by Congress, the Bill proposed to rename The Dalles VA Clinic to the Loren R. Kaufman VA Clinic was signed into law by the President on June 22, 2016.

The event is co-hosted by the Mid-Columbia Veterans Memorial Committee, who proposed the idea to legislators, and the VA Portland Health Care System. Oregon congressional leaders, The Dalles community leaders, Veterans Affairs leadership, and veterans from across the area will be in attendance to honor this born-and-raised The Dalles hero who exemplified courage and selflessness throughout his service to our country.

Sgt. 1st Class Kaufman joined the Army from his birthplace in The Dalles, Ore. the week after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served in North Africa and Europe during World War II and during the Korean War in Company G, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He received the Medal of Honor for his actions on September 4, and September 5, 1950. He was later killed in action near Yongsan, Korea before being awarded the Medal of Honor and is buried at Willamette National Cemetery.

This is the first facility in VAPORHCS to be named after a veteran and about the 50th of the approximate 1,110 Veterans Health Administration facilities located around the country.

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[VA Portland Health Care System \(VAPORHCS\)](#) serves more than 95,000 Veterans in Oregon and Southwest Washington. VAPORHCS consists of the main tertiary care medical center located in Portland, Ore., the Vancouver Campus located in Vancouver, Wash., a Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) in 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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