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Portland VA celebrates 30 years of service to Veterans at the Vancouver Campus Community Living Center New kitchen dedication highlights cook-to-order meal changes

VANCOUVER, Wash. — The VA Portland Health Care System (VAPORHCS) Community Living Center (CLC) located on the VA Vancouver Campus is celebrating their 30th anniversary of serving Veterans with a brief ceremony and special lunch for Veteran residents on Oct. 30, 2015.

The CLC is an essential part of the VA's Geriatrics and Extended Care Services which is designed to optimize the health and well-being of Veterans that includes those with multiple chronic conditions, life-limiting illness, frailty or disability associated with chronic disease, aging or injury. The VAPORHCS Vancouver CLC includes 72 beds and serves approximately 700 Veterans per year, who stay, on average, between 9 and 50 days, depending on the care they are receiving from the VA.

“For 30 years our CLC professionals, support staff and volunteers have served thousands of Veterans with pride and commitment,” said Joanne M. Krumberger, Director, VAPORHCS. “We are so proud of all our staff who deliver excellent care for our Veterans while ensuring we provide dignity, comfort and respect.”

The CLC provides hospice, palliative care, long term care, and the majority of the care is dedicated to providing skilled nursing and rehabilitation.

In addition to the ceremony and special Octoberfest-themed lunch provided to the resident Veterans, the CLC is having a ribbon-cutting event for a new kitchen. VAPORHCS is hiring eight new Nutrition and Food Service staff that are scheduled to start cook-to-order meals for Vancouver Campus in-patients in February 2016. This is a transition from meals that are prepared at the Portland VA Medical Center and transported daily to Vancouver. VAPORHCS is scheduled to start cook-to-order meals for Veteran in-patients at the main hospital in Portland by April 2016.

“All of our staff at VAPORHCS are honored to provide care to our nation's Veterans,” said Krumberger. “It is a humbling mission and we are thankful to be able to serve our heroes.”

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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, East Portland, Hillsboro, Warrenton, Newport, Salem, The Dalles, West Linn, and Lincoln City Oregon.



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