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Notes from the Director at the Richmond VAMC

Each year in the month of February, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliaries and community living centers across our nation take the opportunity to thank our Nation's Heroes. Locally, at the Richmond VA Medical Center there are National Salute activities scheduled to thank our Veterans for their service to our Nation. This year's National Salute activities will be held February 8-14.

During the National Salute Week, we invite you, Veterans groups, military personnel, civic organizations, businesses, schools, local media, celebrities and sports stars to participate in a variety of activities at our medical center and other VA medical centers. The activities and events include unit visits, Valentine distributions, photo opportunities, school essay contests, special recreation activities and Veteran recognition programs.

During this week, we hope you and other members of the community will become acquainted with the volunteer opportunities within the medical center and contact our Voluntary Service to discover the wonderful things you or your organization can do to salute our America's Heroes. For more information about these events, please call Darlene Edwards, 804-675-5242 or Janet Langhorne, 804-675-5135.

Also in February, we want to ask for your assistance in reaching out to Veterans who may not be receiving VA healthcare. Please encourage those individuals to contact our Health Benefits office at 804-675-5611 for eligibility questions. Thank you for your continuing support of the men and women who have served our Nation and the Richmond VA Medical Center.

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