

## Quarterly Newsletter For Veterans and Stakeholders

## SUMMER 2019

## Upcoming Events

## May

- May 14: VA2K Fundraiser and Health Fair at VAMC
- May 15: Rural Veteran Outreach at Punxsutawney VFW
- May 18: Armed Forces Day at VAMC
- May 19: Bereavement Ceremony at VAMC
- May 23: Open House at VAMC
- May 27: Memorial Day Parade at Altoona

## June

- June 4: Returning Veteran Symposium at Johnstown
- June 6: MISSION Act Implementation
- June 6: Rural Veteran Outreach at Ashville VFW
- June 13: Open House at Johnstown CBOC
- June 13: Open House at Indiana CBOC
- June 15: Cambria County Veterans Recognition

## July

- Jul 3: Veterans Day at Bedford Farmers Market
- Jul 4: Independence Day
- July 11-16: National Veterans Wheelchair Games
- July 21: Veteran's Administration Created (1930)

## Chomping at the Bit: Dental Services "Crown" Achievement

By: Adam Cyr

Starting in December 2018, the James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center dental services consider their crowning achievement their ability to make a realistic human tooth in less than 15 minutes.

This new technology has placed the hospital on the cutting edge of dental technology. These upgrades allow for the VAMC to reduce cost and wait times, while increasing efficiency.

"We understand some of the time constraints our patients experience throughout their daily lives. This new system allows us to decrease our wait times from two weeks to same day" said Dr. Amy Trn DDS, Staff Dentist.

CEREC allows staff to get a full 360 perspective of the patients mouth. The new machine uses a laser to cut a piece of ceramic zirconia, creating a tooth that is matched to the original. It also provides the flexibility of multiple electronic drafts before a permanent crown is created.



Photo By: Chris Lemke

The current system maps out the patient's teeth using 3-D images and scans. This allows for a more accurate replication of the cap and more comfort for the patient.

Any patients requiring, or interested in VA dental procedures should reach out to their primary care physician to determine eligibility.

# VA



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## ***Service For All: Chaplain Services Welcomes its Newest Colonel***

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**By: Adam Cyr**

The James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center held a ceremony for Chaplain Klaven Noel, who was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

With over 25 years of faithful service to the USAF and the VA, Chaplain Noel has dedicated his life to becoming a staple in the community. He takes pride performing his duties and serving as conduit between the military and life outside.

Chaplain Noel and his team strive to adhere to three main principles: Protect the religious rights of every Veteran, advocate for every Veteran, and provide counsel to every Veteran.



Photo By: Chris Lemke

*JEVZ VAMC Chief of Chaplain Services, Colonel Klavens Noel, serves multiple roles within the community as a Reservist, VA Chaplain, and advisor. By offering robust services, chaplain services will meet the needs of any Veteran.*

Outside of hosting promotion ceremonies, the VA Chaplains host many other services within the community. “By understanding the needs of the community, we can better assist.” said Chaplain Noel.

“We are their pastor, confidant, and advocate,” said Chaplain Noel. He credits Medical Center Director, Sigrid Andrew’s vision for making the VAMC a part of every Veterans life.

“Regardless of religious background, we want the Veteran to feel at home here.” said Chaplain Noel.

The embodiment of “Service Before Self”, newly promoted to the rank of Colonel, Chaplain Noel, bridges the gap between military service, Veteran status, and the community. His dedication to the community, the military and Veterans, is un-paralleled.