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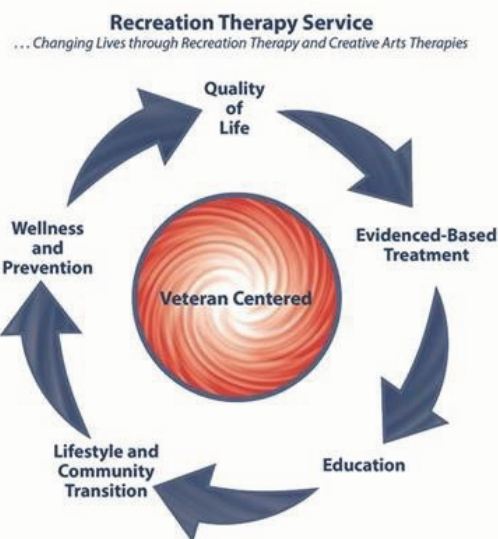
National Recreation Therapy Month



Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) Recreation Therapy Service is comprised of five distinct, professionally-trained, credentialed therapy disciplines: recreation therapy, art therapy, dance therapy, drama therapy and music therapy. CAVHS recognizes each of these in celebrating National Recreation Therapy Month throughout February.

Join us in celebrating the professionals who focus on health promotion, disease prevention and improving quality of life by enhancing and maintaining physical, social, cognitive, and emotional function.

For more information about VHA's Recreation Therapy Service, visit www.prosthetics.va.gov/recretherapy/.



- [Recreational and Creative Arts Therapy Web site](#)
 - [Recreation Therapy Fact Sheet](#)

Veterans Medical Center Continues COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

The Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System COVID-19 vaccination program continues for enrolled Veterans 75 and over, those on dialysis, undergoing chemotherapy, have spinal cord injuries, have had a transplant, and/or are homeless, per CDC 1b guidelines. The hospital's vaccination team will contact Veterans to schedule their shot.

Veteran's interested in enrolling in VA healthcare can call 1-877-222-8387 and select option one (1).

Stay Informed

Sign up for an easy way to stay informed about our COVID-19 plans.

When you sign up, we'll also ask about your interest in getting a vaccine when one is available to you. By sharing your interest, you can help us better prepare as we work to offer vaccines to more Veterans.

Note: You don't need to sign up to get a vaccine.

[Sign up to stay informed](#)

Beneficiary Travel Self-Service System (BTSSS)



<https://eauth.va.gov/accessva/> The Beneficiary Travel system ensures timely processing and takes less than five days for Veterans to receive travel reimbursement. The system replaced the previous kiosk method and reduces the need for paper submissions. Veterans who do not have computer access can use tablets located at the John L. McClellan VAMC Travel Pay Center. The center is located in the green atrium inside the north entrance next to the Pharmacy counters. Paper submissions may still be accepted, however, will result in a severe delay in processing and

payment of claims. If paper claims were submitted the status will not be available in BTSSS until the local travel clerks upload them.

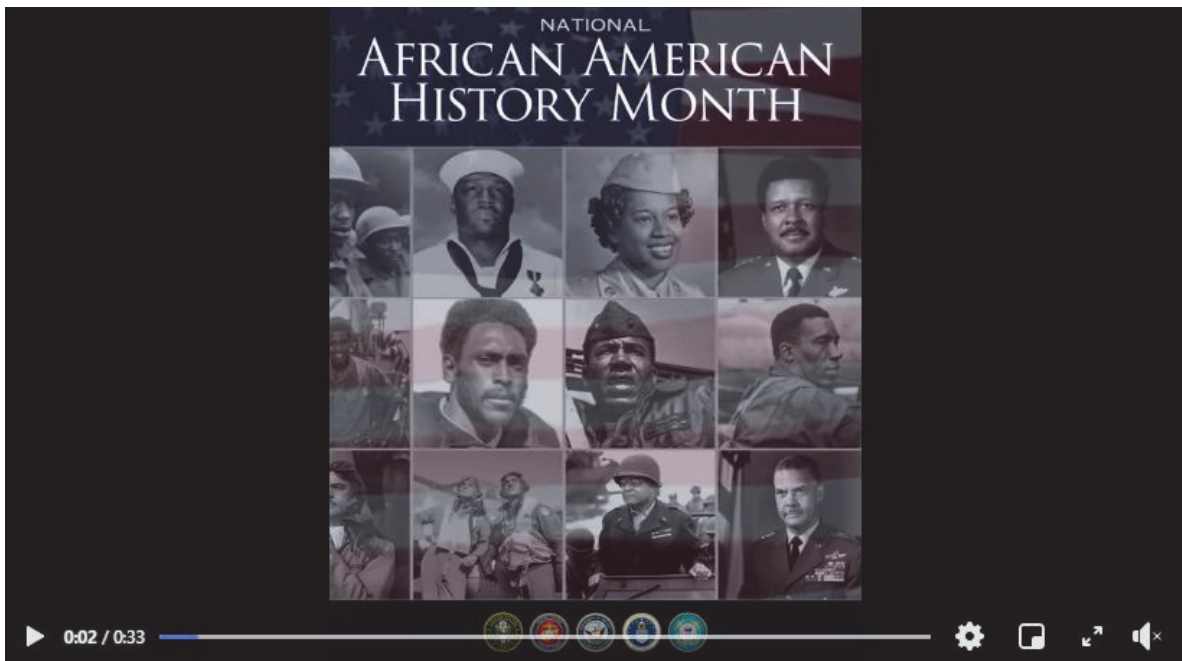
If you are a Veteran, Certified VA Caregiver, or a Veteran who is also a Certified Caregiver you may access the system by entering the following URL for the AccessVA web page from your computer or browser within your mobile device (<https://eauth.va.gov/accessva/>). The AccessVA Web Page will open and ask you to click your category to find the available applications you can sign in with. Select "I am a Veteran" to see the Veteran Travel Claim Entry application logo. Caregivers who are not Veterans will make the same selection. You are then directed to a page to select a secure VA Partner to sign into the travel claim entry portal. If you do not have an account setup you will select register for a Sign-In Partner on this page. You will then be directed to create your log in. Once you have created your account the GUI interface is very intuitive and follow the screens to enter your demographic information. After your account is setup you will have a main dashboard with your past/current/upcoming appointments. From your dashboard you will choose which appointment you want to file travel pay for, fill in the necessary information, then click submit claim. It is worth noting the home facility must always be Eugene Towbin VAMC (NLR) or John L. McClelland (JLM) or the claim will deny.

For assistance there is a BTSSS help line available Monday through Friday 0800 to 2000 at 855-574-7292. You can also access detailed instructions by visiting VA.gov under the Healthcare box click on Schedule and view your appointments, last click on travel pay. This will give you an overview of submitting a claim but also has a downloadable instructional guide in PDF format. Local assistance is available at the North Little Rock and Little Rock Travel Pay centers from 0800-1630 Monday through Friday.

February is African American History Month

African American Veterans have served and fought bravely throughout our nation's history. We honor the service of these brave Americans during African American History Month. [#AAHM](#) [#AfricanAmericanHistory](#)

Click on the graphic below to learn more.



CAVHS held a much needed blood drive Thursday, January 28, 2021 with staff stepping up to help out and donate blood. Christopher Denham from CAVHS's Mental Health Service is attended to by Tiphinie Henson of the Arkansas Blood Institute.



CAVHS appreciates everyone who looks out for our homeless Veterans. Members of the American Red Cross board delivered pairs of thermal underwear to the Day Treatment Center in downtown Little Rock for Veterans enrolled in our Health Care Homeless Veterans Program.

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