

# Lebanon VAMC

## NEWSLETTER



- Celebrate Our 75th Anniversary
- Virtual Tele-Urgent Care Services
- New Health Chat Feature in App
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### *Special Events Inspire Veterans and Staff in Lebanon's Community Living Centers*

Lebanon's Community Living Centers (CLCs) are places where Veterans receive nursing home level care at the main campus. VA's mission for its CLCs is to restore each Veteran to his or her highest level of well-being including both short-stay and long-stay services.

During the past two years, it has been very challenging for Veterans in these long-term units due to the pandemic and the precautions initiated to keep them safe. Visitation modifications and social distancing limitations altered the lifestyle Veterans previously experienced.

Therefore, the staff worked together last year, to create special events for the holidays which included festive decorations and therapeutic games. The surge of creativity and energy multiplied the joy our Veterans experienced during Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

A virtual thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail (AT) kicked-off the new year, promoting physical, mental and emotional

well-being. Veterans encouraged each other, while staff and friends cheered CLC inpatients forward. Veterans committed to accumulating mileage for the virtual hike through activities such as active range of motion movement, walking and riding a recumbent cross-trainer. Working collectively, the team helped one another reach the goal of "hiking" 2,193 miles – from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mount Katahdin, Maine – the entire length of the AT!

Recently, a 50s inspired sock hop transported Veterans back in time to the days of diners, jukeboxes, swing music and period specific trivia. It was hard to tell who had a better time – our Veterans or their professional caregivers!

Now the staff is working on more inspiring themes to keep our CLC Veterans engaged during the rest of the year. Who knows what will be next, but one thing is certain, healthy fun will be at the center of it all.



*Holiday Adventures throughout 2021.*




*Virtual Appalachian Thru-Hike in January, 2022.*



*1950's Sock Hop in March, 2022.*

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# Celebrating Our 75th Anniversary



Since we first opened our doors in 1947, what we do – caring for Veterans – has not changed. We believe there is no higher calling, no more noble mission than providing the best medical care possible to America's selfless defenders. It is a mission that we, at the main campus and our VA community clinics, embrace freely and fully, just as those who came before us.

During the past 75 years, our mission and values have remained the same, but how we deliver care has changed significantly. The science and engineering, the methodology and technology, the equipment and medication that support our work, are constantly evolving, developing and improving – and so are we, as a high reliability organization (HRO).

Our first employees were hired in May 1947. The facility was dedicated on May 12, 1947 and staff admitted our first Veteran patient on September 15, 1947. In honor of this momentous occasion, we plan to host a celebration on Thursday, September 15, 2022. Stay tuned for more details as the event gets closer. Anniversary merchandise will be available for purchase soon.

Thank you for being a part of this long and noble legacy. We look forward to serving the Veterans of South-Central Pennsylvania for the next 75 years!



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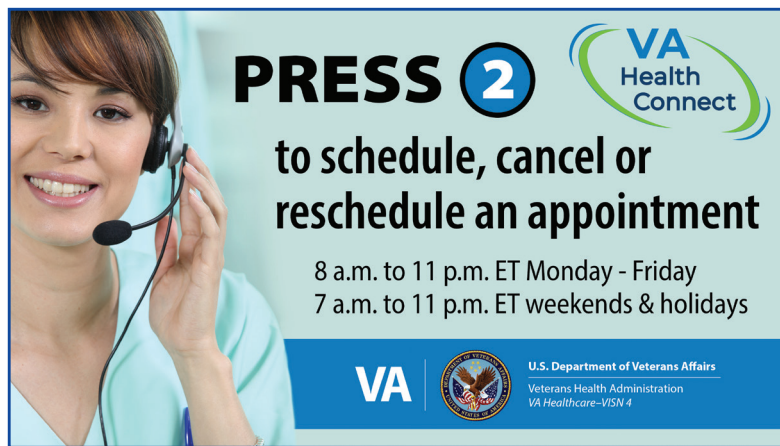
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[mobile.va.gov/app/va-health-chat](https://mobile.va.gov/app/va-health-chat)



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## Construction Update

Over the last six months, Lebanon VAMC has been awarded \$39 million for construction at the main campus. This includes a Primary Care and Behavioral Health addition to Building 17 (primary/specialty care), a Medical/Surgical addition to Building 104 (surgery/intensive care unit), a boiler plant replacement and a design to upgrade the IT infrastructure. The new lab construction is moving along well and is currently under roof. The second floor renovation in Building 18 (administrative) is nearly complete for phase 1. The expected move-in date to the space is targeted for July. The second floor renovation in Building 22 (education) is moving along well. Building 26 (former living quarters) and Building 27 (former nursing residence) have been removed. Finally, parking expansion has started for Building 1 (main hospital), with an expected completion in July.



Primary Care Expansion in Bldg. 17



Primary Care Walkway to Bldg. 17



Exterior Rendering of new Surgery Center (Bldg. 104)



Patient Room in Surgery Center (Bldg. 104)

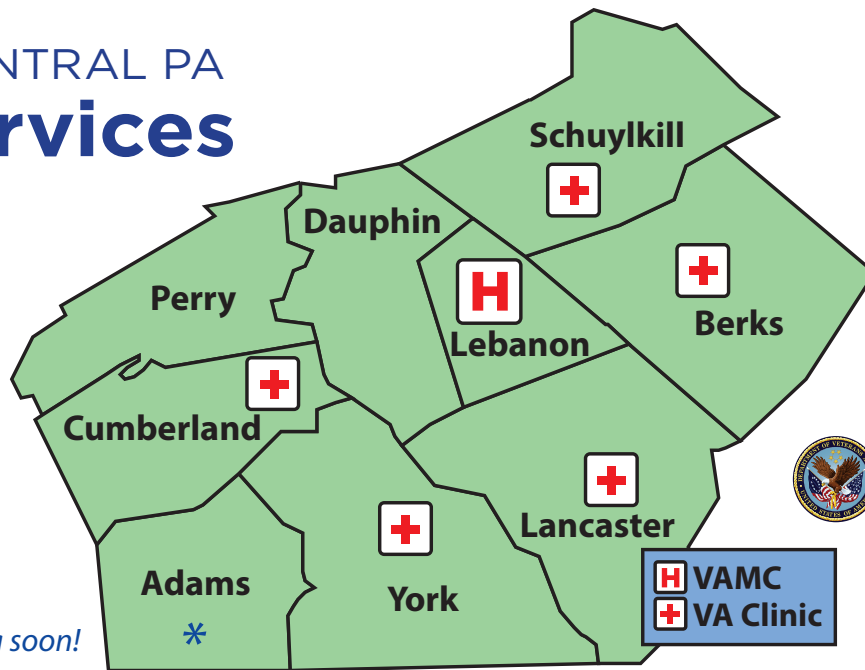


New Lab in Bldg. 1



Second Floor Renovation of Bldg. 22

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