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Fact Sheet

1. Leadership at VA Memphis have announced plans to promote a more smoke free environment. In keeping with the local community initiative, Mrs. Pittman, Director recently announced that effective August 1, 2007, all smoking of any kind by patients, staff and visitors, will be limited to the established smoking shelters on medical center grounds. No open air smoking will be permitted on the contiguous campus of the medical center. In doing this, VA will follow with all other downtown medical centers in working toward a smoke free campus. Smoking remains a personal freedom. However, as a health care institution, decisions are being made concerning the environment where smoking is permitted. Initially, and effective August 1, 2007, smoking will be permitted only in one of two shelters on the VA Memphis Campus. Please assist in getting this message out.
2. Marlin Angell has been selected as Associate Medical Center Director, effective June 24, 2007. Mr. Angell has been part of the VA @ Memphis as the Chief, Business Office from April 1995 to May 2005, and as Chief, Business Development and Asset Management from May 2005 to present. Mr. Angell has been part of VA since August 1976 beginning his career at the VA in Marion, Illinois and continuing in the following areas– Columbia, South, Carolina, St. Louis, Missouri, and Oklahoma City, OK in Medical Administration and Business Office.
3. The leadership team of VAMC Memphis fully supports the initiative by the state of Tennessee to increase the number of state veterans homes. VA State Homes are developed as the result of local or grass roots efforts, typically from a unified effort of veteran service organizations. For more information go to:
<http://www.memphis.va.gov/news/homes.asp>
4. Medical Center leadership announces progress in the program for OIF/OEF veterans. If you have served in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, please contact us in any of the following ways:
 - **Phone**
Please call us at 523-8990, extension 2555 with any questions or inquiries about our health care services.
 - **In Person Visits**
Please report to Centralized Check-In in one of the following locations:
 - Administration Building, 1st floor
 - Bed Tower, Ground Floor
 - Clinic Annex, Main Entrance
 - View a map of our facility to find these locations.

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■ Staff Resources

- **Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom Coordinator:** A special coordinator has been appointed to assist you in your transition to VAMC Memphis. Please contact **Vera Jones, Social Worker, at 523-8990, extension 5680.**
- **Nancy Withers**, Social Worker, has been selected for the position of OIF/OEF Program Coordinator. Ms. Withers will arrive in August. As of now, the Interim OIF/OEF Program Coordinator is **Vera Jones, at 523-8990, extension 5680.**
- **Patrick Kennedy** is the OIF/OEF Transition Patient Advocate, at **523-8990 extension 7319.**
- **Sheila Williams** is the Program Support Assistant, at **523-8990 extension 5845.**
- **Patrick Kennedy** may be reached for information regarding “free care” at **523-8990 extension 7319.**

Questions on any of the information provided should be directed to **Willie Logan, Public Affairs Officer** at **901.523.8990 extension 7224.**