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## News Release

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### **Pennsylvania Senator Mike Brubaker Visits Lebanon VA Medical Center**

On Friday, September 4, 2009, Pennsylvania State Senator Mike Brubaker visited the Lebanon VA Medical Center. Senator Brubaker and Robert Callahan, medical center Director, discussed current medical center programs and future plans for Veterans' care. The medical center presently serves 43,864 Veterans from 13 surrounding counties in South Central Pennsylvania.

Of particular interest to this 36<sup>th</sup> District Senator was the medical center's plan to expand the Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Lancaster. Senator Brubaker commented, "I continue to be interested and support further expansion of VA Healthcare to Veterans in the more rural areas of Lancaster County." Mr. Callahan shared the medical center's plans to continue to expand specialty services {taking the care the Veteran needs to the Veteran} to the Lancaster site including podiatry, optometry and behavioral health services.

The medical center Director and the Senator also discussed the implementation plans for the North East Consolidated Patient Account Center (CPAC) which will create 508 new jobs at the medical center. "The fact that the Lebanon VA competed against other VAs and won the right to house the new CPAC is a tremendous honor for our hospital and our employees," said Callahan. "Opening these job opportunities to the residents of South Central Pennsylvania is equally important." The new CPAC will perform the business functions for all the VA medical centers from New England, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

Senator Brubaker was briefed on the many renovation projects planned at the medical center including the new rehabilitation building scheduled to be completed in late winter 2010.

The highlight of the Senator's visit was the time he was able to spend visiting with the hospitalized Veterans. One Veteran who was in the process of being discharged commented to the Senator, "I was very happy with my care. The doctors and nurses were great."



Featured left to right: Medical Center Director, Robert Callahan, Jr., State Senator Mike Brubaker, and Resident Engineer, Jack Kuhn

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