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COMMISSION FOR WOMEN HONORS LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER EMPLOYEES

The Lebanon VA Medical Center (LVAMC) is proud to announce that the Lebanon County Commission for Women will be honoring two VA employees at the Commission's annual luncheon being held Wednesday, March 7th.

Gina Bouchette, **Move!** Program Coordinator and Julie Bergstresser, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist will be receiving awards that were established by the Commission to recognize women who had made a significant contribution to Lebanon County.

Ms. Bouchette's **Move!** Program is based on a national weight management program designed to help Veterans lose weight, keep it off and improve their health. **Move!** assists Veterans in accomplishing these goals through nutritional education, physical activity and behavior modification. **Move!** focuses on lifestyle changes and emphasizes personal responsibility and empowerment. It is free to any Veteran enrolled in the VA health care system and includes access to the YMCA and pool at the Lebanon VA Medical Center.

Ms. Bergstresser established the Veterans Justice Outreach Program in 2009. The program is a National partnership between the Veterans Health Administration and the State Supreme Court with a mission to implement treatment courts for Veterans throughout the country. Her work has enabled her to intervene with justice involved Veterans who may have gone without the benefit of VA treatment as an alternative to incarceration. Currently, there are Veterans Treatment Courts in Berks, Lancaster, Dauphin and York Counties.

"We are incredibly proud of the accomplishments these employees have made." – Robert W. Callahan, Jr., Director. Mr. Callahan went on to say, "The employees at the Lebanon VA Medical Center work hard every day for one reason – to keep the promises our Nation has made to its Veterans. They are the Best Employees Anywhere!" The Lebanon VA Medical Center serves over 45,000 patients annually.

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