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LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER CELEBRATES NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

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Lebanon VA Medical Center will recognize their extraordinary volunteers at an awards banquet being held tomorrow at noon at Marabelle's Restaurant & Catering, 1352 Cumberland Street, Lebanon. The National Volunteer Week theme this year is, "Exceptional People – Extraordinary Hearts." This is a wonderful time to showcase the impact and power that volunteers have on those they serve.

In fiscal year 2011, Lebanon VA Medical Center volunteers donated **62,556** hours of service worth an estimated **\$1,373,729** dollars. Volunteers also help sponsor events on a national scale like the VA National Salute to Veterans and the Valentines for Veterans Concerts, as well as Welcome Home celebrations.

Volunteers at the Lebanon VA Medical Center not only have an impact on VA health care but they also have a tremendous impact on our national cemeteries and benefits offices. VA's voluntary service is one of the largest volunteer programs in the federal government.

"Our volunteers are one of our greatest assets and I am truly thankful for their dedication." – Robert W. Callahan, Jr., Director, Lebanon VA Medical Center "Our goal is to provide the best care anywhere and we couldn't do it without them."

National Volunteer Week is April 15-21, 2012.

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