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LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER HONORS OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES

LEBANON – May 4, 2012 –

The Lebanon VA Medical Center honored outstanding staff members at the fifth annual “Hearts of Excellence” recognition ceremony on Friday, May 4, 2012. The Medical Center Director recognized the dedicated and selfless service of employees who demonstrate unsurpassed commitment to keeping the nation’s pledge to care for “those who have borne the battle.” The recognition ceremony is a simple and genuine expression of gratitude and thanks for employees who personally contribute to improving the lives of Veterans.

The “Hearts of Excellence” is an annual event developed by a joint partnership between labor and management that recognizes outstanding staff achievements in a variety of areas. Employees may be nominated by their supervisors, co-workers or Veterans. A joint labor-management committee reviews the nominations and competitively selects individual and group honorees in several categories. Honorees at the Lebanon VA are also forwarded for a regional competition sponsored by the Federal Executive Board. This year’s honorees include:

Non-Supervisory Rookie of the Year

Amber Gladfelter - Gold

Kristy Behrent - Silver

Supervisory Rookie of the Year

Susan Murphy - Gold

Malisa Rutt - Silver

Outstanding Trades and Crafts Performer

Randy Courchaine – Gold

Economy in Government Operations

Inventory Management Section – Group Gold

Specialty Clinics Nursing – Group Silver

Outstanding Administrative Support Accomplishment

Edith Salladino - Gold

Stephanie Grimm - Silver

Vocational Rehabilitation Team – Group Gold

Outstanding Technical Support Accomplishment

Roger Houtz - Gold

Kimberly Carpenter - Silver

Engineering Projects Team – Group Gold

Outstanding Technical Achievement

Kathleen Raihl - Gold

David Desteno - Silver

Camp Hill Primary Care Team – Group Gold

Property Management Section – Group Silver

Outstanding Professional Achievement

Julie Bergstresser - Gold

Ricardo Ramos - Silver

1-3A Nursing Staff – Group Gold

Supervisor of the Year

Cynthia Shiner - Gold

Wayne Reardon - Silver

Manager of the Year

Raymer Kent - Gold

Improved Federal Image

Joseph Getway - Gold

Engineering Department- COTRs – Group Gold

Voluntary Service Wheelchair Activity Bus Committee – Group Silver

The Lebanon VA Medical Center is one of 153 VA Medical Centers located throughout the Nation. Last year, the medical center served approximately 45,000 Veterans through nearly half a million visits and appointments. The Lebanon VA Medical Center offers comprehensive, primary and specialty care from its central campus in Lebanon and six Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) located in Reading, Lancaster, Pottsville, Frackville, Camp Hill and York. If you are a Veteran and wish to receive care at the Lebanon VA Medical Center or any of its CBOCs, please call 717-228-6000 for immediate review of your eligibility and enrollment.

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