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## **LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVES EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT AWARD**

LEBANON – May 21, 2012 –

Lebanon VA Medical Center brought home a major award from the Excellence in Government Awards Ceremony held last week in Philadelphia. The Silver Award for “Improved Federal Image Award” was presented to staff members from the Lebanon VAMC’s Voluntary Service Wheelchair Activity Bus Committee. The “Improved Federal Image Award” is for achievement or action in promoting the mission or objectives of a specific federal organization or the Federal government in general that resulted in a positive perception of federal service.

The Voluntary Wheelchair Bus Committee accomplished something extraordinary that will help market community awareness for the Lebanon VAMC and contribute to building a community of caring for Veterans. The committee collected and managed donations totaling over \$127,000 to purchase a new Activity Wheelchair Bus to replace the bus currently being used. The bus is used to transport patients to the events held off site that are staffed by the Voluntary Service Staff and the countless volunteers from Veterans Service Organizations. “

In the fall of 2009, the staff members began receiving donations for the bus. In August 2011, they reached their goal and an order for a Freightliner, 36 passenger shuttle bus was submitted. The Veterans and staff at the Lebanon VA Medical Center are anxiously awaiting the delivery of the bus in June.

“It is my belief that the relationships that were developed between the community and staff for this project will not soon be forgotten.” Scott Harman, Chief of Voluntary Service, Lebanon VAMC. “We want to thank the donors and this exceptional group of employees that truly went above and beyond to make this dream become a reality.”

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