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***LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER HOSTS 7TH ANNUAL "WELCOME HOME"
EVENT FOR AMERICA'S NEWEST GENERATION OF GUARDIANS***

LEBANON – June 6, 2013 –

Lebanon VA Medical Center (VAMC) will be the site of the 7th annual Welcome Home event for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation New Dawn (OND) Veterans and their immediate families on Saturday, June 8, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. behind building 18. The purpose of the event is to show appreciation to OEF/OIF/OND Veterans and their families for their service to the Nation.

The event will include refreshments, games and the showing of the family movie, "Wreck-It Ralph!" There will also be door prizes including an iPad, a Coolpix camera, a Garmin GPS and a Kindle. It's a great opportunity to enjoy some terrific picnic food, reunite with other Veterans, and spend a relaxing evening out with family. Veterans and their guests can watch the movie on blankets or lawn chairs which they bring, or they can even watch it from the convenience of their vehicle. Registration is requested but not required. Call 717-272-6621 x 4565 to register.

Lebanon VA Medical Center staff members will also offer information on benefits and services available through the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). All OEF/OIF/OND Veterans and their families are encouraged to attend. If the Veteran is not currently enrolled in VA health care, Lebanon VA Medical Center staff members can also assist with enrollment applications.

Approximately 100 Veterans and family members are registered to attend the event according to Katie Reesor, OEF/OIF/OND Program Manager. "We are extremely pleased and proud to be hosting this event for the seventh year in a row. We want Veterans and their families to take a night off and enjoy themselves", Reesor commented.

Every member of the armed forces who has deployed has their own story about what it's like to come home. Some after disembarking, kneel and kiss the ground, others run their hands over dew covered grasses and still others lose themselves in the embrace of loved ones. For some there are parades, while others slip quietly into their communities without fanfare or notice. Whatever the case may be, most service members express a sense of joy and relief at being home. Even though much may have changed, it's good to be home.

Lebanon VA Medical Center is one of 152 medical centers across the United States which are dedicated to serving the unique needs of America's Veterans. The VA is the largest health care system in the country, using state of the art technology to improve the health of Veterans from every generation.

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