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LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER TO HOST 56th STRYKER BRIGADE

The Lebanon VA Medical Center, in partnership with the Pennsylvania National Guard, will host the Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) of the 56th Stryker Brigade, who recently returned from combat. PDHRA is a program mandated by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs in March 2005 designed to identify and address health concerns, with specific emphasis on mental health, that have emerged over time since deployment. With over 800 soldiers passing through the doors this weekend, they will be able to schedule a VA appointment before they leave. This convenience makes it that much easier to begin their 5 years of free VA Healthcare for anything related to their deployment earned while fighting the Global War on Terrorism. "What better way for the soldiers to learn about the services and programs we offer. Over 90% of these men and women will use Lebanon VA as their provider of choice," says Robert Callahan, Jr., Director, Lebanon VA Medical Center.

WHO: Pennsylvania National Guard and Lebanon VA Medical Center

WHAT: 56th Stryker Brigade Post Deployment Health Reassessment

WHERE: Lebanon VA Medical Center, Building 17, Lobby area (1st floor)
1700 S. Lincoln Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17042

WHEN: Saturday, December 12, 2009, and Sunday, December 13, 2009
7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

***** MEDIA ADMITTED ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009
during the hours of 10 a.m. – 12 noon ONLY *****

WHY: To assist the members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, 56th Stryker Brigade, transition back into civilian life. The Lebanon VA Medical Center will host the PDHRA in partnership with the National Guard to acclimate the soldiers with the services and programs available to them through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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