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Lebanon VA Medical Center Director Receives Prestigious Award
Callahan Receives the American Legion's 2016 Distinguished Service Award

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LEBANON, Pa. — Lebanon VA Medical Center (VAMC) is proud to announce that Medical Center Director and Chief Executive Officer, Robert W. Callahan, Jr. received the American Legion's, Department of Pennsylvania, 2016 Distinguished Service Award. According to American Legion officials, this is the first time a medical center director has received the award. It was presented to Callahan during the American Legion's annual statewide convention on Saturday.

Callahan was appointed Director of Lebanon VA Medical Center on November 11, 2007. He began his VA career in 1993 as an Occupational Safety & Health Manager at Lebanon VAMC. In 1997, Callahan became the Facility Manager at the Butler VAMC in Butler, PA. In December 2000, he moved to the three division VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (VAPHS) as the Vice President for Facility Management. In October 2003, he became the Associate Medical Center Director for Site Management at VAPHS before being tapped to oversee Lebanon VAMC.

Nationally, Callahan serves on the VA National Partnership Council, Veterans Health Administration's Leaders Developing Leaders Advisory Group, and numerous national task forces and work groups. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience in strategic envisioning, tactical operations, LEAN based organizational and health care redesign and is active in mentoring/coaching VA leaders.

During his acceptance speech, Callahan said, "One of the main reasons I stand before you today is because of the exceptional men and women at the Lebanon VA Medical Center and our six community clinics who provide outstanding care to our Veterans. I'd like to publically thank them for their dedicated service."

Lebanon VA Medical Center serves 44,000 Veterans from 9 counties in south central Pennsylvania. It 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. If you are Veteran, you may be eligible to receive care and benefits from the VA. To speak with an enrollment specialist, call 717-228-6000. For more information about the Lebanon VA Medical Center, visit www.lebanon.va.gov, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter as VALebanon.

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