Lee County VA Healthcare Center

Overview of Facility and Service

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Facility History – A New Era for Southwest Florida Veterans

• In 2006, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) purchased a 30-acre parcel of land located at the intersection of Diplomat Parkway East and Corbett Road in Cape Coral, Fla.

• May 2009, the VA-contracted architecture firm Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK) completed the design of the building. That same year, VA awarded the $53.1 million construction contract to the Naples, Fla. based company Manhattan Construction.

• January 2010, the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System held a ground breaking ceremony at the new facility’s construction site.
Facility History – A New Era for Southwest Florida Veterans

• April 2012, VA accepted possession of the new facility and began prepping the new 220,000 square foot outpatient healthcare center for activation.

• VA held a dedication ceremony for the new facility on December 7, 2012 and officially opened the center to serve Veterans on December 17, 2012.

Ceremony participants, VIPs, and other stakeholders cut the ribbon on the Lee County VA Healthcare Center in Cape Coral, Fla. following the official ribbon cutting/dedication ceremony held Dec. 7, 2012.
Lee County VA Healthcare Center (LCHCC) Quick Facts

• Large specialty **OUTPATIENT** healthcare center; not a hospital

• Part of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System (VAHCS) headquartered in Bay Pines, FL
  – The entire system is comprised on one major VA medical center and 8 outpatient clinics. Annually, the Bay Pines VAHCS provide care to more than 100,000 Veterans
  – It is anticipated that the LCHCC will provide care to approximately 35,000 Veterans in its first full fiscal year of operation

• Built to address the growing needs of the Veteran population in SW Florida

• Replaced the VA Outpatient Clinic in Fort Myers, FL

• Employs approximately 420 medical and administrative professionals
  – Added more than 100 local jobs in Cape Coral with opening of LCHCC
Lee County VA Healthcare Center (LCHCC) Quick Facts

• 220,000 square feet with excellent parking

• Open floor plan with significant natural lighting

• Energy efficient building management equipment

• Coffee bistro for patients, family and staff (Veterans Canteen)
Services Available

• Primary Care
• Mental Health
• Women’s Care
• Audiology
• Cardiology
• Compensation and Pension Exams
• Anticoagulation Clinic
• Dermatology
• Eye Care
• Gastroenterology
• Home and Community Care
• X-Ray
• Ultrasound
• Fluoroscopy
• Dental
• Neurology
• Nuclear Imaging
• Nutrition Counseling
• Orthopedics
• Pharmacy consultation and medication pick up
• Podiatry
• Prosthetics
• Rheumatology
• Tobacco Cessation
• Telemedicine
• Social Work
• Spinal Cord Injury
• Urology
• Phlebotomy
• And more…
Other Services Coming This Spring

- Expanded imaging services to include MRI and CT scanning
- Rehabilitation services to include Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy
- New ophthalmology and podiatry surgical procedures
Still Growing ...

- Since opening in December 2012, 485 veterans have enrolled for care
- Vocational Rehabilitation services added
- Same day surgery offerings will be expanded in 2014
- Mammography service will be available in Spring 2014
- Recruitment for staff will continue into 2014 – visit www.USAJobs.gov
Veterans: Enroll for VA Health Care Today!

- **Basic Eligibility** – If a Veteran served in the active military and separated under any condition other than dishonorable, they may qualify for health care benefits. Also, current and former members of the Reserves of National Guard who were called to active duty (other than for training only) by a federal order and completed the full period for which they were called or ordered to active duty may be eligible for VA health care.

- Veterans who are interested in VA health care can apply online at [www.1010ez.med.va.gov](http://www.1010ez.med.va.gov) or call **1-877-222-VETS (8387)**. They can also call the Bay Pines VAHCS eligibility department directly at **(727) 398-6661** or **1-888-820-0230 extension 5684**.

**YOU SERVED US, NOW LET US SERVE YOU!**
How can you learn more? And who should you contact?

- Visit our webpage at [www.baypines.va.gov](http://www.baypines.va.gov)
- “Like” us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/vabaypines](http://www.facebook.com/vabaypines)
- Call our Public Affairs Officer, Jason Dangel, at 727-398-9531 or email jason.dangel@va.gov.
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