

Salem Veterans Affairs Medical Center

WELCOME HOME AMERICAN HEROES

20th Annual

STAR CITY CRUISERS CAR, TRUCK AND CYCLE SHOW

August 21, 2010



We had the opportunity to offer our thanks to Veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom for their service and sacrifice.



Kevin Losh, US Army National Guard, OIF Veteran, with his 2007 CV-1000 motorcycle.



Jared Foret, US Army, OIF Veteran, with Kenneth Porter, US Army, Vietnam Veteran.



Dan Carmichael, US Army National Guard, OEF/OIF Veteran, with his wife, Amber, and daughter, Ella. Also in pictured is his father, John and his truck sporting the American flag.



Michael Rindorf, Regional Director Virginia Wounded Warrior Program and US Army, OEF Veteran, with his wife, Holly, and children Lynnden, Karston, and Timothy.

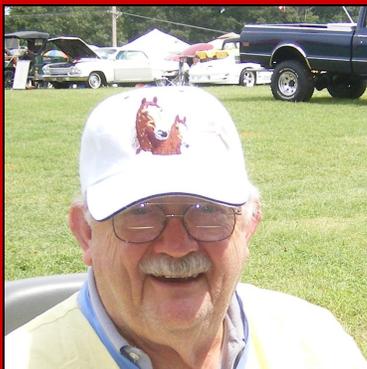
We also had the opportunity to meet and thank Veterans of other eras.



Lewis Nester and Dallas Assad, USMC, Vietnam Veterans. They have been friends for too many years to count. Dallas is the father of the Salem VAMC OEF/OIF Program Manager.



George Givens, US Army, Vietnam Veteran, with Shelby Assad accepting his door prize.



John Riddle, US Army, WWII Veteran, entertained staff of the event with his brainteasers.



Don Cunningham, US Navy, with his Harley Davidson 2010 Heritage motorcycle.

Veterans were able to meet with many different service providers ...

Operation Enduring Freedom Operation Iraqi Freedom Care Management Program



Shelby Assad and Nancy Short

Suicide Prevention Program



Laura Clevinger and Robin Morris

Healthcare for the Homeless Program



Interim Director Carol Bogedain with Jeanne Welch and Shelley Wimmer

Substance Abuse Liaison Team and Program RISE



Josie DeMarce, Ted Wright, Todd Vance and Janea Swander

PRRC and MHICM
(Mental Health Recovery
Programs)



Cynthia Lease and Lisa Bradford

Rural Health



Vicky Doss, James Bonds, Kirsten Funk,
Kari Wygal, and Andrew Forest

VA Police



Andre Fieschel and Gerald Knapp

and our partnering agencies

Roanoke Vet Center



John Whitlock, Faye Lauderdale, and Lynn McGhee

Virginia Wounded Warrior Program



Lisa Yost and Michael Rindorf (not pictured Teri Heron)

Military and Family Life Consultant



Cindy Blevins and family



Color Guard was presented by DAV, Chapter 3



Jay Kincanon, US Army, OEF/OIF Veteran, accepting a trophy for his entry of his military outfitted Jeep (pictured below).



Ann Benois, Chief Voluntary Service, with Terri McGuigan, also of Voluntary Service. It was only through their hard work and dedication that this event was such a success.



And with the trophies awarded, it was a wrap on this year's event. Thanks to all who made it possible, including the Star City Cruisers, vehicle registrants, our many volunteers and our community partnering agencies.



Event Summary

Salem VAMC's 4th Annual Welcome Home Event

Saturday, August 21, 2010 from 10:00am to 3:00pm

In conjunction with the Star City Cruisers 20th Annual Car, Truck and Cycle Show and the Salem VAMC Voluntary Services program

Attendance: 115 registered vehicle; approximately 350 in attendance with estimated 25 OEF/OIF Veterans and family members

Photos by: Nancy Short and Shelby Assad, OEF/OIF Program

Special thanks to Rolling Thunder who were in charge of food preparation and distribution.



Also, to the Red Cross for donating the door prizes for our OEF/OIF Veterans (Ipod Shuffles w/ \$15 gift card) and Norfolk Southern for providing door prizes for other eras of Veterans.

From the cover:

Bottom (left to right): Michael Little, USMC, OEF/OIF Veteran, with his 1967 Ford Mustang; Shannon Holland, US Army, OEF/OIF Veteran, with his 1953 Chevy Pick-up

Top (left to right): Kenneth Smith, US Army National Guard, OIF Veteran, with his sons Austin and Adam; Sean Semple, USMC, OIF Veteran, with his daughter, Ella