

Email from Steve Cobb, MOPH Chapter 353 on November 2011 Hospital and Visitation Report

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Welcome Home Project Team Leader

Dear Patriots and Ladies:

Attached as an Adobe Acrobat/Reader PDF document, already virus checked, is the November 2011 monthly report for our troop visits, both wounded in action (WIA), who are eligible for a Purple Heart Medal, and non-battle injuries (nbi), for the month, and cumulative totals.

The November numbers are 133 Purple Heart packets given, for a 2011 year total of 1,425, and a grand total of 13,455 since April 2004. The non-battle injury (nbi) totals are 267 for November, 2,957 for the year 2011, and a grand total of 27,416 nbi patients visited since April 2004.

The total number of all categories of troops met and welcomed home since April 2004 is 40,871. Our efforts continue to be dedicated to the more than 40,000 returning heroes we have met since our Welcome Home program began in April 2004.

Since April 2004, we have been welcoming home troops at Bethesda National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), now known and referred to as Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC), Bethesda. We have been approved to continue our work there after all the moves involved with the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) have been completed during the past few months. In fact, several leaders at the former Walter Reed Visitors Office have moved to Bethesda, and they know us from long experience with our previous visits.

We plan to expand our visits to include on base housing sites for patients and family members when permitted by the hospital command. All of this will be done gradually in accordance with the command guidance in the multiple changes involved in the BRAC realignment.

New information, contact points, and any new policy guidance will be shared with you when it is released by the hospital command.

Most of our hospital visits are now during morning hours, in accordance with suggestions and requests from the medical staff and escort persons. Please stay tuned for further changes, including some that we do not yet know about.

We are also working with military service branches to resolve some of the issues involved in the new car decal display policy that was implemented recently in the Military District of Washington (MDW).

This message is sent as a blind copy to most of you. If you do not want to receive this information, or these reports, please feel free to send a reply with REMOVE in the subject line, and your request will be honored.

Thank you, and Best Regards.

Yours in Patriotism,

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