

January 2012 Hospital and Troop Visit Report

Dear Patriots and Ladies:

Attached as an Adobe Acrobat/Reader PDF document, already virus checked, is the January 2012 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, plus cumulative totals. The January numbers are 113 Purple Heart packets given, for a 2012 year total of 113, and a grand total of 13,696 since April 2004. The non-battle injury (nbi) totals are 233 for January, 233 for the year 2012, and a grand total of 27,907 nbi patients visited since April 2004. The total number of all categories of troops met and welcomed home since April 2004 is 41,603. Our efforts continue to be dedicated to the more than 41,000 returning heroes we have met since our Welcome Home program began in April 2004.

Highway and major bridge construction is continuing on Highway 495 between Fairfax and the Dulles Airport Toll Road Exit. This has more than DOUBLED the driving time from many points in the Washington, DC area to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) at Bethesda. Anyone who plans a hospital visit in the DC area in the next few months should be very aware of this situation. Under these circumstances, the best advice I can give anyone who wants to visit WRNMMC Bethesda during this time is to call the Marine Corps Liaison Office and/or Visitors Center at (301) 295-5647 and ask for any person who handles visitors.

At the present time the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital (FBCH) is NOT accepting visitors for OUT patients who do not normally stay in hospital rooms during normal duty hours. All OUT patients at Fort Belvoir stay at a Wounded Warrior Transition Complex or barracks, and visit various parts of the hospital during the normal work day for various kinds of treatment. This means there are few patients in the barracks during normal working hours. If patients require any specialized treatment, surgery, or intensive care, they are sent to WRNMMC at Bethesda, either for daily treatment, or transferred to there. Also, there is a free shuttle bus or van for patients to use for transport between Fort Belvoir and WRNMMC at Bethesda. We are supposed to be notified whenever this policy and treatment practice changes to include IN patients who can then be visited at Fort Belvoir on a regular or periodic basis.

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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