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VA Caregivers to receive “Blessing of the Hands”

OMAHA, Neb. — Providers who care for America’s Veterans are compassionate, dedicated and attentive. Their soothing work often goes unnoticed.

A Blessing of the Hands ceremony will take place to honor the attentive, meticulous and hard-working hands of caregivers at the Department of Veterans Affairs Grand Island, Neb., medical facility at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 and 9 p.m., Dec. 13, in the second floor chapel.

The inter-faith observance is being held in recognition of National Nurses Week to remind staff that it’s the soothing work of their hands that is important in the healing touch when caring for patients.

Veterans are invited to attend the event.

MEDIA NOTE: News media are invited to cover the 10:30 a.m. Blessing of the Hands. Please contact Will Ackerman no later than noon Dec. 12 if you plan to cover the ceremony by calling 402-995-4719 or e-mailing William.ackerman@va.gov.

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System’s mission is to honor America’s Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 161,000 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O’Neill, Neb. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>.

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