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Honoring Our Veterans and Troops

VA Western New York Healthcare System will host its fourth family picnic, "Honoring Our Veterans and Troops – A Family Celebration of Freedom" on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the VA Medical Center, 3495 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo. The event is free of charge and open to all people in the community. This will be an opportunity for the community to welcome home military personnel and to honor veterans of all eras. A formal ceremony, "Honoring All Who Served & Remembering Those We Lost", will take place at noon. Lieutenant Commander Aquilla J. Causey, Naval officer and Commander of the Military Entrance Processing Station is our keynote speaker.

The picnic will include musical entertainment, food, an antique and classic car show, and children's activities. Information tables about veterans' benefits, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom benefits, and specialized VA health care services along with veterans' service organizations and other community organizations will be available.

The event will be held rain or shine under tents located in the parking lots in front of the facility. Everyone who has served and is currently serving is encouraged to attend and bring their families to enjoy the festivities!

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