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**E-DONATION NOW AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT LOCAL VETERANS
*Veterans to benefit as 100% of donations go directly to program enhancement***

Albany Stratton VA Medical Center (VAMC) – announced the availability of E-Donate, an online donation option at LOCAL URL that will provide community members who wish to give back to Veterans at the medical center a simple and safe way to pledge their support to the fund of their choice.

“We’ve known for years that our citizens want to show their support to the service members who defended their freedoms,” said Linda Weiss, Medical Center Director. “Some show their support by volunteering at a facility, which is rewarding but hard on some due to time constraints. Some people show their support through donations, providing VA the ability to enhance programs being offered. Now, with this new venture, anyone can go online to thank Veterans, and in any number of ways, including donation. The best thing of all is it takes 5-minutes or less and can be done from the convenience of one’s home.”

The E-Donate option allows donors to select from a number of funds at the medical center they wish to donate to. Additionally, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administrative costs are appropriated, so donors can be sure 100 percent of their donations go to the funds they select and the Veteran patients they are choosing to support.

“Donated money at our medical center goes to various Veteran programs such as Education and Outreach, Homeless Veterans Programs, OIF/OEF events and various therapy programs that support Creative Arts or Adaptive Sports events, and numerous other programs,” said Jim Keller, Stratton VA’s Voluntary Service Officer. “People would be amazed if they could see how far their dollars go toward making a difference in the lives of the people who dedicated themselves to us, and our country, first.”

Donors can find the E-Donate button at the Stratton VA’s home page at www.albany.va.gov. The actual donation is made through a secure site at the Department of Treasury’s www.pay.gov. A minimum of \$5 is required for online donation.