

CLARION CBOC

U.S. Army Veteran Walter Confer, a.k.a. “Butch”, has been a long time patient of VA Butler Healthcare. The last 10 years he has been going to the Clarion County Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) for his health care, one of VA Butler’s five CBOCs.

The Clarion County CBOC relocated and reopened at the end of September at its new location, 56 Clarion Plaza, Suite 115, Monroe Township. The newly relocated Clarion CBOC, a partnership between VA Butler Healthcare and Valor Healthcare, provides new and improved services to Veterans in Clarion County.

Butch already has been to the new clinic for several visits, including attending the grand opening in October. “When you walk in, it’s nicer. There are bigger rooms and spaces, and there’s



coffee for Veterans!” Butch commented. “I like the Clarion CBOC very much – and my doctor, Lauren Carrier, is great. All of us Veterans really like her. She’s very helpful. She’ll sit down and just talk to you.”

The newly relocated Clarion CBOC added square feet to clinic space, including waiting, group, and specialty care rooms. In addition, the clinic added a pharmacist, social worker, podiatry services, and

expanded its telehealth programs.

Even when Butch is not at the Clarion CBOC, his woodwork skills are there on display. Butch donated five plaques showcasing the five branches of military service that he made himself. He learned woodworking skills from his dad and in school, but he also learned some of it from the VA! While an inpatient at VA Butler Healthcare and as part of his therapy, he worked on some woodworking projects.

Butch encourages other Veterans to call the Clarion CBOC to learn more. In fact, he has cards about the CBOC that he passes out to Veterans. To learn more about the Clarion CBOC, call the clinic directly at 814.226.3900; stop by for a visit; or go online to www.butler.va.gov/locations/Clarion_County_VA_Outpatient_Clinic.asp.

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[about the newly relocated Clarion CBOC]— Walter Confer, Army Veteran

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY...DECEMBER

- 8 The U.S. enters WWII (1941)
- 15 The Bill of Rights becomes effective following ratification by Virginia (1791)
- 17 Orville and Wilbur Wright achieve the first powered, controlled airplane flights. They made four flights near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the longest lasting about a minute (1903)
- 19 Benjamin Franklin first publishes Poor Richard’s Almanac containing weather predictions, humor, proverbs and epigrams, eventually selling nearly 10,000 copies per year (1732)
- 20 Operation Just Cause begins (1989)
- 24 The Treaty of Ghent between America and Britain is signed, officially ending the War of 1812 (1814)



DECEMBER 5 IS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

‘Tis the season...to volunteer! VA Butler welcomes the generosity of our community friends during the holiday season. If interested in making a donation, volunteering, and/or providing entertainment to our Veterans, please contact VA Butler’s Voluntary Services Office at 800.362.8262, ext. 2575.



HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE, & HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON!

As we celebrate another holiday season, let us always remember the men and women who sacrifice so much for our privileges, comforts and well-being. Our Veterans have selflessly given us the gifts we enjoy this time of year. Best wishes for a blessed and joyous holiday to all our serving military, our Veterans, all of their families, and the survivors of the fallen from VA Butler Healthcare.

“We stretch, we walk, we run, we punch, we kick, we sweat, and thanks to excellent instructors and dedicated staff, we have FUN!”
- Michael McLafferty, Army Veteran (left)

BOXERCISE - NEW FITNESS CLASS ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

The best way to compensate for eating a little more than usual over the holidays is to be physically active. Veterans, you can attend VA Butler Healthcare’s free fitness classes Monday through Friday, from 4:30 to 5:30pm, including the new Boxercise class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To pre-register, contact VA Butler’s HPDP Program Manager at 800.362.8262, ext. 2292.

MAKE THE CALL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Those who served our nation should not struggle on the brink of homelessness during the holidays, or ever. VA has resources available to help Veterans. Make the call to VA’s national call center for homeless Veterans at 877.4AID.VET on behalf of a Veteran in your community. For more information, visit va.gov/homeless.



WORLD AIDS DAY

December 1 is World AIDS Day. Approximately one in eight people with HIV don’t know they have it. A person with HIV could show no symptoms for years, but could still pass the virus on to others. An HIV test is the only way to be certain about your HIV status. Talk to your VA provider about taking the HIV test – it could save your life and help stop the spread of HIV.

Learn more about HIV/AIDS and how VA can help you manage your treatment at www.hiv.va.gov.

We want to hear from you! Email amanda.kurtz2@va.gov to share your story with us!

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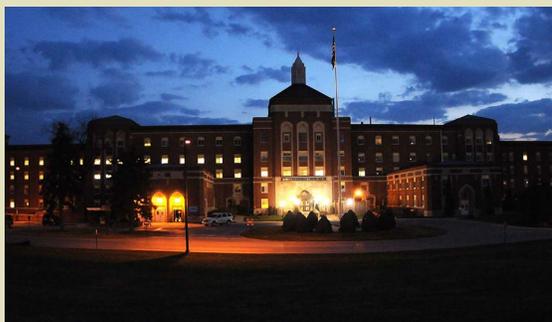
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- 8 Veterans Behavioral Health Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 8 • 10am
Room 218WS, VA Butler Healthcare
- 20 “Veteran X” & R.A.V. Holiday & Awards
Banquet (Veterans EMPOWERING Veterans -
Recovering American Veterans)
Sunday, December 20 • 11:30am – 4pm
Meridian Veterans Club • 125 Vets Club
Lane, Butler, PA
Sponsored by: Pleasant Gap American Legion Post 867
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