

Trust Your Butler VA this New Year!

“I have been using the VA healthcare system since 2013. VA has gotten a bad reputation over the years, but I have nothing but good things to say about the Butler VA. I love and respect the staff and healthcare providers. I trust them more than my civilian doctors.” – U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Nathan (Nate) Piezak.

Nate has been coming to the Butler VA, specifically the Cranberry Township VA Clinic for more than seven years and trusts his health care team for all his needs—whether it’s primary health care or health and wellness programs (the VA assisted in his efforts to be smoke-free for over a year now)!

“My Primary Care Provider (PCP), and anyone at the Cranberry Clinic really, I call them, and they call back in a few hours. They are very nice, very helpful, and it’s very easy to get an appointment. One of the things I like about my PCP, she is still serving on Reserve Duty. She understands some of our issues and can relate to us in a lot of ways, whereas a lot of other doctors might not,” shared Nate.

Nate’s trust and support for the Butler VA comes from his experience, his time there, and one of the biggest things – the length of wait for appointments.

“It does not take very long to get them. Whenever I need to schedule an appointment, they aren’t far out. I get seen quicker at the VA than I do a civilian doctor. I’m a big supporter of the Butler VA – keep up the good work!”

Nate’s advice to other Veterans is to experience the Butler VA themselves.

“What people may see on the news about the VA – it’s not always true. Go and experience it for yourself. Talk to other Veterans inside the VA. Speak to someone in the waiting room or in the Canteen. They do care, and they truly help you.”

Looking to enroll in care at the Butler VA this year? Enroll in three easy steps:

- 1) Have a photocopy of your DD-214 ready.
- 2) Fill out the application for VA health Care benefits (VA FORM 1010EZ). This form can be downloaded at www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/10-10EZ-fillable.pdf or call Ron Collett at 878-271-6677 if you would prefer one be mailed to you.
- 3) Mail your completed application and a copy of your DD-214 to: **ATTN: Ronald Collett, Butler VA Outreach Coordinator; Butler VA Health Care System; 353 N. Duffy Rd., Butler PA 16001**



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Choose VA

Health Care You Can Trust

Trust in VA health care has increased 5% and trust in all of VA benefits and services has increased 19% since 2017. The Butler VA Health Care System enjoys a current trust score of 94.7%.

Enroll today! www.choose.va.gov



BE INVOLVED

Start the new year off right and get the most out of your health care by being involved. Veterans, be prepared for your next health care appointment.

Visit www.prevention.va.gov for tips and strategies!



75 YEARS
VETERANS
HEALTH
ADMINISTRATION

VA HEALTH CARE TURNS 75 THIS YEAR!

Happy 75th birthday to the modern Veterans Health Administration! VHA's early history of caring for our nation's warriors can be traced even further back to the Civil War. Know a Veteran or service member separating from active duty who needs to sign up for VA health care? Refer them to the Butler VA to apply today!

COVID-19 VACCINES AT VA

The first COVID-19 vaccines arrived at VA facilities nationwide last month. The vaccine has proven to be safe and highly effective in clinical trials. There are side effects similar to those of other vaccines, but they are short-lived. This COVID-19 vaccine marks a crucial step in getting the COVID-19 pandemic under control.

We're working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners to provide COVID-19 vaccines to Veterans and VA health care personnel.

We know you have a lot of questions, and information is changing quickly. Please check here often for updates: www.butler.va.gov/services/covid-19-vaccines.asp. Or, sign up to get updated information through VA's Keep Me Informed Tool: www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed.

VETERANS CRISIS LINE

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To connect with a Veterans Crisis Line responder anytime day or night:

- Call 800-273-8255, then select 1.
- Start a confidential chat: www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat
- Text 838255.
- If you have hearing loss, call TTY: 800-799-4889.

SALUTE YOU

Thank you for your service

CHUCK FELTS, U.S. Marine Corps and Army National Guard



Chuck is a 22-year Veteran having served 13 years in the Marine Corps and nine in the Army National Guard. During his military tenure, Chuck served in four combat tours during Desert Storm and Desert Shield. He served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He also completed non-combat deployments and was an Infantry and Tactics Instructor.

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