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## Groundbreaking complete for Charlotte HCC



**Department of Veterans Affairs, Federal, State and local officials break ground in front of the future site of the Charlotte VA Health Care Center March 28. Once complete, the Charlotte HCC will provide significantly expanded outpatient services over the current Charlotte Community-Based Outpatient Clinic. (Photo by Luke Thompson, Salisbury VAMC Medical Media)**

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Department of Veterans Affairs, federal and local government, and contracting officials ceremoniously kicked off the construction of the Charlotte Health Care Center (HCC) during a groundbreaking ceremony March 28.

Hundreds braved the threat of rain to turn out for the ceremony, which took place at the facility's future location at West Tyvola Road and Cascade Pointe Boulevard.

Once completed, the new Health Care Center will serve Veterans who currently receive care through the Charlotte Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC). Much like the Charlotte CBOC, the Charlotte HCC will only provide outpatient services, but with a significantly increased capacity for expansion of services in the future.

During the ceremony, Senator Richard Burr said the new Charlotte facility represents the nation's obligation to Veterans.

"We're opening facilities to keep our promise to provide the best health care possible to those who have given the most. Today you see the commitment to those who are here, who need these services. We will never forget our nation made a commitment that never ends to those who make the ultimate sacrifice," he said.

The new HCC is being built in response to, and for, the growing Veteran population in the Charlotte area, according to VA Mid-Atlantic Health Care Network Director Daniel F. Hoffmann.

"The Veteran population in this area continues to grow, and Veterans have made it clear they want and need greater access to VA health care. I am extremely pleased and proud that so many existing Veterans have made our medical clinic their home," said Hoffmann. "I'm proud because by making our clinic their home, Veterans have demonstrated their trust in us to provide the best care anywhere."

"Today we're gathered to kick off construction of the state-of-art health care facility that will be the medical home for tens of thousands of area Veterans for many years to come. The time is right, the location is right, and when the day comes when we cut the ribbon, you'll know the design is right," added Hoffmann.

Salisbury VA Medical Center Director Kaye Green added that she's proud of the strides the Salisbury VAMC is making to meet the needs of local Veterans.

"I knew when I came to Salisbury that it was a growing facility, but I had no idea that projected growth would be sustained over time," she said. "It's because of that growth that we have the pleasure today to break ground on this new health care facility. It's been a long time coming and we are so blessed that the time is finally upon us."

“I truly believe that this is going to be one of the most advanced health care designs and one of the most patient-centered health care facilities, not only in all of VA, but in all of health care,” added Green.

During the ceremony, Green said it’s a honor to provide America’s heroes with the services they need and earned.

“I want to make something very clear right now – this is going to be your health care center. I’m very privileged to be the custodian of that, but this is going to be your facility, and I am very proud of that,” she said.

“As a learning organization, we take a lesson from every Veteran who took an oath to defend our nation – never give up. Here in the Salisbury system, I want to take that lesson one step further. I want to make a promise to you that we will never stop improving Veteran health care,” she added. “My vision is that Veteran health care will be world-class and I think it’s very close to that right now – but we will never stop improving. Our Veterans deserve nothing short of that.”

Childress Klein-Cambridge Healthcare Solutions, LLC, based in Herndon, Va., is the contractor chosen to build the six-story Health Care Center, which will be located on a 35-acre site.

When completed, the Charlotte HCC will have 295,000 net usable square feet of space and 1,930 parking spaces. It is currently scheduled to be completed in Spring 2016.

More information on the Charlotte HCC and future construction updates can be found at <http://www.salisbury.va.gov/construction/new/CharlotteHCC.html> (<http://www.salisbury.va.gov/construction/new/CharlotteHCC.html>).



Shovels stand ready before the ground breaking ceremony. (Photo by Michael Maddox, Salisbury VAMC Public Affairs)

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