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PARMA GROUNDBREAKING SET FOR NEW VA HEALTH CLINIC

(PARMA) – An official groundbreaking ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 24 at 9:00 a.m. for the new V-A Outpatient Health Clinic at 8787 Brookpark Road in Parma. Regional political leaders, Veterans Administration representatives, veteran’s groups and local dignitaries are expected to attend.

“This is great news for the City of Parma and all of Great Cleveland,” said Mayor DePiero. “We’re talking about two critical issues – job creation, and giving back to those who served their country in the U.S. military. Logistically, Parma is the perfect location for the new VA Clinic because of its close proximity to I-480.”

The Veteran’s Administration announced in November of 2008 that Parma would be the site for a new \$7 million Outpatient Health Clinic complex. The clinic project will create nearly 300 jobs while providing health services for veterans across much of Greater Cleveland. The building is expected to be completed in approximately 18 months.

“We are extremely pleased that the VA has decided to benefit so many veterans in the area with superior quality of life health care,” said Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-10th District). “The VA’s goal is that no veteran will have to drive more than 30 miles or 30 minutes to get health care services. That is critical for the men and women who served our nation, many of them in harm’s way.”

Positions at the Community Based Outpatient Clinic include physicians, registered nurses, administrative support and others.

The new facility will offer numerous health care options such as podiatry, optometry, lab testing, mental health care, substance abuse treatment, radiology neurology, dermatology, physical therapy and pharmacy services. Outpatient veteran services will eventually be transferred from the Brecksville VA Hospital.

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V-A officials say Parma was selected because of its demographics and strategic location, increasing access for outpatient services for veterans in northeast Ohio. The new clinic is expected to see 20,000 unique veteran patients with more than 125,000 outpatient visits.

According to the latest U.S. Census report, Cuyahoga County has a total veteran population of exceeding 125,000. More than 10,000 veterans live in the Parma area. The total veteran population for all of northeast Ohio is estimated by the VA at 330,000.

The City of Parma is the 13th community in northeast Ohio to have a CBOC operated by the U.S. Veterans Administration. Other CBOC clinics are located in Lorain, Akron, Canton Mansfield and Youngstown. The nearest CBOC clinic to Parma is on Lorain Avenue in Cleveland.

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