

Veteran's Access to Dental Care Update

This past April, the Lehigh Valley Dental Society started planning for our Military Veteran's Access to Dental Care program through a series of blast emails that were sent out to our members. We asked for volunteers to take on at least one needy veteran in their offices and provide comprehensive dental care at little to no cost. Since those mailings, I am happy to report that 12 general dentists and 2 specialists as well as the dental clinics at Lehigh Valley Health Network have stepped forward to volunteer. They are as follows:

Fatimah Aslam
Ann Astolfi
David Bender
Dave Burt
Michael Conrad
Joseph Deering
Matthew Lang
Kathivaran Mohan
Mark Notis
Cindy Olenwine
Lauri Passeri
Jason Pellegrino
Brandon Walsh
Clarke Woodruff

We have over 300 members in the Society, so while this is a good start there are many more members out there who have not yet responded, and we could certainly use some more specialists. We would like to get this program started this July, so if you haven't responded yet please consider doing so now so we can present a complete list of participating dentists to the Veteran's Administration clinic in Allentown. As a reminder, the local VA has agreed to help identify those in need and to be sure that their

medical health will be not put us or our staff members at risk.

Some dentists have agreed to offer 100% free care to needy veterans, and some have agreed to provide prosthodontic services at a fee to cover their laboratory costs. Whatever level of commitment you would like to provide for these needy veterans, it will be sincerely appreciated.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact me by email with your name and office address and phone number, and feel free to send me your questions or concerns. Thank you once again for your consideration of this important access to care issue for those who have bravely served our country.

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