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Double honors: VA nurses are public servants

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – During the week of May 6 – 12, 2018, the nation will celebrate both Public Service Recognition Week and National Nurses Week. More than 1,500 healthcare providers at the Tennessee Valley Healthcare System (TVHS) will have two reasons to celebrate, as they are both nurses and public servants.

“Nurses are consistently ranked the most trusted professionals, and our nurses at TVHS are no exception to that!” said Jennifer Vedral-Baron, TVHS Health System Director. “We are grateful for all they do for our Veterans.”

For the last 16 years, Gallup [has reported](#) nursing to be the highest rated profession in terms of honesty and ethical standards.

Nurses have helped TVHS earn various accolades, the most recent of which include the VA National Center for Patient Safety Gold Cornerstone Recognition, a "LGBTQ Healthcare Equality Leader" designation from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, and the silver Beacon Award for Excellence from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses.

“I may be biased,” said Vedral-Baron, who is also a retired U.S. Navy nurse. “However, I can objectively say we have a fantastic team of nurses delivering safe, compassionate care to more than 100,000 Veterans in southern Kentucky, Middle Tennessee and northern Georgia,” she said.

In honor of Public Service Recognition Week and National Nurses Week, TVHS is proud to provide brief video clips of some of its nurses explaining why they dedicate their careers to the public service of caring for our Nation’s Veterans. Clips of TVHS nurses can be accessed via [Dropbox](#) or [Google Drive](#).

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In 1974, the International Council of Nurses proclaimed the birthday of Florence Nightingale, May 12, "International Nurse Day." Later that year President Nixon issued a proclamation designating National Nurse Week.

In 1985, the Public Employees Roundtable created Public Service Recognition Week in honor of those who work in government, assisting Americans in need and advancing our national interests.

TVHS is an integrated tertiary health care system comprised of two hospitals, the Alvin C. York Campus in Murfreesboro and the Nashville Campus, as well as more than a dozen community-based outpatient clinics located in Tennessee and Kentucky. TVHS provides ambulatory care, primary care, and secondary care in acute medicine and surgery, specialized tertiary care, transplant services, spinal cord injury outpatient care, and a full range of extended care and mental health services.

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