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AFRH receives accreditation from Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)-Continuing Care Accreditation Commission (CCAC)

Armed Forces Retirement Home, Washington, DC. This is the first time AFRH applied for and received a five-year Accreditation from CARF-CCAC. The accreditation was awarded in five services and programs at AFRH, an independent Federal agency, which serves over 1,100 military retirees and veterans. CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, it is the leading accrediting body of human services. CARF-CCAC accreditation represents the highest level of endorsement achievable. The accreditation, which will extend through August 2013, results from findings during CCAC peer team on-site survey of AFRH.

The following information, in its own words, is from the CARF-CCAC Survey Report, which calls these five AFRH areas exemplary:

- The performance and accountability annual reports to Congress are extensive, clear, timely documents that give an in-depth overview of the organization and its forward-looking and creative pictures of the strategic direction of AFRH.
- AFRH'S Chief Operating Officer has minimized long-term financial threats by developing and seeking implementation of an innovative strategic initiative to lease 77 areas of land and turn them into a long-term revenue stream.
- The Strategic Plan for AFRH is a complete document that is well developed with input from stakeholders who thoroughly research and outline their respective areas with solid recommendations for consideration in the final strategic plan document.
- AFRH's total excess margin ratio, operating ratio, and days cash on hand ratio exceed the 75th percentile for single-site Continuing Care Retirement Community in CARF-CCAC's database.
- There are a wide variety of on and off campus activities. The on-campus activity facilities include a movie theater, bowling alley, and a 50,000 volume library.

AFRH Chief Operating Officer Timothy Cox stated, "this was a tremendous accomplishment for AFRH. Our dedicated staff put many hours into the accreditation process, and they are to be congratulated."

For more information about the Armed Forces Retirement Home please visit our web site at www.afrh.gov or call the Public Affairs Office at 202-730-3043.