

Lee County VA Healthcare Center

HISTORY

In 2006, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) purchased a 30-acre parcel of land located at the intersection of Diplomat Parkway East and Corbett Road in Cape Coral, Fla. The land purchased would eventually become what we know today as the Lee County VA Healthcare Center. Nearly three years after the land was purchased, in May 2009, the VA-contracted architecture firm Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK) completed the design of the building. That same year, VA awarded the \$53.1 million construction contract to the Naples, Fla. based company Manhattan Construction. In January 2010, the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System held a ground breaking ceremony at the new facility's construction site ushering in a new era of VA health care for the Veterans of southwest Florida. Approximately two years later, in April 2012, VA accepted possession of the new facility and began prepping the new 220,000 square foot outpatient healthcare center for activation. Later that year, VA officials publicly announced the official opening date as Monday, December 17, 2012.

EXPANDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR OUR VETERANS

The new 220,000 square foot building was specially designed to meet the growing needs of the Veteran population in southwest Florida and will greatly expand the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System's ability to provide both primary and specialty health care services to patients. Most notably, expanded services will be available for the newest generation of Veterans return from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Other expanded services include woman's health, mental health, enhanced nuclear imaging, telemedicine and later the facility will add ambulatory or "same day" surgery services. For a complete list of services, please visit www.baypines.va.gov.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On December 17, 2012, the Lee County VA Healthcare Center replaced the VA outpatient clinic located in Fort Myers. Despite being more than four times larger than the Fort Myers clinic, the new facility is a very large outpatient care center - not a hospital. There will be no hospital beds or overnight stays at the new VA healthcare center. Last year, the Fort Myers location saw 31,000 Veterans with 225,000 appointments. Those figures are expected to grow at the new facility due to expanded capacity, services and staff.



Inside Your New Healthcare Center

