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“VA BUTLER EMPLOYEE AWARDED ENGINEER OF THE YEAR”

(BUTLER, Pa.) – Jeffrey Heiger has been named the Veteran Health Administration’s (VHA) Chief Engineer of the Year 2010. A 4-year navy veteran, Mr. Heiger, a 26-year employee of the VA, has worked as VA Butler Healthcare’s chief engineer since May 2008.

“I feel as if I’m a veteran success story. After two tours in Vietnam, I used the G.I. Bill to earn my bachelor’s degree in civil engineering,” said Heiger. “For me, to serve our veterans is a privilege. I am honored to be recognized as the 2010 Chief Engineer of the Year.”

Heiger was chosen out of VHA Engineers nationwide for this award. Making an opportunity for veteran care through the American Recovery Restoration Act (AARA) funds, he was able to secure \$15.7 million for construction and restoration projects. These projects will offer thousands of local veterans a state-of-the-art health care facility for years to come.

“This award is recognition of the medical center’s hard work to enhance patient care,” said Heiger. “VA Butler is currently working on exciting new construction for a new community living center.” Other projects are also in the works.

Heiger attributes a lot of his success to his military training. “The most important lessons I learned in the service were that I was capable of doing more than I thought I could, and to never quit.”

VA Butler Healthcare is the provider of choice for over 17,000 veterans throughout Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Lawrence and Mercer counties; and parts of Ohio. With over 600 employees, VA Butler Healthcare provides primary care, specialty care, mental health and social supports services to our nation’s veterans. For information about VA Butler Healthcare programs and services, log on to <http://www.butler.va.gov>. Media queries and requests should be directed to David Virag at (724)-285-2576 or David.Virag@va.gov.

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