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## NEWS RELEASE

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

#### **Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hosts 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Welcome Home Celebration**

Coatesville, PA – July 30, 2010 – Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center will host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Welcome Home Celebration to honor Veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The festivities for Veterans and their families will take place on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 7pm at Coatesville VA Medical Center at Building 5.

“Over the last year, 4,000 members of the Pennsylvania National Guard’s 56<sup>th</sup> Stryker Brigade returned home. The Department of Veterans Affairs considers it among our most important duties to inform every Veteran about the care they have earned through their dedicated service,” said Gary W. Devansky, medical center director, “This celebration is a way to get Veterans in the door and have fun at the same time.”

The event will feature pony rides, a magic act, face painting, and a moon bounce and much more. A traditional picnic dinner – complete with hamburgers and hot dogs – will be served from 4pm through 6pm. Weather permitting, the event will end with the launch of America One, a hot air balloon shaped like an American Flag.

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At the event, there will be an abundance of information available regarding Veterans' eligibility and enrollment in programs and benefits, employment opportunities, Veterans Service Organizations, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI), other mental health issues, women's programs, education opportunities and much more.

Any Veteran or family member wishing to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Welcome Home Celebration is asked to register ahead of time by calling 610-384-7711, extension 5160. Any questions about the event can be answered by calling this number.

In the event of inclement weather, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Welcome Home Celebration will be held in the Great Hall, located inside Building 5. The medical center is located at 1400 Blackhorse Hill Road, Coatesville, PA. Attendees should follow signs for parking; a shuttle will operate through the day.

If any media outlet is interested in attending the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Welcome Home Celebration or learning more, please contact Kathleen Pomorski in the Coatesville VAMC Public Affairs Office at 610-383-0203 or 484-832-4440. A media advisory will be sent the week prior to the event.

**About Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center**

Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center is an integrated health care system dedicated to providing the best in care and services to our Veterans. CVAMC offers mental health care, primary care, geriatrics and extended care, specialty and women's health care, and pharmacy and social work services to both inpatients and outpatients. CVAMC operates community based outpatient clinics in Springfield and Spring City, PA. The medical center serves Veterans in 53 counties in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.

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