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# News Release

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### **VA BHHCS Wall of Honor Pays Tribute to Veterans**

After years of holding on to memorabilia of their loved ones time in the armed services, two families took the military stripes and photos out of their scrapbooks and had them placed on the Wall of Honor at VA Black Hills Health Care System (BHHCS) to give praise to their loved ones memories.

“For some families it is very difficult to part with these items,” said VA BHHCS Public Affairs Officer Jill Broecher. “But others feel that sharing helps to ensure their loved ones memories will live on.”

Earlier this year, VA BHHCS started the Wall of Honor project at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center, where Veterans and their families could donate memories of loved ones, such as pictures, medals and other military items, to VA BHHCS so these Veterans could forever be honored in the hallways of the medical center.

There is no specific service accomplishment required to feature a Veteran on the Wall of Honor. Any Veteran with an honorable discharge from the armed forces and who has been enrolled at one of the VA BHHCS facilities can be honored.

So far two families donated items for displays on the Wall of Honor. VA BHHCS hopes to have many more stories hanging on the walls in the medical center as time goes on. The Wall of Honor project pays tribute to the selfless and courageous acts made by Veterans. It is a promise to never forget the sacrifices of our nation’s Veterans.

For more information on the VA BHHCS Wall of Honor, contact Greg Covey at 605-720-7050.

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