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VA BHHCS Announces New Chief Financial Officer

VA Black Hills Health Care System (BHHCS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Joe Ferris as our new Chief Financial Officer. Joe will be responsible for Financial Services to include planning, programming, budgeting, accounting services, execution, cost and economic analysis. Joe will also be responsible for internal controls associated with the Fort Meade and Hot Springs VA Medical Centers, as well as the health care system's Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC's).

A product of the Army, Joe is the son of a retired Sergeant Major and Medical Center Chief Ward Master. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Metropolitan State University in Human Resource Management, and a Master's degree in the Science of Management from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wis.

Before joining the VA BHHCS team, Joe spent 22 years in the Military. Joe finished as the Chief Financial Officer for the NATO School in Oberammergau, Germany, followed by his final assignment as the Division Comptroller for the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. Joe is a veteran of Desert Shield / Desert Storm, has two tours in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, as well as numerous other deployments that took him around the world. Joe also spent more than four years as a Project Controls Manager and Cost Engineer for a major engineering firm out of Denver, Colo.

Joe has his lovely wife Jodi of 27 years, a son and a daughter who are both pursuing degrees at their respective colleges. Joe is an avid outdoorsman and cycling enthusiast. He also has a ten-year-old yellow Labrador that loves to hunt pheasants.

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